

this time, DOE is only accepting applications from owners and authorized operators of qualified hydroelectric facilities for hydroelectricity generated and sold in calendar year 2014.

DATES: DOE is currently accepting applications from December 16, 2015 through February 1, 2016. Applications must be sent to hydroincentive@ee.doe.gov by midnight EDT, February 1, 2016, or they will not be considered timely filed for calendar year 2014 incentive payments.

ADDRESSES: DOE's guidance is available at: <http://energy.gov/eere/water/water-power-program>.

Written correspondence may be sent to the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EE-4), by email at hydroincentive@ee.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Mr. Steven Lindenberg, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EE-4), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121, (202) 586-2783, hydroincentive@ee.doe.gov. *Electronic communications are recommended for correspondence and required for submission of application information.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPA 2005; Pub. L. 109-58), Congress established a new program to support the expansion of hydropower energy development at existing dams and impoundments through an incentive payment procedure. Under section 242 of EPA 2005, the Secretary of Energy is directed to provide incentive payments to the owner or authorized operator of qualified hydroelectric facilities for electric energy generated and sold by a qualified hydroelectric facility for a specified 10-year period (See 42 U.S.C. 15881). The conference report to the law that made appropriations for Fiscal Year 2015 includes \$3,960,000 for conventional hydropower under section 242 of EPA 2005.

DOE developed and announced guidance in January 2015 describing the application process and the information necessary for DOE to make a determination of eligibility under section 242. See 80 FR 2685 (January 20, 2015). The guidance announced today includes certain minor modifications to the January 2015 guidance based on DOE's experience with the January 2015 application process. Specifically, DOE is amending some portions of the guidance document to more precisely describe what types of production are considered "new" production and the information

necessary to demonstrate adequate metering. The final guidance is available at: <http://energy.gov/eere/water/water-power-program>. Each application will be reviewed based on the guidance.

DOE notes that applicants that received payments for calendar year 2013 and that are eligible for calendar year 2014 payments must still submit a full calendar year 2014 application.

When submitting information to DOE for the Section 242 program, it is recommended that applicants carefully read and review the complete content of the Guidance for this process. When reviewing applications, DOE may corroborate the information provided with information that DOE finds through FERC e-filings, contact with power off-taker, and other due diligence measures carried out by reviewing officials. DOE may require the applicant to conduct and submit an independent audit at its own expense, or DOE may conduct an audit to verify the number of kilowatt-hours claimed to have been generated and sold by the qualified hydroelectric facility and for which an incentive payment has been requested or made.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 10, 2015.

Douglas Hollett,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Renewable Power, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP15-150-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC ; Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review of the Proposed Line WB2VA Integrity Project

On April 2, 2015, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia) filed an application in Docket No. CP15-150-000, requesting authorization and a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to section 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, to abandon, modify, and install certain natural gas pipeline facilities. The proposed project is known as the Line WB2VA Integrity Project. The purpose of the project is to allow the use of modern inline inspection devices and upgrade pipeline segments in compliance with U.S. Department of Transportation safety standards.

On April 15, 2015, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or

FERC) issued its *Notice of Application* for the project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project. This instant notice identifies the FERC staff's planned schedule for the completion of the EA for the project.

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA—January 28, 2016.
90-day Federal Authorization Decision
Deadline—April 27, 2016.

If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the project's progress.

Project Description

The Line WB2VA Integrity Project would include modifications to Columbia's existing facilities at 17 sites in Hardy County, West Virginia, and Shenandoah, Page, Rockingham, and Greene Counties, Virginia. Proposed modifications include installation of pig launchers and receivers; replacement of short sections of existing pipeline, mainline valves, and other appurtenant facilities; and abandonment of two existing 20-inch-diameter pipelines beneath the South Fork of the Shenandoah River that would be replaced with a new 24-inch-diameter pipeline.

Background

On May 14, 2015, we issued a Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed WB2VA Integrity Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues (NOI). The NOI was published in the **Federal Register** and was mailed to 163 interested parties, including federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; affected landowners; environmental and public interest groups; potentially interested Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers.

