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Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER17-360-000]

Rio Bravo Solar I, 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 Rio Bravo Solar I, 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 December 7, 2016.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Electric Quarterly Report Users Group Meeting

	Docket Nos.
Filing Requirements for Electric Utility Service Agreements.	RM01-8-000

	Docket Nos.
Electricity Market Transparency Provisions of Section 220 of the Federal Power Act.	RM10-12-000
Revisions to Electric Quarterly Report Filing Process.	RM12-3-000
Electric Quarterly Reports	ER02-2001-000

Take notice that on December 8, 2016, the staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will hold an Electric Quarterly Report (EQR) Users Group meeting. The meeting will take place from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (EST), in the Commission Meeting Room at 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. All interested persons are invited to attend. For those unable to attend in person, access to the meeting will be available by webcast.

This meeting will provide a forum for dialogue between Commission staff and EQR users and such meetings will also be held in the future on a periodic basis. During the meeting, Commission staff and EQR users will discuss potential improvements to the EQR program and the EQR filing process, including: (1) The EQR Test Submission System (Sandbox); (2) revisions to the EQR Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), EQR Users Guide, EQR Data Dictionary, and allowable entries for Hub and Balancing Authority Areas; and (3) best practices for data submission, regarding filing best available data, standardizing Price and Quantity, reporting contract rate information, reviewing RTO or ISO reports, reporting Point of Delivery Specific Location (PODSL), and possible new transaction products. Please note that matters pending before the Commission and subject to ex parte limitations cannot be discussed at this meeting. An agenda of the meeting is attached.

Due to the nature of the discussion, those interested in actively participating in the discussion are encouraged to attend in person. All interested persons (whether attending in person or via webcast) are asked to register online at <https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/12-08-16-form.asp>. There is no registration fee.

Those who would like to participate in the discussion by telephone during the meeting should send a request for a telephone line to EQRUsersGroup@ferc.gov by 5:00 p.m. (EST) on Thursday, December 1, 2016 with the subject line: EQR Users Group Meeting Teleconference Request.

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 1-866-208-3372 (voice) or 202-208-1659 (TTY), or send a FAX to 202-208-2106 with the required accommodations.

For more information about the EQR Users Group meeting, please contact Don Callow of the Commission's Office of Enforcement at (202) 502-8838, or send an email to EQRUsersGroup@ferc.gov.

Dated: November 17, 2016.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM17-4-000]

Establishing the Length of License Terms for Hydroelectric Projects

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Inquiry.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is inviting comments on what changes, if any, the Commission should make to its policy for establishing the length of original and new license terms for hydroelectric projects.

DATES: Comments are due January 24, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Comments, identified by docket number, may be filed in the following ways:

- **Electronic Filing through <http://www.ferc.gov>.** Documents created electronically using word processing software should be filed in native applications or print-to-PDF format and not in a scanned format.

- **Mail/Hand Delivery:** Those unable to file electronically may mail or hand-deliver comments to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Instructions: For detailed instructions on submitting comments, see the Comment Procedures section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. In this Notice of Inquiry, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) seeks comment on whether, and, if so, how the Commission should revise its policy for establishing the length of original and new licenses it issues for hydroelectric projects.

I. Background

2. Section 6 of the Federal Power Act (FPA) ¹ provides that hydropower licenses shall be issued for a term not to exceed 50 years. There is no minimum license term for original licenses. FPA section 15(e) ² provides that any new license (*i.e.*, relicense) shall be for a term that the Commission determines to be in the public interest, but not less than 30 years or more than 50 years.

