

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This information collection request contains:

(1) OMB No. 1910–5162, Budget Justification;

(2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Budget Justification;

(3) *Type of Request:* Renewal;

(4) *Purpose:* This collection of information is necessary in order for DOE to identify allowable, allocable, and reasonable recipient project costs eligible for Grants and Cooperative Agreements under Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) programs;

(5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 400;

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 400;

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 24 hours, per response;

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* \$940.80 per one time response;

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

*Statutory Authority:* Section 989(a) EPCA 2005 [Merit Review] { 42 U.S.C. 16353(a)}; Section 646 DOE Organization Act [Contracts] {42 U.S.C. 7256(a)}; and 31 U.S.C. 503 (the Chief Financial Officers Act, Functions of the Deputy Director for Management), 31 U.S.C. 1111 (Improving Economy and Efficiency of the United States Government), 41 U.S.C. 1101–1131 (the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act), Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1970, and Executive Order 11541 (“Prescribing the Duties of the Office of Management and Budget and the Domestic Policy Council in the Executive Office of the President”), the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, (31 U.S.C. 7501–7507), as well as The Federal Program Information Act (Pub. L. 95–220 and Pub. L. 98–169, as amended, codified at 31 U.S.C. 6101–6106).

Issued in Golden, CO, on January 8, 2018.

**Derek Passarelli,**

*Director, Golden Field Office, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Golden Field Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Staff Attendance at the Southwest Power Pool Regional Entity Trustee, Regional State Committee, Members' Committee and Board of Directors' Meetings

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) hereby gives notice that members of its staff may attend the meetings of the Southwest Power Pool, Inc. Regional State Committee (RSC), Regional Entity Trustee (RET), Members' Committee and Board of Directors as noted below. Their attendance is part of the Commission's ongoing outreach efforts.

The meetings will be held at the Skirvin Hotel, 1 Park Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73102. The phone number is (405) 272–3040. All meetings are Central Time.

#### SPP RET

January 29, 2018 (8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.)

#### SPP RSC

January 29, 2018 (1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.)

#### SPP Members/Board of Directors

January 30, 2018 (8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.)

The discussions may address matters at issue in the following proceedings:

Docket No. ER12–1179, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER15–1809, *ATX Southwest, LLC*  
 Docket No. ER15–2028, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER15–2115, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER15–2236, *Midwest Power Transmission Arkansas, LLC*  
 Docket No. ER15–2237, *Kanstar Transmission, LLC*  
 Docket No. ER15–2324, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER15–2594, *South Central MCN LLC*  
 Docket No. EL16–91, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. EL18–19, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. EL16–108, *Tilton Energy v. Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.*  
 Docket No. EL16–110, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*

Docket No. ER16–204, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER16–2522, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER16–2523, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. EL17–11, *Alabama Power Co. v. Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. EL17–21, *Kansas Electric Co. v. Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. EL17–86, *Nebraska Public Power District v. Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. EL17–69, *Buffalo Dunes et al. v. Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER17–426, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER17–428, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER17–469, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER17–772, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER17–889, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER17–953, *South Central MCN LLC*  
 Docket No. ER17–1092, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER17–1046, *South Central MCN LLC*  
 Docket No. ER17–1482, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER17–1568, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER17–1575, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER17–2027, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER17–2229, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER17–2256, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER17–2257, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER17–2312, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER17–2388, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER17–2441, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER17–2442, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER17–2523, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER17–2537, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER17–2563, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER17–2583, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER18–171, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER18–194, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER18–195, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER18–208, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*

Docket No. ER18-332, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*

Docket No. ER18-352, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*

Docket No. ER18-364, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*

Docket No. ER18-374, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*

Docket No. ER18-381, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*

Docket No. ER18-401, *Southwestern Public Service Company*

Docket No. ER18-421, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*

Docket No. ER18-478, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*

Docket No. ER18-495, *Southwestern Public Service Co.*

Docket No. ER18-499, *Southwestern Electric Power Company*

Docket No. ER18-500, *Southwestern Electric Power Company*

Docket No. ER18-590, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*

Docket No. ER18-421, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*

Docket No. ER18-594, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*

Docket No. ER18-592, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*

Docket No. ER18-599, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*

Docket No. EL18-9-000, *Xcel Energy Services, Inc. v. Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*

Docket No. EL18-20-000, *Indicated SPP Transmission Owners v. Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*

Docket No. EL18-26, *EDF Renewable Energy, Inc. v. Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., Southwest Power Pool, Inc., and PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*

Docket No. EL18-35, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*

These meetings are open to the public.

For more information, contact Patrick Clarey, Office of Energy Market Regulation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at (317) 249-5937 or [patrick.clarey@ferc.gov](mailto:patrick.clarey@ferc.gov).

Dated: January 12, 2018.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14866-000]

#### Merchant Hydro Developers, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On December 22, 2017, Merchant Hydro Developers, LLC, filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the Preckle Pumped Storage Hydro Project to be located near Duryea Borough in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania and Ransom Township in Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed project would consist of the following: (1) A new upper reservoir with a surface area of 300 acres and a storage capacity of 4,500 acre-feet at a surface elevation of approximately 1,356 feet above mean sea level (msl) created through construction of a new roller-compacted concrete or rock-fill dam; (2) a new lower reservoir with a surface area of 200 acres and a storage capacity of 3,480 acre-feet at a surface elevation of 550 feet msl; (3) two new 5,640-foot-long, 16-foot-diameter penstocks connecting the upper and lower reservoirs; (4) a new 150-foot-long, 250-foot-wide, 50-foot-high powerhouse containing two turbine-generator units with a total rated capacity of 450 megawatts; (5) a new 13,200-foot-long transmission line connecting the powerhouse to the 230/69-kilovolt Stanton substation owned by PPL Electric Utilities; and (6) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an annual generation of 27,594 megawatt-hours.

*Applicant Contact:* Adam Rousselle, Merchant Hydro Developers, LLC, 5710 Oak Crest Drive, Doylestown, PA 18902; phone: 267-254-6107.

*FERC Contact:* Woohee Choi; phone: (202) 502-6336.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of

intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-14866-000.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the eLibrary link of the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-14866) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: January 12, 2018.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER18-634-000]

#### Access Energy Solutions, 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 of Access Energy Solutions, 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