

exposures would be expected for any of the seismic accident scenarios evaluated. Further, the risk<sup>1</sup> assessments for these seismic accident scenarios are bounded by those of other severe accidents for all facilities associated with EU operations at Y-12. This conclusion has not changed as a result of the new USGS seismic map for the eastern Tennessee area. NNSA has taken and will continue to take steps to reduce the MAR administrative limits for existing EU facilities to further reduce the radiological consequences of potential accidents.

Although land disturbance and visual impacts would be slightly greater than the analysis in the Y-12 SWEIS (due to transmission line construction), those impacts would not be significant.

The analysis in the SA indicates that the potential environmental impacts of the NNSA's revised strategy would not be significantly different or significantly greater than those NNSA identified in the Y-12 SWEIS. For the resource areas analyzed, no differences or only minor differences in potential environmental impacts would be expected to result. Detailed descriptions of these differences are presented in Table 4-1 of the SA. After comparing the analysis of potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed actions in the SA to those analyzed in the Y-12 SWEIS, NNSA determined that preparation of a supplemental or new EIS is not warranted.

Based on the analysis in the SA, NNSA's revised strategy is not a substantial change to the proposals covered by the Y-12 SWEIS, nor does it represent significant new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns, and is adequately supported by existing NEPA documentation, including the Y-12 SWEIS and additional NEPA analyses (identified in Section 1.4 of the SA) prepared to address specific activities at Y-12. Thus, consistent with 10 CFR 1021.315(e), the existing 2011 ROD for the Y-12 SWEIS can be amended, and no further NEPA documentation is required to implement the proposed action at Y-12.

#### **Environmentally Preferable Alternative**

In the 2011 ROD, NNSA designated the No Net Production/Capability-sized UPF Alternative (Alternative 5) as the environmentally preferable alternative. NNSA believes that alternative is still

the environmentally preferable alternative.

#### **Amended Decision**

NNSA has decided to continue to operate Y-12 to meet the stockpile stewardship mission critical activities assigned to the site. NNSA will meet EU requirements using the proposed action described in Section 3.0 of the SA. That proposed action is a hybrid approach of upgrading existing EU buildings and separating the single-structure UPF into multiple buildings, with each constructed to safety and security requirements appropriate to the building's function.

#### **Basis for Decision**

National security policies continue to require NNSA to maintain the nation's nuclear weapons stockpile, as well as its core technical competencies and capabilities. As was the case when NNSA issued its Record of Decision for the Y-12 SWEIS in 2011, NNSA's decisions are based on its mission responsibilities and its need to sustain Y-12's ability to operate in a manner that allows it to fulfill its responsibilities in an environmentally sound, timely, and fiscally prudent manner. NNSA continues to require Y-12 EU processing facilities to provide reliable, long-term enriched uranium processing capability with modern technologies and equipment, improved security posture for Special Nuclear Material; reduced accident risks; improved health and safety for workers and the public; improved operational efficiency; and reduction in the cost of operating and maintaining key facilities.

This amended decision will enable NNSA to maintain the required expertise and capabilities to deliver uranium products while modernizing production facilities. This amended decision will also avoid many of the safety risks of operating aged buildings and equipment by relocating processes that cannot be sustained in existing, enduring buildings. It will also allow NNSA to reduce the risks of EU operations through process improvements enabled by NNSA's investments in developing new technologies to apply in Y-12 facilities. Through an extended life program, mission-critical existing and enduring buildings and infrastructure will be maintained and/or upgraded, further enhancing safety and security at the Y-12 site.

#### **Mitigation Measures**

Y-12 will continue to operate in compliance with environmental laws, regulations, policies, and within a

framework of contractual requirements. In the 2011 ROD, NNSA adopted the measures identified in the 2011 Y-12 SWEIS, to avoid, minimize and mitigate environmental impacts from the Capability-sized UPF Alternative (Alternative 4). NNSA will continue to impose contractual requirements for actions necessary to comply with the identified mitigation measures.

Additionally, as a result of consultations with the USFWS, NNSA is extending by one month the time frame for tree cutting restrictions, established for the protection of roosting and swarming bats. These contractually required restrictions will now remain in effect annually from March 31st through November 15th.

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**Frank G. Klotz,**

*Under Secretary for Nuclear Security Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**[Docket No. ER16-2010-000]**

#### **Hancock Wind, LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization**

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of Hancock Wind, LLC's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure

(18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is July 26, 2016.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and

<sup>1</sup> Although "risk" is a term that can be used to express the general concept that an adverse effect could occur, in DOE quantitative assessments it refers to the numeric product of the probability and consequences.

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 eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above-referenced proceeding are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available for electronic review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or 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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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER16-1990-000]

#### North Star Solar PV LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of North Star Solar PV LLC's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Staff Attendance at the Southwest Power Pool Regional State Committee Meeting

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission hereby gives notice that members of its staff may attend the meeting of the Southwest Power Pool, Inc. Regional State Committee as noted below. Their attendance is part of the Commission's ongoing outreach efforts.

The meeting will be held on July 18, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Central Time. The location of the meeting is at the Westin DFW Hotel, 4545 West John Carpenter Freeway, Irving, TX 75063. The hotel phone number is (972) 929-4500.

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

- Docket No. ER11-1844, *Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.*
- Docket No. EL12-60, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc., et al.*
- Docket No. ER12-959, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
- Docket No. ER12-1179, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
- Docket No. ER12-1586, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
- Docket No. EL15-66, *Southern Company Services, et al. v. Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.*
- Docket No. EL15-77, *Morgan Stanley Capital Group Inc. v. Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.*
- Docket No. ER14-1183, *Southwestern Electric Power Company*
- Docket No. ER14-2445, *Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.*
- Docket No. ER14-2850, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
- Docket No. ER15-1499, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
- Docket No. ER15-1775, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
- Docket No. ER15-1777, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
- Docket No. ER15-1943, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
- Docket No. ER15-1976, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
- Docket No. ER15-2028, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
- Docket No. ER15-2069, *Northwestern Corporation*
- Docket No. ER15-2115, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
- Docket No. ER15-2265, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
- Docket No. ER15-2324, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
- Docket No. ER15-2347, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
- Docket No. ER15-2351, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
- Docket No. ER15-2356, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
- Docket No. EC16-53, *South Central MCN, LLC*
- Docket No. EL16-20, *Grid Assurance LLC*
- Docket No. EL16-70, *Cottonwood Wind Project, LLC v. Nebraska Public Power District*
- Docket No. ER16-13, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
- Docket No. ER16-204, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
- Docket No. ER16-209, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*