

statistical use pledges under the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (CIPSEA) and similar statistical confidentiality pledges are effective and necessary in honoring the trust that businesses, individuals, and institutions, by their responses, place in statistical agencies.

Under CIPSEA and similar statistical confidentiality protection statutes, many Federal statistical agencies make statutory pledges that the information respondents provide will be seen only by statistical agency personnel or their sworn agents, and will be used only for statistical purposes. CIPSEA and similar statutes protect the confidentiality of information that agencies collect solely for statistical purposes and under a pledge of confidentiality. These acts protect such statistical information from administrative, law enforcement, taxation, regulatory, or any other non-statistical use and immunize the information submitted to statistical agencies from legal process. Moreover, many of these statutes carry criminal penalties of a Class E felony (fines up to \$250,000, or up to five years in prison, or both) for conviction of a knowing and willful unauthorized disclosure of covered information.

As part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2016 signed on December 17, 2015, the Congress included the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015 (Pub. L. 114–113, Division N, Title II, Subtitle B, Sec. 223). This Act, among other provisions, permits and requires DHS to provide Federal civilian agencies' information technology systems with cybersecurity protection for their Internet traffic. The technology currently used to provide this protection against cyber malware is known as Einstein 3A; it electronically searches Internet traffic in and out of Federal civilian agencies in real time for malware signatures.

When such a signature is found, the Internet packets that contain the malware signature are moved to a secured area for further inspection by DHS personnel. Because it is possible that such packets entering or leaving a statistical agency's information technology system may contain a small portion of confidential statistical data, statistical agencies can no longer promise their respondents that their responses will be seen only by statistical agency personnel or their sworn agents. However, they can promise, in accordance with provisions of the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, that such monitoring can be used only to protect information and information systems from cybersecurity

risks, thereby, in effect, providing stronger protection to the integrity of the respondents' submissions.

The DHS cybersecurity program's objective is to protect Federal civilian information systems from malicious malware attacks. The Federal statistical system's objective is to ensure that the DHS Secretary performs those essential duties in a manner that honors the Government's statutory promises to the public to protect their confidential data. Given that the Department of Homeland Security is not a Federal statistical agency, both DHS and the Federal statistical system worked to balance both objectives and achieve these mutually reinforcing objectives.

Accordingly, DHS and Federal statistical agencies, in cooperation with their parent departments, developed a Memorandum of Agreement for the installation of Einstein 3A cybersecurity protection technology to monitor their Internet traffic.

However, EIA's current CIPSEA statistical confidentiality pledge promises that respondents' data will be seen only by statistical agency personnel or their sworn agents. Since it is possible that DHS personnel could see some portion of those confidential data in the course of examining the suspicious Internet packets identified by Einstein 3A sensors, EIA needs to revise its confidentiality pledge to reflect this process change.

Therefore, EIA is providing this notice to alert the public of this revision to its confidentiality pledge in an efficient and coordinated fashion. Below is a listing of EIA's current Paperwork Reduction Act OMB numbers and information collection titles and their associated revised confidentiality pledge(s) for the Information Collections whose confidentiality pledges will change to reflect the statutory implementation of DHS' Einstein 3A monitoring for cybersecurity protection purposes.

The following EIA statistical confidentiality pledge will now apply to the Information Collections whose Paperwork Reduction Act Office of Management and Budget numbers and titles are listed below.

The information you provide on Form EIA-XXX will be used for statistical purposes only and is confidential by law. In accordance with the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 and other applicable Federal laws, your responses will not be disclosed in identifiable form without your consent. Per the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, Federal information systems are protected from malicious activities through cybersecurity screening of transmitted data.

Every EIA employee, as well as every agent, is subject to a jail term, a fine, or both if he or she makes public ANY identifiable information you reported.

A shorter version of the CIPSEA pledge is used for telephone surveys:

The information you provide on Form EIA-xxx will be used for statistical purposes only and is confidential by law. Per the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, Federal information systems are protected from malicious activities through cybersecurity screening of transmitted data. Every EIA employee, as well as every agent, is subject to a jail term, a fine, or both if he or she makes public ANY identifiable information you reported.

