

and gas reserves are to be reported annually. Many U.S. government agencies have an interest in the definitions of proved oil and gas reserves and the quality, reliability, and usefulness of estimates of reserves. Among these are the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy; Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Department of Interior; Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Department of the Treasury; and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Each of these organizations has specific purposes for collecting, using, or estimating proved reserves. EIA has a congressional mandate to provide accurate annual estimates of U.S. proved crude oil, natural gas, and natural gas liquids reserves, and EIA presents annual reserves data in EIA Web reports to meet this requirement. The BOEM maintains estimates of proved reserves to carry out their responsibilities in leasing, collecting royalty payments, and regulating the activities of oil and gas companies on Federal lands and water. Accurate reserve estimates are important, as the BOEM is second only to the IRS in generating Federal revenue. For the IRS, proved reserves and occasionally probable reserves are an essential component of calculating taxes for companies owning or producing oil and gas. The SEC requires publicly traded petroleum companies to annually file a reserves statement as part of their 10-K filing. The basic purpose of the 10-K filing is to provide public investors with a clear and reliable financial basis to assess the relative value, as a financial asset, of a company's reserves, especially in comparison to other similar oil and gas companies.

The Government also uses the resulting information to develop national and regional estimates of proved reserves of domestic crude oil, natural gas, and natural gas liquids to facilitate national energy policy decisions. These estimates are essential to the development, implementation, and evaluation of energy policy and legislation. Data are used directly in EIA Web reports concerning U.S. crude oil, natural gas, and natural gas liquids reserves, and are incorporated into a number of other Web reports and analyses.

EIA proposes to make the following changes to Form EIA-23L, *Annual Survey of Domestic Oil and Gas Reserves, Field Level Report*:

- Change the title of Form EIA-23L to *Annual Survey of Domestic Oil and Gas Reserves, County Level Report*;

- Change the title of Schedule A to *Operated Proved Reserves, Production, and Related Data by County*;

- Operators will be instructed to file their proved reserves by county rather than by field. Line Item 2.0 will be named "County Data (operated basis);"

- Line Item 2.1.4 "Field Code" will be changed to "County Name;"

- Line Item 2.1.5 "MMS Code" will be changed to "Type Code;"

- Line Item 2.1.6. "Field Name" will be changed to "Field, Play, or Prospect Name (Optional);"

- Line Items 2.1.9 "water depth" and 2.1.10 "field discovery year" will be replaced with 2.1.9 "# of producing wells", 2.1.10 "# of wells added [in survey year];" and

- Line Item 2.1.11, "Prospect Name (optional)" will be replaced with "# of wells sold [in survey year]."

Comments and Feedback are requested on these proposed changes to Form EIA-23L.

Secondary reports that use the data include EIA's *Annual Energy Review*, *Annual Energy Outlook*, *Petroleum Supply Annual*, and *Natural Gas Annual*.

(5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents*:

Forms EIA-23L/23S/64A: 1,450.

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses*:

Forms EIA-23L/23S/64A: 1,450.

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours*: 41,210.

Form EIA-23L *Annual Survey of Domestic Oil and Gas Reserves, County Level Report*:

38 hours (420 intermediate-size operators); 110 hours (160 large operators); 15 hours (270 small operators); 37,610 hours.

Form EIA-23S *Annual Survey of Domestic Oil and Gas Reserves, Summary Level Report*: 4 hours (small operators); 0 hours (Currently suspended).

Form EIA-64A *Annual Report of the Origin of Natural Gas Liquids Production*: 6 hours (600 natural gas plant operators); 3,600 hours.

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden*:

Forms EIA-23L/23S/64A: EIA estimates that there are no capital and start-up costs associated with this data collection. The information is maintained in the normal course of business. The cost of burden hours to the respondents is estimated to be \$2,965,884 (41,210 burden hours times \$71.97 per hour). Therefore, other than the cost of burden hours, EIA estimates that there are no additional costs for generating, maintaining and providing the information.

