

NJ TRANSITGRID TRACTION POWER SYSTEM

Draft Environmental Impact Statement And Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation

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Pursuant to:
National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq.), and implementing regulations (40 CFR Part 1500 et seq.); FTA Environmental Impact and Related Procedures (23 CFR Part 771); National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. § 306101 et seq.) and implementing regulations (36 CFR Part 800); Clean Air Act as amended (42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.) and implementing regulations (40 CFR Parts 51 and 93); the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. § 1531 et seq.) and implementing regulations (50 CFR Part 402); Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq.) and implementing regulations (33 CFR Part 320 et seq. and 40 CFR Part 230); Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. § 403); Coastal Zone Management Act (16 U.S.C. § 1451 to 1465); Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. § 668-668(c)); Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. § 1531 to 1544); Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. § 661-667(e)); Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. § 1801 to 1891(d)); Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. § 703-712); Pollutions and Harbors Act (16 U.S.C. § 1451 to 1465); Site Remediation Reform Act (N.J.S.A. 58:10C-1 et seq. [2013]); Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (42 U.S.C. § 321 et seq.); Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq.); U.S. Department of Transportation, "Section 4(f) of the Act of 1966" (49 U.S.C. § 303 [1966]; 23 CFR § 774 [1966]); FEMA 1977 - Executive Order 11990, *Protection of Wetlands*; US Department of Transportation 1979 - Executive Order 5650.2, *Flood Plain Management and Protection*; Construction and Operation of Public Parks and Recreational Facilities in Water Resource Development Projects (16 U.S.C. § 460); Preservation of Parklands (23 U.S.C. § 138); Policy on Lands, Wildlife and Waterfowl Refuges, and Historic Sites (49 U.S.C. § 303); National Primary and Secondary Ambient Air Quality Standards (40 CFR 50); and Limitations on Certain Federal Assistance (42 U.S.C. § 7506), and other applicable federal laws.

The New Jersey Transit Corporation proposes construction of a 104 to 140 megawatts (MW) natural gas powered electric generation plant in Kearny, Hudson County, New Jersey and new electric power transmission lines, substations and other equipment to distribute the power to segments of New Jersey Transit and Amtrak passenger rail lines in northeast New Jersey. The electrical transmission lines would be located in Kearny, Jersey City, Hoboken, Bayonne, Weehawken, Union City, and North Bergen, New Jersey; specifically, within or adjacent to the existing Morris & Essex Rail Line between Newark, NJ and Hoboken Rail Yard; the Hudson Bergen Light Rail Line.

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 304a(b) [and 23 U.S.C. 139(n)(2)], FTA will issue a single document that consists of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision (ROD) unless FTA determines that the statutory criteria or practicability considerations as defined in U.S. Department of Transportation "Guidance on the Use of Combined Final Environmental Impact Statements/Records of Decision and Errata Sheets in National Environmental Policy Act Reviews" (April, 25, 2019) preclude issuance of a combined document.

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