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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Electric Fees, Annual Charges, Waivers, and Exemptions.

*OMB Control No.:* 1902-0132

*Type of Request:* Three-year extension of the FERC-582 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

*Abstract:* The information required by FERC-582 is contained within 18 Code

of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 381<sup>1</sup> and Part 382.<sup>2</sup>

The Commission uses the FERC-582 to implement the statutory provisions of the Independent Offices Appropriation Act of 1952 (IOAA)<sup>3</sup> which authorizes the Commission to establish fees for its services. In addition, the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986 (OBRA)<sup>4</sup> authorizes the Commission to assess and collect fees and annual charges in any fiscal year in amounts equal to all the costs incurred by the Commission in that fiscal year.

To comply with the FERC-582 respondents submit to the Commission the sum of the megawatt-hours (MWh) of all unbundled transmission (including MWh delivered in wheeling transactions and MWh delivered in exchange transactions) and the megawatt-hours of all bundled wholesale power sales (to the extent the bundled wholesale power sales were not separately reported as unbundled transmission). The data collected within the FERC-582 is drawn directly from the FERC Form 1<sup>5</sup> transmission data. The Commission sums the costs of its electric regulatory program and

subtracts all electric regulatory program filing fee collections to determine the total collectible electric regulatory program costs. Then, the Commission uses the data submitted under FERC-582 to determine the total megawatt-hours of transmission of electric energy in interstate commerce.

Respondents (e.g. public utilities, power marketers) subject to these annual charges must submit FERC-582 data to the Commission by April 30 of each year.<sup>6</sup> The Commission issues bills for annual charges to respondents. Then, respondents must pay the charges within 45 days of the Commission's issuance of the bill.

Respondents file requests for waivers and exemptions of fees and charges<sup>7</sup> based on need. The Commission's staff uses the filer's financial information to evaluate the request for a waiver or exemption of the obligation to pay a fee or an annual charge.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*<sup>8</sup> The Commission estimates the total Public Reporting Burden for this information collection as:

**FERC-82—ELECTRIC FEES; ANNUAL CHARGES; WAIVERS; AND EXEMPTIONS**

	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden cost per response	Total annual burden hours & total annual	Cost per respondent
	(1)	(2)	(1) × (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) / (1) = (5)
FERC-582 <sup>9</sup> .....	67	1	67	1 hour; \$76.50 .....	67 hours; \$5,125.50 ..	\$76.50

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$5,125.50 [67 hours \* \$76.50/hour<sup>10</sup> = \$5,125.50]

*Comments:* Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those

who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: February 2, 2018.

**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:* EC18-51-000.

*Applicants:* MDU Resources Group, Inc.

*Description:* Application for Authorization Under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

*Filed Date:* 1/31/18.

<sup>1</sup> Title 18 CFR, Sections 381.105, 381.106, 381.108, 381.302, and 381.305.

<sup>2</sup> Title 18 CFR, Sections 382.102, 382.103, 382.105, 382.106, and 382.201.

<sup>3</sup> 31 U.S.C. 9701.

<sup>4</sup> 42 U.S.C. 7178.

<sup>5</sup> Annual Report of Major Electric Utility (OMB Control No. 1902-0021).

<sup>6</sup> 18 CFR 382.201.

<sup>7</sup> 18 CFR 381 and 382.

<sup>8</sup> Burden is defined as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. For further explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, refer to 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

<sup>9</sup> Includes requirements of 18 CFR Part 381.105 (methods of payment), Part 381.106 (waiver), Part

381.108 (exemption), Part 381.302 (declaratory order), Part 381.303 (review of DOE remedial order), Part 381.304 (DOE denial of adjustment, and Part 381.305 (OGC interpretation).

<sup>10</sup> The Commission staff thinks that the average respondent for this collection is similarly situated to the Commission, in terms of salary plus benefits. Based upon FERC's 2017 annual average of \$158,754 (for salary plus benefits), the average hourly cost is \$76.50/hour.

*Accession Number:* 20180131–5295.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/21/18.

Take notice that the Commission received the following exempt wholesale generator filings:

*Docket Numbers:* EG18–40–000.

*Applicants:* Upstream Wind Energy LLC.

*Description:* Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status of Upstream Wind Energy LLC.

*Filed Date:* 2/2/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180202–5044.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/23/18.

*Docket Numbers:* EG18–41–000.

*Applicants:* New Mexico Wind, LLC.  
*Description:* Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status of New Mexico Wind, LLC.

*Filed Date:* 2/2/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180202–5054.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/23/18.

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

*Docket Numbers:* ER18–752–001.

*Applicants:* Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC.

*Description:* Tariff Amendment: Amendments to CEPICI NITSA (SA No. 447) and Meter Agreement (SA No. 448) to be effective 1/1/2018.

*Filed Date:* 2/2/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180202–5021.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/23/18.

*Docket Numbers:* ER18–780–000.

*Applicants:* Southern California Edison Company.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Notices of Cancellation of GIAs & Service Agreements SunEdison LLC to be effective 4/4/2018.

*Filed Date:* 2/2/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180202–5001.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/23/18.

*Docket Numbers:* ER18–781–000.

*Applicants:* Southern California Edison Company.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Amended LGIA RE Gaskell West, RE Gaskell West 1, RE Gaskell West 2, SA No. 184 to be effective 2/3/2018.

*Filed Date:* 2/2/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180202–5002.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/23/18.

*Docket Numbers:* ER18–782–000.

*Applicants:* American Transmission Systems, Incorporated, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: ATSI submits Revised Interconnection Agreement No. 3994 to be effective 4/4/2018.

*Filed Date:* 2/2/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180202–5020.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/23/18.

*Docket Numbers:* ER18–783–000.

*Applicants:* MISO Transmission Owners.

