

- “Increased exports of natural gas will improve the U.S. balance of trade and result in a wealth transfer into the United States.”²⁶⁶

- “Overall [U.S.] GDP improves as LNG exports increase for all scenarios with the same U.S. natural gas supply condition.”²⁶⁷

- “There is no support for the concern that LNG exports would come at the expense of domestic natural gas consumption.”²⁶⁸

- “[A] large share of the increase in LNG exports is supported by an increase in domestic natural gas production.”²⁶⁹

- “Natural gas intensive [industries] continue to grow robustly at higher levels of LNG exports, albeit at slightly lower rates of increase than they would at lower levels.”²⁷⁰

We have evaluated the public comments submitted in response to the 2018 Study. None of the eight comments opposing the 2018 Study have provided sufficient evidence to rebut or otherwise undermine these findings.

Specifically, the opposing comments criticize aspects of the models, assumptions, and design of the 2018 Study. As discussed above, however, EIA’s most recent projections in AEO 2018 continue to show market conditions that will accommodate increased exports of natural gas. When compared to prior AEO Reference cases (including AEO 2017’s Reference case used in the 2018 Study), the AEO 2018 Reference case projects increases in domestic natural gas production—well in excess of what is required to meet projected increases in domestic consumption. Accordingly, DOE/FE finds that the 2018 LNG Export Study is fundamentally sound and supports the proposition that exports of LNG from the lower-48 states, in volumes up to and including 52.8 Bcf/d of natural gas, will not be inconsistent with the public interest.²⁷¹

As stated above, DOE will consider each application as required under the NGA and NEPA based on the administrative record compiled in each individual proceeding.

Signed in Washington, DC, on December 20, 2018.

Steven E. Winberg,

Assistant Secretary, Office of Fossil Energy.

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²⁶⁶ *Id.* at 64.

²⁶⁷ *Id.* at 67.

²⁶⁸ *Id.* at 77.

²⁶⁹ *Id.* at 77.

²⁷⁰ *Id.* at 70.

²⁷¹ 2018 LNG Export Study at 63 & Appx F.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL19–16–000]

Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC; Notice of Institution of Section 206 Proceeding and Refund Effective Date

On December 20, 2018, the Commission issued an order in Docket No. EL19–16–000, pursuant to section 206 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 824e (2012), instituting an investigation into whether the transmission formula rate of Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC may be unjust, unreasonable, or unduly discriminatory or preferential. *Int’l Transmission Co., et al.*, 165 FERC 61,236 (2018).

The refund effective date in Docket No. EL19–16–000, established pursuant to section 206(b) of the FPA, will be the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Any interested person desiring to be heard in Docket No. EL19–16–000 must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate, with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.214, within 21 days of the date of issuance of the order.

Dated: December 20, 2018.

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: ER10–1276–008; ER10–1287–007; ER10–1292–007; ER10–1303–007; ER10–1319–009; ER10–1353–009.

Applicants: Consumers Energy Company, CMS Energy Resource Management Company, Grayling Generating Station Limited Partnership, Genesee Power Station Limited Partnership, CMS Generation Michigan Power, LLC, Dearborn Industrial Generation, L.L.C.

Description: Supplement to May 31, 2018 Notice of Non-Material Change-In-

Status of Consumer Energy Company, et al.

Filed Date: 12/20/18.

Accession Number: 20181220–5208.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/10/19.

Docket Numbers: ER10–2390–004.

Applicants: Bicent (California)

Malburg LLC.

Description: Updated Market Power Analysis for the Southwest Region of Bicent (California) Malburg LLC.

Filed Date: 12/20/18.

Accession Number: 20181220–5190.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 2/19/19.

Docket Numbers: ER12–1946–012; ER10–1333–012; ER13–2387–006; ER15–190–009; ER17–543–006; ER18–1343 003.

Applicants: Duke Energy Beckjord, LLC, Duke Energy Florida, LLC, Duke Energy Commercial Enterprises, Inc., Duke Energy Renewable Services, LLC, Duke Energy SAM, LLC, Carolina Solar Power, LLC.

Description: Notice of Change in Status of the Duke MBR Sellers.

Filed Date: 12/20/18.

Accession Number: 20181220–5192.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/10/19.

Docket Numbers: ER18–920–001.

Applicants: Marco DM Holdings, L.L.C.

Description: Triennial Market Power Update for the Southwest Power Pool Region of Marco DM Holdings, L.L.C.

Filed Date: 12/20/18.

Accession Number: 20181220–5218.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 2/19/19.

Docket Numbers: ER18–1646–001.

Applicants: Electric Energy, Inc.

Description: eTariff filing per 1450: Amended Show Cause Response to be effective 3/21/2018.

Filed Date: 12/20/18.

Accession Number: 20181220–5125.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/10/19.

Docket Numbers: ER19–132–001.

Applicants: Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, New York Independent System Operator, Inc.

Description: Compliance filing: NMPC Compliance: Depreciation Rates to be effective 4/1/2018.

Filed Date: 12/20/18.

Accession Number: 20181220–5127.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/10/19.

Docket Numbers: ER19–329–001.

Applicants: AEP Texas Inc.

Description: Tariff Amendment: AEPTX-Shakes Solar Interconnection Agreement First Amend & Restated to be effective 12/14/2018.

Filed Date: 12/20/18.

Accession Number: 20181220–5106.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/10/19.

Docket Numbers: ER19–627–000.

Applicants: Florida Power & Light Company.