

public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection:* National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 2017–2019.

*OMB Control Number:* 1850–NEW (previously 1850–0790).

*Type of Review:* A new information collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individuals.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 816,263.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 397,894.

*Abstract:* This information collection is a revision to information collection 1850–0790; however, the Department is requesting a new OMB control number in place of the old number.

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), is a federally authorized survey of student achievement at grades 4, 8, and 12 in various subject areas, such as mathematics, reading, writing, science, U.S. history, civics, geography, economics, technology and engineering literacy (TEL), and the arts. The National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act (Public Law 107–279 Title III, section 303) requires the assessment to collect data on specified student groups and characteristics, including information organized by race/ethnicity, gender, socio-economic status, disability, and limited English proficiency. It requires fair and accurate presentation of achievement data and permits the collection of background, noncognitive, or descriptive information that is related to academic achievement and aids in fair reporting of results. The intent of the law is to provide representative sample data on student achievement for the nation, the states, and subpopulations of students and to monitor progress over time. The nature of NAEP is that burden alternates from a relatively low burden in national-level administration years to a substantial burden increase in state-level

administration years when the sample has to allow for estimates for individual states and some of the large urban districts. This submission requests OMB's approval for main NAEP assessments in 2017, 2018, and 2019, including operational, pilot, and special studies. The NAEP results will be reported to the public through the Nation's Report Card as well as other online NAEP tools.

Dated: December 10, 2015.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Commission Staff Attendance

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) hereby gives notice that members of the Commission's staff may attend the following meeting related to the transmission planning activities of the New York Independent System Operator, Inc.

#### The New York Independent System Operator, Inc. Electric System Planning Working Group Meeting (CARIS Forum)

*December 17, 2015, 2 p.m.–3:30 p.m. (EST)*

The above-referenced meeting will be via web conference and teleconference.

The above-referenced meeting is open to stakeholders.

Further information may be found at: [http://www.nyiso.com/public/markets\\_operations/services/planning/index.jsp](http://www.nyiso.com/public/markets_operations/services/planning/index.jsp)

The discussions at the meeting described above may address matters at issue in the following proceedings:

*New York Independent System Operator, Inc.*, Docket No. ER13–102.

*ISO New England Inc., et al.*, Docket Nos. ER13–1957, *et al.*

*ISO New England Inc.*, Docket Nos. ER13–193 and ER13–196.

*New York Independent System Operator, Inc.*, Docket No. ER15–2059.

*New York Independent System Operator, Inc.*, Docket No. ER16–120.

*New York Transco, LLC*, Docket No. ER15–572.

For more information, contact James Eason, Office of Energy Market Regulation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at (202) 502–8622 or [James.Eason@ferc.gov](mailto:James.Eason@ferc.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. OR16–8–000]

#### Powder River Crude Services, LLC; Powder River Express, LLC; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order

Take notice that on December 9, 2015, pursuant to Rule 207(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.207(a)(2)(2015), Powder River Crude Services, LLC and Powder River Express, LLC filed a petition requesting a declaratory order approving the overall tariff and rate structure, open season procedures, prorationing provisions, and other terms of service associated with a new crude oil pipeline in the Powder River Basin of Wyoming. The pipeline is intended to connect crude oil production areas with downstream markets, including rail and other pipeline interconnections, as more fully explained in the petition.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest in this proceeding must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Petitioner.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the