*Description:* Expedited Petition of the certain MISO Transmission Owners for Waiver of Tariff Provisions and Shortened Answer Date.

*Filed Date:* 2/1/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180201–5136.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/22/18.

*Docket Numbers:* ER18–784–000.

*Applicants:* Upstream Wind Energy LLC.

*Description:* Baseline eTariff Filing: Application for Market-Based Rate Authorization to be effective 4/4/2018.

*Filed Date:* 2/2/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180202–5022.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/23/18.

*Docket Numbers:* ER18–784–001.

*Applicants:* Upstream Wind Energy LLC.

*Description:* Tariff Amendment: Supplement to Application for Market-Based Rate Authorization to be effective 4/4/2018.

*Filed Date:* 2/2/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180202–5060.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/23/18.

*Docket Numbers:* ER18–785–000.

*Applicants:* Public Service Company of New Hampshire.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Large Interconnection Agreement with GSP Newington Station to be effective 1/10/2018.

*Filed Date:* 2/2/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180202–5070.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/23/18.

*Docket Numbers:* ER18–786–000.

*Applicants:* Public Service Company of New Hampshire.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Large Interconnection Agreement with GSP White Lake to be effective 1/10/2018.

*Filed Date:* 2/2/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180202–5072.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/23/18.

*Docket Numbers:* ER18–787–000.

*Applicants:* Public Service Company of New Hampshire.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Small Interconnection Agreement with GSP Lost Nation to be effective 1/10/2018.

*Filed Date:* 2/2/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180202–5074.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/23/18.

*Docket Numbers:* ER18–788–000.

*Applicants:* Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., Consumers Energy Company.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2018–02–02 Consumers Attachment O Filing re Settlement in ER16–1188; ER17–1655 to be effective 3/31/2018.

*Filed Date:* 2/2/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180202–5085.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/23/18.

*Docket Numbers:* ER18–789–000.

*Applicants:* PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

*Description:* Tariff Cancellation: Notice of Cancellation of WMPA No. 4822; Queue AC1–019 to be effective 3/23/2018.

*Filed Date:* 2/2/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180202–5086.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/23/18.

*Docket Numbers:* ER18–790–000.

*Applicants:* Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2–2–18 Unexecuted Agreement, City and County of San Francisco WDT (SA 27 to be effective 2/3/2018).

*Filed Date:* 2/2/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180202–5120.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/23/18.

*Docket Numbers:* ER18–791–000.

*Applicants:* Massachusetts Electric Company.

*Description:* Tariff Cancellation: Notice of Cancellation of Service Agmt IA–MECO–31–01 & Notice Waiver Request to be effective 12/21/2016.

*Filed Date:* 2/2/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180202–5123.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/23/18.

Take notice that the Commission received the following public utility holding company filings:

*Docket Numbers:* PH18–5–000.

*Applicants:* Cross & Company, PLLC.

*Description:* GEP Bison Holdings, Inc. submits FERC 65–A Exemption Notification.

*Filed Date:* 2/1/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180201–5154.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/22/18.

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 2, 2018.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP18-37-000; CP18-38-000]

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Sierrita Gas Pipeline LLC Sierrita Compressor Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Sierrita Compressor Expansion Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Sierrita Gas Pipeline LLC (Sierrita) in Pima County, Arizona. The Commission will use this EA in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the EA. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please send your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before March 5, 2018.

If you sent comments on this project to the Commission before the opening of this docket on December 21, 2017, you will need to file those comments in Docket No. CP18-37-000 to ensure they are considered as part of this proceeding.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives should notify their constituents of this proposed project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, a pipeline company representative may contact you about

the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the Commission approves the project, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings where compensation would be determined in accordance with state law.

Sierrita provided landowners with a fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is also available for viewing on the FERC website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)).

#### Public Participation

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded.

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the *eComment* feature on the Commission's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to *Documents and Filings*. This is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can file your comments electronically by using the *eFiling* feature on the Commission's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to *Documents and Filings*. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on *eRegister*. If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select "Comment on a Filing" as the filing type; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address. Be sure to reference the project docket number (CP18-37-000) with your submission: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

#### Summary of the Proposed Project

Sierrita proposes to construct and operate new natural gas compression,

metering, and pipeline facilities on its existing Line No. 2177 in Pima County, Arizona. Sierrita is also requesting approval to amend its existing Natural Gas Act Section 3 authorization and Presidential Permit for the project's increased capacity. Specifically, the project would increase Sierrita's authorized capacity of its existing international border crossing near Sasabe, Arizona from approximately 200,846 Dekatherms per day to 631,389 Dekatherms per day (627,000,000 cubic feet per day).

The Sierrita Compressor Expansion Project would consist of the following facilities, all in Pima County:

- One new 15,900 horsepower compressor station (Sierrita Compressor Station);
- suction and discharge piping and various station yard auxiliary facilities to connect the Sierrita Compressor Station with Line No. 2177;
- one new 10-inch Ultrasonic meter at the existing San Joaquin Meter Station on Line No. 2177; and
- the relocation of the existing "Mainline Valve 2" and an associated inspection tool launcher and receiver from milepost 1.2 to milepost 6.5 on Line No. 2177.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.<sup>1</sup>

#### Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would disturb about 18.7 acres of land for the aboveground and auxiliary facilities. Following construction, Sierrita would maintain about 15.7 acres for permanent operation of the compressor station including station piping and auxiliary facilities, and about 1.1 acres for operation of the mainline valve. The remaining acreage would be restored and revert to former uses.

#### The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us<sup>2</sup> to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. This

<sup>1</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice will not appear in the **Federal Register**. Copies of appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) using the link called eLibrary or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice.

<sup>2</sup> We, us, and our refer to the environmental staff of the Commission's Office of Energy Projects.