In response to the NOI, the Commission received comments from non-government organizations, and federal and state agencies. The primary environmental issues raised by the commentors include: air quality, steep slopes and slope-prone soils, recreation, public lands, karst topography, threatened and endangered species,

wetlands and waterbodies, cumulative impacts, and alternatives.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, West Virginia Department of Natural Resources, and West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection are cooperating agencies for preparation of the EA.

Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp.

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (866) 208-FERC or on the FERC Web site (www.ferc.gov). Using the "eLibrary" link, select "General Search" from the menu, enter the selected date range and "Docket Number" excluding the last three digits (i.e., CP15-150), and follow the instructions. For assistance with eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at (866) 208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. The eLibrary link on the FERC Web site also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

Dated: December 10, 2015.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric corporate filings:

Docket Numbers: EC16-48-000.

Applicants: Longview Power.

Description: Application of Longview Power, LLC for Authorizations Pursuant to Section 203 of the Federal Power Act and Requests for Expedited Action and Waivers of Certain Filing Requirements.

Filed Date: 12/9/15.

Accession Number: 20151209-5168.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/30/15.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

Docket Numbers: ER15-1045-002.

Applicants: Pilot Hill Wind, LLC.

Description: Notice of Non-Material Change in Status of Pilot Hill Wind, LLC.

Filed Date: 12/9/15.

Accession Number: 20151209-5174.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/30/15.

Docket Numbers: ER16-341-000;

ER16-343-000.

Applicants: RE Astoria LLC, RE Astoria 2 LLC.

Description: Clarification to November 17, 2015 RE Astoria LLC and November 18, 2015 RE Astoria 2 LLC tariff filings.

Filed Date: 11/24/15.

Accession Number: 20151125-5059.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/21/15.

Docket Numbers: ER16-341-000;

ER16-343-000.

Applicants: RE Astoria LLC, RE Astoria 2 LLC.

Description: Second Clarification to November 17, 2015 RE Astoria LLC and November 18, 2015 RE Astoria 2 LLC tariff filings.

Filed Date: 12/4/15.

Accession Number: 20151204-5285.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/21/15.

Docket Numbers: ER16-490-000.

Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2015-12-09 MISO-PJM JOA Eliminate \$20M Project Threshold to be effective 2/8/2016.

Filed Date: 12/9/15.

Accession Number: 20151209-5114.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/30/15.

Docket Numbers: ER16-491-000.

Applicants: Duke Energy Florida, LLC.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: TEA Amended Firm PTP SA No. 140 to be effective 12/10/2015.

Filed Date: 12/9/15.

Accession Number: 20151209-5116.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/30/15.

Docket Numbers: ER16-492-000.

Applicants: Wabash Valley Power Association, Inc.

Description: Application of Wabash Valley Power Association, Inc. for Approval to Establish a Regulatory Asset Related to Planned Early Retirements and Recovery of Such Costs through Formulary Rate Tariff.

Filed Date: 12/9/15.

Accession Number: 20151209-5167.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/30/15.

Docket Numbers: ER16-493-000.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 1977R7 Nemaha-Marshall Electric Cooperative NITSA and NOA to be effective 12/1/2015.

Filed Date: 12/10/15.

Accession Number: 20151210-5046.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/31/15.

Docket Numbers: ER16-494-000.

Applicants: MidAmerican Energy Company.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: MidAmerican-Ameren Amended Trans Interconnection Agreement to be effective 12/31/9998.

Filed Date: 12/10/15.

Accession Number: 20151210-5051.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/31/15.

Docket Numbers: ER16-495-000.

Applicants: Prairie Breeze Wind Energy LLC.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Filing of Amended Assignment, Co-Tenancy, and Shared Facilities Agreement to be effective 12/11/2015.

Filed Date: 12/10/15.

Accession Number: 20151210-5054.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/31/15.

Take notice that the Commission received the following foreign utility company status filings:

Docket Numbers: FC16-1-000.

Applicants: Wind Service Sp. z.o.o.

Description: Self-Certification of Foreign Utility Company Status of Wind Service Sp. z.o.o.

Filed Date: 12/10/15.

Accession Number: 20151210-5080.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/31/15.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the links or querying the docket number.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

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Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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