OMB No: 1905–0174 Petroleum Marketing Program

Form EIA–863, “Petroleum Product Sales Identification Survey”

Form EIA–878, “Motor Gasoline Price Survey”

Form EIA–888, “On-Highway Diesel Fuel Price Survey”

OMB No: 1905–0175 Natural Gas Data Collection Program

Form EIA–910, “Monthly Natural Gas Marketers Survey”

Form EIA–912, “Weekly Underground Natural Gas Storage Report”

OMB No: 1905–0205 Monthly Natural Gas Production Report

Form EIA–914, “Monthly Crude Oil, Lease Condensate, and Natural Gas Production Report”

OMB No: 1905–0160 Uranium Data Program

Form EIA–851Q, “Domestic Uranium Production Report—Quarterly”

Form EIA–851A, “Domestic Uranium Production Report—Annual”

Form EIA–858, “Uranium Marketing Annual Survey”

OMB No: 1905–0145 Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey

Form EIA–871, “Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey”

OMB No. 1905–0092 Residential Energy Consumption Survey

Form EIA–457, “Residential Energy Consumption Survey”

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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: ER17–772–001.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: Compliance filing: Amended Order No. 825 Compliance Filing to be effective 5/11/2017.

Filed Date: 2/23/17.

Accession Number: 20170223-5064.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 3/16/17.

Docket Numbers: ER17-1013-000.

Applicants: Midcontinent

Independent System Operator, Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2017-02-22 SA 2998 Exelon-MISO ENRIS (J371) to be effective 2/6/2017.

Filed Date: 2/22/17.

Accession Number: 20170222-5131.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 3/15/17.

Docket Numbers: ER17-1014-000.

Applicants: Midcontinent

Independent System Operator, Inc.,

Otter Tail Power Company.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2017-02-22 Revisions to Otter Tail Attachment O and 30.9 Credit to include Basin to be effective 5/1/2017.

Filed Date: 2/22/17.

Accession Number: 20170222-5153.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 3/15/17.

Docket Numbers: ER17-1015-000.

Applicants: Southwestern Public Service Company.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: SPS-RBEC-GSEC-Statford Sub-651-NOC to be effective 2/24/2017.

Filed Date: 2/23/17.

Accession Number: 20170223-5023.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 3/16/17.

Docket Numbers: ER17-1016-000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Revisions to OATT Sch 12—Appendix re: BGE Abandonment Cost Recovery to be effective 5/1/2017.

Filed Date: 2/23/17.

Accession Number: 20170223-5026.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 3/16/17.

Docket Numbers: ER17-1017-000.

Applicants: Smoky Mountain Transmission LLC.

Description: Compliance filing: Smoky Mountain Transmission LLC Amendment to Proforma to be effective 2/24/2017.

Filed Date: 2/23/17.

Accession Number: 20170223-5063.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 3/16/17.

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.

Dated: February 23, 2017.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ID-8091-000]

Fitzgerald, Brian; Notice of Filing

Take notice that on February 21, 2017, Brian Fitzgerald filed a supplement to application for authorization to hold interlocking positions, pursuant to section 305(b) of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 825d(b), Part 45 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR part 45, and Commission Order No. 664, 112 FERC 61,298.

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, 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. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

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 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.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 3, 2017.

Dated: February 23, 2017.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #2

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

Docket Numbers: ER17-1018-000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Original Service Agreement No. 4625; Queue No. AB1-164 to be effective 1/27/2017.

Filed Date: 2/23/17.

Accession Number: 20170223-5103.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 3/16/17.

Docket Numbers: ER17-1019-000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Queue Position AB1-171, Original Service Agreement No. 4632 to be effective 1/26/2017.

Filed Date: 2/23/17.

Accession Number: 20170223-5138.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 3/16/17.

Docket Numbers: ER17-1020-000.

Applicants: Black Oak Energy, LLC.

Description: Tariff Cancellation: Cancellation filing to be effective 3/1/2017.

Filed Date: 2/23/17.

Accession Number: 20170223-5156.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 3/16/17.

Docket Numbers: ER17-1021-000.

Applicants: Canadian Wood Products—Montreal, Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Notice of Succession to be effective 3/1/2017.

Filed Date: 2/23/17.

Accession Number: 20170223-5158.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 3/16/17.