

3. The factors that affect accuracy of cost and schedule estimates and how estimate variances can be reduced.

4. How other queued facilities that may impact an interconnection customer's request are identified and when interconnection customers are made aware of such facilities (*e.g.*, a lower-queued project being informed that the withdrawal of a specific higher-queued project may affect it). The challenges of identifying those facilities that may impact an interconnection request.

Panelists:

- **Tim Aliff, Director of Reliability Planning, Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.**
 - **Dean Gosselin, Vice President of Business Management Transmission Services, NextEra Energy Resources LLC**
 - **Paul Kelly, Director, Federal Regulatory Policy, Northern Indiana Public Service Company**
 - **Omar Martino, Director, Transmission, EDF Renewable Energy**
 - **Alan McBride, Director, Transmission Strategy and Services, ISO New England, Inc.**
 - **Stephen Ruttly, Director of Grid Assets, California Independent System Operator, Inc.**
 - **Rick Vail, Vice President, Transmission, PacifiCorp**
- 2:10 p.m.–2:20 p.m. **Break**
- 2:20 p.m.–3:30 p.m. **Other Interconnection Queue Coordination and Management Issues**

Panelists should be prepared to discuss the following topics:

1. Coordinating interconnection requests with affected systems² and the challenges associated with affected system coordination and areas for improvement.
2. The types of changes to a project that should be allowed without changing the project's position in the queue, *i.e.*, determining an appropriate threshold for modifications to a project before it should lose its place in the queue.

² As defined in the *pro forma* LGIA and *pro forma* LGIP, Affected System refers to an electric system other than the transmission provider's transmission system that may be affected by the proposed interconnection. Order No. 2003–A, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,160 at App. 6 (Standard Large Generator Interconnection Agreement), art. 1, *order on reh'g*, Order No. 2003–B, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,171 (2004), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 2003–C, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,190 (2005), *aff'd sub nom. Nat'l Ass'n of Regulatory Util. Comm'rs v. FERC*, 475 F.3d 1277 (D.C. Cir. 2007), *cert. denied*, 552 U.S. 1230 (2008).

3. How to manage the effects of project withdrawals from the interconnection queue and possible best practices to keep the queue moving despite project withdrawal. The appropriate balance between attempts to prevent speculative projects from entering the queue and the recognition that the study process is designed to iteratively provide information that project developers will use to decide whether to proceed or withdraw (possibly causing restudies).

4. How transmission providers, transmission owners, and interconnection customers coordinate during the interconnection process, and possible areas for improvement.

5. Technologies, tools, or administrative processes that could improve the accuracy of cost and time estimates, reduce the processing time, or increase the efficiency of the interconnection queue process.

Panelists:

- **Tim Aliff, Director of Reliability Planning, Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.**
- **David Angell, Customer Operations Planning Manager, Idaho Power**
- **Jennifer Ayers-Brasher, Director, Transmission & Market Analysis, E.ON Climate & Renewables NA**
- **Daniel Barr, Principal Engineer, ITC Holdings**
- **Charles Hendrix, Manager, Generation Interconnection Studies, Southwest Power Pool, Inc.**
- **Paul Kelly, Director, Federal Regulatory Policy, Northern Indiana Public Service Company**
- **Omar Martino, Director, Transmission, EDF Renewable Energy**
- **Steven Naumann, Vice President, Exelon Corporation**

3:30 p.m.–4:45 p.m. Interconnection of Electric Storage Resources

Panelists should be prepared to discuss the following topics:

1. Whether existing small and large *pro forma* interconnection agreements and procedures are sufficient to accommodate the interconnection of electric storage resources.
2. Modeling of electric storage resources for interconnection studies, including potential means for interconnection studies to better reflect the intended operation of electric storage devices.

3. Interconnection of combined storage and generation facilities, including (i) the appropriate level of interconnection service for the

combined facility; (ii) the operational understanding, telemetry, and metering of the combined facility; and (iii) the appropriate interconnection process for adding storage to an existing generation facility.

4. Potential processes to facilitate the interconnection of electric storage resources.

5. Interconnection of distribution-level and aggregated electric storage resources that participate in the RTO and ISO markets.

Panelists:

- **David Egan, Manager—Interconnection Projects, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.**
- **Mason Emmett, Senior Attorney, NextEra Energy, Inc.**
- **John Fernandes, Director, Policy & Market Development, RES Americas**
- **David Gabbard, Director, Electric Generation Interconnection, Pacific Gas and Electric Company**
- **Alan McBride, Director, Transmission Strategy and Services, ISO New England, Inc.**
- **Stephen Ruttly, Director of Grid Assets, California Independent System Operator, Inc.**

4:45 p.m.–4:55 p.m. **Closing Remarks**

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. EL16–62–000]

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order

Take notice that on April 28, 2016, pursuant to section 292.402 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 292.402 (2015), Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc., (Golden Spread), on behalf of itself and its sixteen (16) distribution cooperative members-owners (collectively, Participating Members),¹ filed a petition for a

¹ The Participating Members include: Bailey County Electric Cooperative Association; Big Country Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Coleman County Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Concho Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Greenbelt Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Lamb County Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc.; North Plains Electric Cooperative,

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declaratory order requesting a partial waiver of certain obligations imposed on Golden Spread and the Participating Members under sections 292.303(a) and 292.303(b) ² of the Commission's regulations implementing section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, all as more fully explained in the petition.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Petitioner.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for 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 any FERC Online service, please email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on May 31, 2016.

Dated: April 28, 2016.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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Inc.; Rita Blanca Electric Cooperative, Inc.; South Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Swisher Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc.; and Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc.

² 18 CFR 292.303(a) and 292.303(b).

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER16-1509-000]

New Wave Energy Corp; 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 New Wave Energy Corp'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 May 18, 2016.

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, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Dated: April 28, 2016.

Kimberly D. Bose,

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: EC16-108-000.

Applicants: Tenaska Alabama II Partners, L.P.

Description: Tenaska Alabama II Partners, L.P. Application for Approval Under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act and Request for Expedited Action.

Filed Date: 4/27/16.

Accession Number: 20160427-5340.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 5/18/16.

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

Docket Numbers: ER16-1051-001.

Applicants: Graphic Packaging International Inc.

Description: Tariff Amendment: Supplement to Application for Order Accepting Initial Market-Based Rate Tariff to be effective 3/1/2016.

Filed Date: 4/28/16.

Accession Number: 20160428-5085.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 5/19/16.

Docket Numbers: ER16-1152-001.

Applicants: Jericho Rise Wind Farm LLC.

Description: Tariff Amendment: Revised Proposed MBR Tariff to be effective 5/14/2016.

Filed Date: 4/27/16.

Accession Number: 20160427-5244.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 5/18/16.

Docket Numbers: ER16-1154-001.

Applicants: Parrey, LLC.

Description: Tariff Amendment: Supplement to App. for MBR Authorization in Response to Informal Staff Request to be effective 4/1/2016.

Filed Date: 4/27/16.

Accession Number: 20160427-5243.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 5/18/16.

Docket Numbers: ER16-1509-000.

Applicants: New Wave Energy Corp.

Description: Baseline eTariff Filing: New Wave Energy Corporation to be effective 6/27/2016.

Filed Date: 4/27/16.

Accession Number: 20160427-5291.