

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 4451-019]

**Somersworth Hydro Company, Inc.; City of Somersworth, NH; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process**

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process.

b. *Project No.:* 4451-019.

c. *Date Filed:* December 19, 2016.

d. *Submitted By:* Somersworth Hydro Company, Inc. (a subsidiary of Enel Green Power North America, Inc.) and City of Somersworth, New Hampshire.

e. *Name of Project:* Lower Great Falls Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Salmon Falls River, in Strafford County, New Hampshire and York County, Maine. No federal lands are occupied by the project works or located within the project boundary.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's regulations.

h. *Potential Applicant Contact:* Kevin Webb, Enel Green Power North America, Inc., One Tech Drive, Suite 220, Andover, MA 01810; (978) 935-6039; email—[kevin.webb@enel.com](mailto:kevin.webb@enel.com).

i. *FERC Contact:* John Ramer at (202) 502-8969; or email at [john.ramer@ferc.gov](mailto:john.ramer@ferc.gov).

j. Somersworth Hydro Company, Inc. and the City of Somersworth, NH jointly filed a request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on December 19, 2016, and provided public notice of the request on December 22, 2016. In a letter dated March 3, 2017, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved the request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.

k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, part 402; and NOAA Fisheries under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.920. We are also initiating consultation with the (New Hampshire and Maine) State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. With this notice, we are designating Somersworth Hydro Company, Inc. and the City of Somersworth, NH, as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; and consultation pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

m. Somersworth Hydro Company, Inc. and the City of Somersworth, NH, filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

n. A copy of the PAD is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site (<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 paragraph h.

o. The licensee states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a new license for Project No. 4451-019. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.8, 16.9, and 16.10 each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by April 30, 2020.

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

Dated: March 3, 2017.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****Combined Notice of Filings**

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

**Filings Instituting Proceedings**

*Docket Numbers:* RP16-137-011.

*Applicants:* Tallgrass Interstate Gas Transmission, LLC.

*Description:* Tallgrass Interstate Gas Transmission, LLC submits tariff filing per 154.203: Cancellation of Fifth Revised Volume No. 1 to be effective 4/1/2017.

*Filed Date:* 03/01/2017.

*Accession Number:* 20170301-5306.

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, March 13, 2017.

*Docket Numbers:* RP17-510-000.

*Applicants:* WBI Energy Transmission, Inc.

*Description:* WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. submits tariff filing per 154.204: 2017 Non-conforming SA FT-1388 to be effective 4/1/2017.

*Filed Date:* 03/02/2017.

*Accession Number:* 20170302-5004.

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

*Docket Numbers:* RP17-511-000.

*Applicants:* Dauphin Island Gathering Partners.

*Description:* Dauphin Island Gathering Partners submits tariff filing per 154.204: Tariff Sections Update to be effective 4/1/2017.

*Filed Date:* 03/02/2017.

*Accession Number:* 20170302-5005.

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

*Docket Numbers:* RP17-512-000.

*Applicants:* Ruby Pipeline, L.L.C.

*Description:* Ruby Pipeline, L.L.C. submits tariff filing per 154.204: Index Price Update Filing to be effective 4/1/2017.

*Filed Date:* 03/02/2017.

*Accession Number:* 20170302-5006.

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

*Docket Numbers:* RP17-515-000.

*Applicants:* Equitrans, L.P.

*Description:* Equitrans, L.P. submits tariff filing per 154.204: Mountaineer Keystone Name Change to Arsenal Resources to be effective 2/23/2017.

*Filed Date:* 03/02/2017.

*Accession Number:* 20170302-5061.

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

*Docket Numbers:* RP17-516-000.

*Applicants:* Kern River Gas Transmission Company.

*Description:* Kern River Gas Transmission Company submits tariff filing per 154.203: 2017 Stipulation Agreement Compliance Filing to be effective 5/1/2017.

*Filed Date:* 03/02/2017.

*Accession Number:* 20170302-5175.

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

*Docket Numbers:* RP17–517–000.

*Applicants:* National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation.

*Description:* National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation submits tariff filing per 154.204: Amendment to Service Agreement FT #F12205 to be effective 4/1/2017.

*Filed Date:* 03/02/2017.

*Accession Number:* 20170302–5191.

