

Commission order is statutorily established at 30 days and that the Commission has no discretion to extend that deadline.³ Because the 30-day rehearing deadline is a statutory deadline, it cannot be extended, and Sage Grouse's request for a 30-day extension must therefore be rejected.

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Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM15-11-000]

Reliability Standard for Transmission System Planned Performance for Geomagnetic Disturbance Events; Notice of Technical Conference

Take notice that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will hold a Commission staff-led technical conference on Reliability Standard for Transmission System Planned Performance for Geomagnetic Disturbance (GMD) Events on issues identified in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) and subsequent public comments in the above-captioned docket on March 1, 2016. The conference will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at approximately 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time). The conference will be held at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The technical conference will facilitate a structured dialogue on GMD-related topics, including but not limited to: (1) The benchmark GMD event(s); (2) vulnerability assessments; and (3) monitoring of related parameters. The technical conference will be led by Commission staff, with prepared

³ See, e.g., *City of Campbell v. FERC*, 770 F.2d 1180, 1183 (D.C. Cir. 1985) ("The 30-day time requirement of the [FPA] is as much a part of the jurisdictional threshold as the mandate to file for a rehearing."); *Boston Gas Co. v. FERC*, 575 F.2d 975, 977-98, 979 (1st Cir. 1978) (describing identical rehearing provision of Natural Gas Act as "a tightly structured and formal provision. Neither the Commission or the courts are given any form of jurisdictional discretion."); see also *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*, 138 FERC ¶ 61,160 (2012) (rejecting request for clarification as untimely request for rehearing); *La. Energy and Power Auth.*, 117 FERC ¶ 61,258 (2006); *Midwest Indep. Transmission Sys. Operator, Inc.*, 112 FERC ¶ 61,211, at P 10 (2005); *Texas-New Mexico Power Co.*, 107 FERC ¶ 61,316, at P 22 (2004); *Cal. Indep. Sys. Operator Corp.*, 105 FERC ¶ 61,322, at P 9 (2003); *Am. Elec. Power Serv. Corp.*, 95 FERC ¶ 61,130, at 61,411-12 (2001).

remarks to be presented by invited panelists, which must be submitted to the Commission in advance of the conference. A subsequent notice providing an agenda and details on the topics for discussion will be issued in advance of the conference. Commissioners may attend and participate.

There is no fee for attendance. However, members of the public are encouraged to preregister online at: <https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/03-01-16-form.asp>.

Those wishing to participate in panel discussions should submit nominations no later than close of business on Wednesday, January 6, 2016 online at: <https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/03-01-16-speaker-form.asp>.

This event will be webcast and transcribed. Transcripts of the conference will be available for a fee from Ace-Federal Reporters, Inc. (202-347-3700).

Commission conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations please send an email to accessibility@ferc.gov or call toll free (866) 208-3372 (voice) or (202) 502-8659 (TTY), or send a fax to (202) 208-2106 with the requested accommodations.

For more information about the technical conference, please contact: Sarah McKinley, Office of External Affairs, 202-502-8368 sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov.

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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 rate filings:

Docket Numbers: ER13-1356-002.

Applicants: Duke Energy Florida, LLC.

Description: Compliance filing [including Pro Forma sheets] and Waiver Request of Duke Energy Florida, LLC.

Filed Date: 12/21/15.

Accession Number: 20151221-5379.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/11/16.

Docket Numbers: ER14-2022-002.

Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.

Description: Request to Terminate Waiver effective February 1, 2016 of Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.

Filed Date: 12/21/15.

Accession Number: 20151221-5389.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/11/16.

Docket Numbers: ER16-599-000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: First Revised Service Agreement No. 4184; Queue No. Z2-106 to be effective 12/9/2015.

Filed Date: 12/21/15.

Accession Number: 20151221-5274.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/11/16.

Docket Numbers: ER16-600-000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Original Service Agreement No. 4346; Queue No. AA2-066 to be effective 11/24/2015.

Filed Date: 12/21/15.

Accession Number: 20151221-5270.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/11/16.

Docket Numbers: ER16-601-000.

Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2015-12-21 Revisions to Section 19.1.1.2—Pre-Certified TSRs to be effective 2/1/2016.

Filed Date: 12/21/15.

Accession Number: 20151221-5272.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/11/16.

Docket Numbers: ER16-602-000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: First Revised Interconnection Service Agreement No. 3808, Queue No. AA1-083 to be effective 5/6/2017.

Filed Date: 12/21/15.

Accession Number: 20151221-5278.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/11/16.

Docket Numbers: ER16-603-000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: First Revised WMPA SA No. 4187, Queue No. Z2-099/AA2-086 to be effective 11/24/2015.

Filed Date: 12/21/15.

Accession Number: 20151221-5298.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/11/16.

Docket Numbers: ER16-604-000.

Applicants: Nevada Power Company.

Description: Compliance filing: Market-Based Rate Tariff, Volume No. 11 Amendments ER15-2281 to be effective 12/1/2015.

Filed Date: 12/21/15.

Accession Number: 20151221-5299.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/11/16.

Docket Numbers: ER16-605-000.

Applicants: Sierra Pacific Power Company.

