

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: OATT—Revise Tax Rate & Attachment K, AEPTX Rate Update to be effective 12/31/9998.

Filed Date: 3/5/18.

Accession Number: 20180305–5007.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 3/26/18.

Docket Numbers: ER18–955–000.

Applicants: NorthWestern Corporation.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: SA 642 6th Rev—NITSA with General Mills Operations LLC to be effective 5/1/2018.

Filed Date: 3/5/18.

Accession Number: 20180305–5008.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 3/26/18.

Docket Numbers: ER18–956–000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Amendment to ISA SA No. 4525; Queue No. Z2–089/AA2–099 (Consent to Assign) to be effective 8/8/2016.

Filed Date: 3/5/18.

Accession Number: 20180305–5017.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 3/26/18.

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: March 5, 2018.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP18–89–000]

Empire Pipeline, Inc.; Notice of Application

Take notice that on February 16, 2018, Empire Pipeline, Inc. (Empire), 6363 Main Street, Williamsville, New York 14221, filed an application in Docket

No. CP18–89–000 an application pursuant to sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for its Empire North Project. Specifically, Empire proposes to: (i) Construct a new 21,068 horsepower (hp) compressor station in Tioga County, Pennsylvania; (ii) construct a new 32,000 hp compressor station in Ontario County, New York; (iii) modify its New Victor Regulator Station in Ontario County, New York; (iv) modify its Jackson Meter and Regulator Station in Tioga County, Pennsylvania; (v) abandon by removal certain related facilities; and (vi) uprate the maximum allowable operating pressure of the Empire Connector Pipeline. Empire states that the project will provide 205,000 dekatherms per day of firm transportation service. Empire estimates the cost of the project to be approximately \$142,390,912, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website at <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 at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (886) 208–3676 or TTY, (202) 502–8659.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Margaret M. Duggan, Attorney, Empire Pipeline, Inc., 6363 Main Street, Williamsville, New York 14221, or by telephone at (716) 857–7066.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's EA.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of

this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit seven copies of filings made in the proceeding with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commentators will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commentators will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentators will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, 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 7 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 16, 2018.

Dated: March 5, 2018.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Pacific Northwest-Pacific Southwest Intertie Project—Rate Order No. WAPA-181

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of proposed extension of transmission service rates.

SUMMARY: The Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) proposes to extend the existing Pacific Northwest-Pacific Southwest Intertie Project transmission service rates through September 30, 2020. The existing Rate Schedules INT-FT5 and INT-NFT4 expire April 30, 2018.

DATES: A consultation and comment period starts with the publication of this notice and will end on April 9, 2018. WAPA will accept written comments any time during the consultation and comment period.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to: Mr. Ronald E. Moulton, Regional Manager, Desert Southwest Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005-6457, or email moulton@wapa.gov. WAPA will post information about the proposed transmission service rate extension and written comments received on its website at <https://www.wapa.gov/regions/DSW/Rates/Pages/intertie-rates.aspx>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Tina Ramsey, Rates Manager, Desert Southwest Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005-6457, (602) 605-2565, or email ramsey@wapa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Rate Schedules INT-FT5 and INT-NFT4 for Rate Order No. WAPA-157 were approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for a 5-

year period through April 30, 2018.¹ The existing rates provide sufficient revenue to pay all annual costs, including interest expense, and repay required investment within the allowable period consistent with the cost recovery criteria set forth in DOE Order RA 6120.2. In accordance with 10 CFR part 903.23(a), WAPA is proposing to extend the existing rates under Rate Schedules INT-FT5 and INT-NFT4 for the period from May 1, 2018 through September 30, 2020. Extending these rate schedules through September 30, 2020 will provide WAPA and its customers time to evaluate the potential benefits of combining transmission service rates on Federal transmission projects in the Desert Southwest Region.

By Delegation Order No. 00-037.00B, effective November 19, 2016, the Secretary of Energy delegated: (1) The authority to develop power and transmission rates to WAPA's Administrator; (2) the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Deputy Secretary of Energy; and (3) the authority to confirm, approve, and place into effect on a final basis, to remand or to disapprove such rates to FERC.

In accordance with 10 CFR 903.23(a)(2), WAPA will not hold public information or public comment forums but is providing a 30-day consultation and comment period to receive comments on the proposed rate extension. Comments must be received by the end of the consultation and comment period to be considered by WAPA in its decision process. WAPA will post comments received to its website, <https://www.wapa.gov/regions/DSW/Rates/Pages/intertie-rates.aspx>. After considering public comments, WAPA will take further action on the proposed rate extension consistent with 10 CFR 903.23(a).

Dated: January 25, 2018.

Mark A. Gabriel,

Administrator.

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¹ FERC confirmed and approved Rate Order No. WAPA-157 on August 22, 2013, in Docket No. EF13-4-000. See *Order Confirming and Approving Rate Schedules on a Final Basis*, 144 FERC ¶ 61,143.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0756; FRL-9972-86]

Pesticide Experimental Use Permit; Receipt of Application; Comment Request

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces EPA's receipt of an application 93167-EUP-R from Oxitec Ltd. requesting an experimental use permit (EUP) for the OX513A *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes expressing tetracycline Trans-Activator Variant (tTAV) protein. The Agency has determined that the permit may be of regional and national significance. Therefore, because of the potential significance, EPA is seeking comments on this application.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 9, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0756, by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

- *Mail:* OPP Docket, Environmental Protection Agency Docket Center (EPA/DC), (28221T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001.

- *Hand Delivery:* To make special arrangements for hand delivery or delivery of boxed information, please follow the instructions at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets/contacts.html>.

Additional instructions on commenting or visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert McNally, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001; main telephone number: (703) 305-7090; email address: BPPDFRNotices@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this action apply to me?

This action is directed to the public in general. Although this action may be