3. It is current Commission policy to set a 50-year term for licenses issued for projects located at federal dams.³ For projects located at non-federal dams, the Commission's current policy is to set a 30-year term where there is little or no authorized redevelopment, new construction, or environmental mitigation and enhancement; a 40-year term for a license involving a moderate amount of these activities; and a 50-year term where there is an extensive amount of such activity.⁴ The purpose of this policy is to ease the economic impact of new costs, promote balanced and comprehensive development of renewable power generating resources, and encourage licensees to be better environmental stewards.⁵

4. Determining whether the measures required under a license are minimal, moderate, or extensive is highly case-sensitive and largely based on a qualitative analysis of the record before the Commission. In establishing the appropriate license term, staff initially examines the nature and extent of the required measures in the context of the project at issue,⁶ and then uses the cost of measures as a check on a qualitative

conclusion that measures required under a relicense are minimal, moderate, or extensive. Further, the Commission's policy is to take a forward-looking approach, such that measures adopted under a previous license term are not considered.⁷ It has also been the Commission's policy to set license terms that coordinate, to the extent feasible, the license terms for projects in the same river basin to maximize future consideration of cumulative impacts at the same time the projects are due to be relicensed.⁸

5. The length of an original license has not been contested on rehearing for some time. The length of a new license, however, has recently been contested in several relicensing proceedings. The arguments raised in these cases include that the Commission, when establishing the license term, should have considered, or given more weight to: Capacity-related investments or environmental enhancements made by the licensee during the current license and before issuance of the new license;⁹ total cost of the relicensing process;¹⁰ losses in generation value related to environmental measures;¹¹ the license terms of projects that the licensee states are similarly situated to its project;¹² and the license term provided for in settlement agreements.¹³ In each circumstance, the Commission declined to deviate from its current policy to extend the length of the license.

II. Subject of the Notice of Inquiry

6. The Commission seeks comments on whether, and, if so, how the Commission should revise its policy for establishing license terms for projects located at non-federal dams. Below, we outline five potential options that

⁷ See, e.g., *Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (Duke Energy)*, 156 FERC ¶ 61,010, at P 19 (2016); *Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington (Chelan PUD)*, 127 FERC ¶ 61,152, at PP 12-14 (2009); *Ford Motor Co.*, 110 FERC ¶ 61,236, at PP 6-8 (2005).

⁸ See, e.g., 18 CFR 2.23 (2016); *Chelan PUD*, 127 FERC ¶ 61,152 at P 18.

⁹ See, e.g., *Duke Energy*, 156 FERC ¶ 61,010 at PP 9-26; *Alabama Power Co.*, 155 FERC ¶ 61,080, at P 72 (2016); *Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County, Washington (Douglas PUD)*, 143 FERC ¶ 61,130, at PP 12-14 (2013); *Chelan PUD*, 127 FERC ¶ 61,152 at PP 12-14; *Georgia Power Co.*, 111 FERC ¶ 61,183, at PP 10-15 (2005); *Ford Motor Co.*, 110 FERC ¶ 61,236 at PP 6-8.

¹⁰ See, e.g., *Duke Energy*, 156 FERC ¶ 61,010 at P 14.

¹¹ See, e.g., *id.* P 12.

¹² See, e.g., *Duke Energy*, 156 FERC ¶ 61,010 at PP 20-23; *Alabama Power Co.*, 155 FERC ¶ 61,080 at PP 71, 75; *Duke Energy Progress, Inc.*, 153 FERC ¶ 61,056, at PP 39, 42 (2015); *Douglas PUD*, 143 FERC ¶ 61,130 at P 15.

¹³ See, e.g., *Duke Energy Progress, Inc.*, 153 FERC ¶ 61,056 at PP 40, 44; *Douglas PUD*, 143 FERC ¶ 61,130 at PP 18-19; *Chelan PUD*, 127 FERC ¶ 61,152 at PP 16-17.

¹ 16 U.S.C. 799 (2012).

² 16 U.S.C. 808(e) (2012).

³ See *City of Danville, Virginia*, 58 FERC ¶ 61,318, at 62,020 (1992).

⁴ See *id.* (addressing original licenses); *Consumers Power Co.*, 68 FERC ¶ 61,077, at 61,384 (1994) (addressing relicenses).

⁵ *Consumers Power Co.*, 68 FERC ¶ 61,077 at 61,384.

⁶ For example, one type of fishway may be more expensive than another, and a fishway type that might be considered extensive for a small project could be seen as minimal for a larger one.