Description: Compliance filing: Market-Based Rate Tariff Volume No. 7 to be effective 12/1/2015.

Filed Date: 12/21/15.

Accession Number: 20151221–5308.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/11/16.

Docket Numbers: ER16–606–000.

Applicants: PacifiCorp.

Description: Compliance filing: Amendment to Market-Based Rate Tariff—EIM Compliance Filing to be effective 12/1/2015.

Filed Date: 12/21/15.

Accession Number: 20151221–5310.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/11/16.

Docket Numbers: ER16–607–000.

Applicants: 67RK 8me LLC.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: SFA to be effective 12/22/2015.

Filed Date: 12/21/15.

Accession Number: 20151221–5311.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/11/16.

Docket Numbers: ER16–608–000.

Applicants: 65HK 8me LLC.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 65HK 8me LLC Hayworth SFA to be effective 12/22/2015.

Filed Date: 12/21/15.

Accession Number: 20151221–5312.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/11/16.

Docket Numbers: ER16–609–000.

Applicants: 87RL 8me LLC.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 87RL 8me LLC Woodmere SFA to be effective 12/22/2015.

Filed Date: 12/21/15.

Accession Number: 20151221–5313.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/11/16.

Docket Numbers: ER16–610–000.

Applicants: Northern Indiana Public Service Company.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Filing of a CIAC Agreement to be effective 1/4/2016.

Filed Date: 12/21/15.

Accession Number: 20151221–5314.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/11/16.

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

Docket Numbers: RR15–12–001.

Applicants: North American Electric Reliability Corporation.

Description: Compliance Filing of North American Electric Reliability Corporation in Accordance with the Commission's November 2, 2015 Order.

Filed Date: 12/18/15.

Accession Number: 20151218–5315.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/8/16.

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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Central Arizona Project—Rate Order No. WAPA–172

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of final transmission service formula rates.

SUMMARY: The Deputy Secretary of Energy confirmed and approved Rate Order No. WAPA–172 and Rate Schedules CAP–FT3, CAP–NFT3, and CAP–NITS3, placing transmission service formula rates for the Central Arizona Project (CAP) of the Western Area Power Administration (Western) into effect on an interim basis. The provisional rates will be in effect until the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) confirms, approves, and places them into effect on a final basis, or until they are replaced by other rates. The provisional rates will provide sufficient revenue to pay all annual costs, including interest expense, and repay required investment within the allowable periods.

DATES: Rate Schedules CAP–FT3, CAP–NFT3, and CAP–NITS3 are effective on the first day of the first full billing period beginning on or after January 1, 2016, and will be in effect until FERC confirms, approves, and places the rate schedules in effect on a final basis through December 31, 2020, or until the rate schedules are superseded.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jack Murray, Vice President of Power Marketing, Desert Southwest Customer Service Regional Office, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457,

Phoenix, AZ 85005–6457, (602) 605–2555, email jmurray@wapa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An FRN was published on July 24, 2015 (80 FR 44100) announcing the proposed rates for transmission service and initiating a public consultation and comment period. On July 29, 2015, Western notified all CAP customers and interested parties of the rate adjustment and provided a copy of the published FRN. On August 27, 2015, Western held a public information forum in Phoenix, Arizona, explained the proposed rates and potential changes to the proposed rates, answered questions, and provided handouts. On September 24, 2015, Western held a public comment forum in Phoenix, Arizona, to give the public an opportunity to comment for the record. No comments were received at the forum.

Previous Rate Schedules CAP–FT2, CAP–NFT2, and CAP–NITS2 for Rate Order No. WAPA–124¹ were approved by FERC for a 5-year period through December 31, 2010. These Rate Schedules were extended through December 31, 2012, under Rate Order No. WAPA–153,² and extended again through December 31, 2015, under Rate Order No. WAPA–158.³ Rate Schedules CAP–FT2, CAP–NFT2, and CAP–NITS2 are being superseded by Rate Schedules CAP–FT3, CAP–NFT3, and CAP–NITS3. Under Rate Schedule CAP–FT2, the rate for firm point-to-point transmission service is \$13.56 per kilowatt year (kW-year). The provisional rate for firm point-to-point transmission service under Rate Schedule CAP–FT3 is \$14.88/kW-year, which represents an increase of 10 percent when compared with the existing rate. Under Rate Schedule CAP–NFT2, the rate for non-firm point-to-point transmission service is 1.55 mills per kilowatt hour (mills/kWh). The provisional rate for non-firm point-to-point transmission service under Rate Schedule CAP–NFT3 is 1.70 mills/kWh, which represents an increase of 10 percent when compared with the existing rate. There will be no changes to the rate formula under CAP–NITS3.

By Delegation Order No. 00–037.00A, effective October 25, 2013, the Secretary of Energy delegated: (1) The authority to develop power and transmission rates to Western's Administrator, (2) the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Deputy Secretary of Energy, and

¹ Rate Order No. WAPA–124 was approved by FERC on a final basis on June 29, 2006, in Docket No. EF06–5111–000 (115 FERC ¶ 62,326).

² 76 FR 548 (January 5, 2011).

³ 78 FR 18335 (March 26, 2013).