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Dated: December 22, 2015.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2531-075]

#### Brookfield White Pine Hydro LLC; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Licensing and Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.

b. *Project No.:* 2531-075.

c. *Date Filed:* December 18, 2015.

d. *Applicant:* Brookfield White Pine Hydro LLC (White Pine Hydro).

e. *Name of Project:* West Buxton Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The existing project is located on the Saco River in the Towns of Buxton, Hollis, and Standish, within York and Cumberland Counties, Maine. No federal lands are occupied by project works or located within the project boundary.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Frank Dunlap, Licensing Specialist, Brookfield White Pine Hydro LLC, 150 Main Street, Lewiston, ME 04240; Telephone—(207) 755-5603; Email—[Frank.Dunlap@BrookfieldRenewable.com](mailto:Frank.Dunlap@BrookfieldRenewable.com). OR Kelley Maloney, Manager of licensing and Compliance, Brookfield White Pine Hydro LLC, 150 Maine Street, Lewiston, ME 04240; Telephone—(207) 755-5606.

i. *FERC Contact:* Allan Creamer, (202) 502-8365, or [allan.creamer@ferc.gov](mailto:allan.creamer@ferc.gov).

j. This application is not ready for environmental analysis (EA) at this time.

k. *Project Description:* The West Buxton Project consists of: (1) A 585-foot-long by 30-foot-high concrete gravity dam with a crest elevation of 173.8 feet (United States Geological Survey or USGS datum), consisting of (i) two overflow sections topped with three

inflatable rubber dam sections that have a crest elevation of 178.1 feet (USGS datum) when fully inflated, (ii) a gated section containing a 20-foot-wide by 15-foot-high vertical lift gate, (iii) two 40-foot-wide by 11-foot-high stanchion sections, (iv) an 11-foot-wide log sluice section, and (v) an intake structure comprised of two vertical lift gates regulating the flow of water to the lower powerhouse and five gate openings (two sealed by stoplogs) controlling water flow to the upper powerhouse; (2) a 118-acre impoundment at a normal pool elevation of 177.8 feet (USGS datum); (3) a 105 feet long by 39 feet wide upper powerhouse integral with the dam, containing five horizontal axis Francis turbine generating units that total 3,812 kW; (4) a 241.5-foot-long concrete conduit leading from the intake structure to a 74-foot-long by 30 to 45-foot wide surge chamber, and then to the lower powerhouse; (5) a 51.2 feet long by 45.5 feet wide lower powerhouse, containing one 4,000 kW vertical axis Kaplan turbine generating unit; (6) two 38-kV transmission lines, connecting the upper and lower powerhouses to the non-project West Buxton switching station; and (7) appurtenant facilities.

White Pine Hydro operates the project in a run-of-river mode, in accordance with the 1997 Saco River Instream Flow Agreement, which provides that outflow approximate inflow from the upstream Bonny Eagle Project No. 2529 and act to minimize impoundment level fluctuations. White Pine Hydro also operates the project with a minimum outflow of 768 cfs, or inflow, whichever is less, in accordance with the project's current water quality certificate. The project generates an annual average of 34,007 MWh.

l. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866)-208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

m. Procedural Schedule: The application will be processed according to the following preliminary Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Notice of Acceptance/	February 2016.
Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis.	
Filing of recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and fishway prescriptions.	April 2016.
Commission issues EA	August 2016.
Comments on EA .....	September 2016.
Modified Terms and Conditions.	November 2016.
Commission Issues Final EA, if necessary.	February 2017.

o. Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

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Deputy Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL15-44-000]

#### Sage Grouse Energy Project, LLC; Notice Rejecting Request for Extension of Time

December 22, 2015.

On December 3, 2015, the Commission issued an order denying a complaint filed by Sage Grouse Energy Project, LLC (Sage Grouse) against PacifiCorp under Rule 206(a) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.<sup>1</sup> On December 16, 2015, Sage Grouse filed a motion for extension of time and waiver, asking the Commission to grant a 30-day extension of time for Sage Grouse to determine whether to file a request for rehearing of the December 3 Order.

Pursuant to section 313(a) of the Federal Power Act,<sup>2</sup> an aggrieved party must file an application for rehearing within thirty days after the issuance of the Commission's order. Moreover, the courts and the Commission have repeatedly recognized that the time period by which a party may file an application for rehearing of a

<sup>1</sup> *Sage Grouse Energy Project, LLC*, 153 FERC ¶ 61,272 (2015) (December 3 Order).

<sup>2</sup> 16 U.S.C. 8251(a) (2012).

Commission order is statutorily established at 30 days and that the Commission has no discretion to extend that deadline.<sup>3</sup> 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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*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

<sup>3</sup> 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).

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