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

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: March 6, 2017.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD17–11–000]

#### State Policies and Wholesale Markets Operated by ISO New England Inc., New York Independent System Operator, Inc., and PJM Interconnection, LLC; Notice of Technical Conference

Take notice that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) staff will hold a technical conference to discuss certain matters affecting wholesale energy and capacity markets operated by the Eastern Regional Transmission Organizations (RTOs) and Independent System Operators (ISOs). The technical conference will take place on May 1, 2017 and May 2, 2017 beginning at approximately 9:00 a.m. and ending at approximately 5:00 p.m. The conference will be held at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,

888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. All interested persons are invited to participate in the conference.

Commission members may participate in the conference.

Competitive wholesale energy and capacity markets bring value to customers by efficiently pricing energy and capacity, taking into account the operational needs and the dynamics of the transmission system, and providing transparent signals for investment and retirement of resources. Over the years, the rules underpinning competitive wholesale markets have evolved to address a myriad of issues while ensuring the reliable delivery and sale of electricity at just and reasonable rates. In recent years, there has been increased interest by state policy makers to pursue policies that prioritize certain resources or resource attributes. Because the wholesale competitive markets, as currently designed, select resources based on principles of operational and economic efficiency without specific regard to resource type, there is an open question of how the competitive wholesale markets, particularly in states or regions that restructured their retail electricity service, can select resources of interest to state policy makers while preserving the benefits of regional markets and economic resource selection.

Commission staff appreciates and has been closely monitoring each of the Eastern RTO's/ISO's stakeholder discussions addressing wholesale markets and state policies.<sup>1</sup> These discussions have generally recognized that alternative market designs could take the form of changes to either the capacity or energy markets. Proposals to change the wholesale energy market have generally focused on valuing various resource attributes, including the value of fuel security or certain environmental costs associated with the production of electric energy. By comparison, proposals to change the capacity market have generally focused on ways to preserve the integrity of the capacity market, while also allowing customers to receive resource adequacy benefits from state supported resources in the capacity market.

Commission staff takes this opportunity to foster further discussion regarding the development of regional

<sup>1</sup> Commission staff is aware that the New England Power Pool Participants Committee and Markets Committee have conducted several meetings on wholesale markets and state public policy issues, and on August 18, 2016, PJM held a meeting to "address public policy goals and market efficiency." Further, NYISO has initiated within its Budget and Priorities Working Group a discussion of integrating public policy in its markets.

solutions in the Eastern RTOs/ISOs that reconcile the competitive market framework with the increasing interest by states to support particular resources or resource attributes. In particular, Commission staff seeks to discuss long-term expectations regarding the relative roles of wholesale markets and state policies in the Eastern RTOs/ISOs in shaping the quantity and composition of resources needed to cost-effectively meet future reliability and operational needs. At one end of the spectrum, state policies would be satisfied through the wholesale energy and capacity markets. At the other end of the spectrum, state policies would be achieved outside of the wholesale markets, and the wholesale markets would be designed to avoid conflict with those state policies. There are numerous alternatives between these two ends of the spectrum. As part of this discussion, Commission staff seeks to understand the pros and cons of the various alternatives in the Eastern RTOs/ISOs. In the end, Commission staff seeks to understand the potential for sustainable wholesale market designs that both preserve the benefits of regional markets and respect state policies.

Supplemental notices will be issued prior to the technical conference with further details regarding the agenda, speakers and organization of the technical conference.

Those wishing to participate in this conference should submit a nomination form online by 5:00 p.m. on March 17, 2017 at: <https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/05-01-17-speaker-form.asp>.

All interested persons may attend the conference, and registration is not required. However, in-person attendees are encouraged to register on-line at: <https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/05-01-17-form.asp>.

The technical conference will be transcribed and there will be a free webcast of the conference. The webcast will allow persons to listen to the technical conference, but not participate. Transcripts will be available immediately for a fee from Ace Reporting Company at (202) 347–3700.

Anyone with Internet access who wants to listen to the conference can do so by navigating to [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)'s Calendar of Events and locating the technical conference in the Calendar. The technical conference will contain a link to its webcast. The Capitol Connection provides technical support for the webcast and offers the option of listening to the meeting via phone-bridge for a fee. If you have any questions, visit