**Statutory Authority:** Section 13(b) of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974, Pub. L. 93-275, codified at 15 U.S.C. 772(b).

Issued in Washington, DC, September 18, 2015.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL15-101-000]

#### RC Cape May Holdings, LLC; Notice of Institution of Section 206 Proceeding and Refund Effective Date

On September 21, 2015, the Commission issued an order in Docket No. EL15-101-000, pursuant to section 206 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 824e (2012), instituting an investigation into the justness and reasonableness of RC Cape May Holdings, LLC's Reactive Power Schedule. *RC Cape May Holdings, LLC*, 152 FERC ¶ 61,224 (2015).

The refund effective date in Docket No. EL15-101-000, established pursuant to section 206(b) of the FPA, will be the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: September 21, 2015.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER15-2582-000]

#### Carousel Wind Farm, 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 Carousel Wind Farm, 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 September 23, 2015.

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 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.

Dated: September 3, 2015.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1744-039]

#### PacifiCorp; Notice of Scoping Meeting and Soliciting Scoping Comments for an Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment Using the Alternative Licensing Process

a. *Type of Application:* Alternative Licensing Process.

b. *Project No.:* 1744-039.

c. *Applicant:* PacifiCorp.

d. *Name of Project:* Weber Hydroelectric Project.

e. *Location:* On the Weber River, in Weber, Davis, and Morgan Counties, Utah. The project occupies 11.4 acres of United States lands administered by the U.S. Forest Service.

f. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

g. *Applicant Contact:* Eve Davies, PacifiCorp, 1407 West North Temple, Ste. 110, Salt Lake City, UT 84116; (801) 220-2245; email: [eve.davies@pacificorp.com](mailto:eve.davies@pacificorp.com).

h. *FERC Contact:* Claire McGrath at (202) 502-8290; or email at [claire.mcgrath@ferc.gov](mailto:claire.mcgrath@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing scoping comments:* November 6, 2015.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-1744-039.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all interveners filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. The existing project consists of: (1) The Weber diversion dam with an overall length of 114 feet and crest elevation of 4,798 feet mean sea level (msl), consisting of a 27-foot-high, 79-foot-long concrete section, two radial gates approximately 29 feet long, and a 35-foot-long intake structure on the Weber River; (2) a 3-foot by 18-foot non-operative fish passage structure that is used to pass minimum flows through a calibrated slide gate opening; (3) an impoundment with surface area of 8.4 acres at elevation 4,798 msl and total storage of approximately 42 acre-feet; (4) a 9,107-foot-long, 5-foot to 6.3-foot diameter steel penstock partially encased in concrete beginning at the intake and terminating at the powerhouse on the Weber River; (5) a powerhouse with one 3,850 kW generating unit operating under a head of 185 feet and producing a 30-year average annual energy output of 16,932 MWh; (6) a discharging pipe returning turbine flows into the Weber River at the powerhouse; and (7) a 77-foot-long, 46-kV transmission line which connects to the Weber substation. PacifiCorp proposes to build a new fish passage structure at the edge of the existing diversion dam in an area that currently has graded, unvegetated soil.

#### I. Scoping Process

PacifiCorp intends to utilize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) alternative licensing process (ALP). Under the ALP, PacifiCorp will prepare an Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment (APEA) and license application for the Weber Hydroelectric Project.

PacifiCorp expects to file with the Commission, the APEA and the license application for the Weber Hydroelectric Project by February 21, 2018. Although PacifiCorp's intent is to prepare an EA, there is the possibility that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be required. Nevertheless, this meeting will satisfy the NEPA scoping requirements, irrespective of whether an EA or EIS is issued by the Commission.

The purpose of this notice is to inform you of the opportunity to participate in the upcoming scoping meetings identified below, and to solicit your scoping comments.

#### Scoping Meetings

PacifiCorp and the Commission staff will hold two scoping meetings, one in the daytime and one in the evening, to help us identify the scope of issues to be addressed in the APEA.

The daytime scoping meeting will focus on resource agency concerns, while the evening scoping meeting is