### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

#### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER19-2373-000]

# Ashtabula Wind I, 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 Ashtabula Wind I, 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 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is July 31, 2019.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at *http:// www.ferc.gov.* To facilitate electronic service, persons with internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above-referenced proceeding are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available for electronic review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the website that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.* or call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Dated: July 10, 2019. Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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# DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Western Area Power Administration

# Provo River Project—Rate Order No. WAPA–189

**AGENCY:** Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed Provo River Project firm power formula rate.

**SUMMARY:** Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) proposes a 5year Provo River Project (PRP) Firm Power Formula Rate through March 31, 2025, which is unchanged from the existing formula rate in Rate Schedule PR-1 that expires on March 31, 2020. This is considered a minor rate adjustment since the installed capacity for the project is only 5,000 kilowatts and therefore below the 20,000 kilowatt threshold that would make it a major rate adjustment.

**DATES:** A consultation and comment period will begin July 17, 2019 and end August 16, 2019. WAPA will accept written comments at any time during the consultation and comment period. **ADDRESSES:** Written comments and requests to be informed of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) actions concerning the proposed formula rate submitted by WAPA to FERC for approval should be sent to: Steven Johnson, CRSP Manager, Colorado River Storage Project Management Center, Western Area Power Administration, 299 South Main Street, Suite 200, Salt Lake City, UT 84111, (970) 252-3000, email: CRSPMCrate-adj@wapa.gov. WAPA will post information about the proposed formula rate and the written comments received to its website at: https://www.wapa.gov/ regions/CRSP/rates/Pages/rates.aspx.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Thomas Hackett, Rates Manager, Colorado River Storage Project Management Center, Western Area Power Administration, (801) 524–5503, or email: *CRSPMC-rate-adj@wapa.gov.* 

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Deer Creek Dam, Reservoir, and Power Plant are components of the Deer Creek Division of the PRP, located on the Provo River in Utah. The marketing plan

for the PRP was published in the Federal Register on November 21, 1994.<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the marketing plan, WAPA markets the output of the PRP to the Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems, Utah Municipal Power Agency, and Heber Light and Power (Customers). WAPA provides electric service to the Customers under contracts that will expire September 30, 2024.<sup>2</sup> WAPA intends to execute new contracts and a new marketing plan to be effective October 1, 2024; however, these will be done in a separate public rate process and are not expected to impact this rate action. The Customers receive all marketable power generation from the PRP and pay the annual revenue requirement in 12 monthly-installment payments based on the estimated operation, maintenance, interest, and replacement costs for the Deer Creek Power Plant. The payments do not depend upon the power and energy made available for sale each year. A reconciliation of estimates to actual expenses is accomplished at the end of the fiscal year, and any differences are included in the following fiscal year's revenue requirement.

On November 2, 2010, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) confirmed, approved, and placed into effect Rate Order No. WAPA–149 for a 5-year period through March 31, 2015. Subsequently, WAPA–165 extended the formula rate for another 5-year period through March 31, 2020.<sup>3</sup> The existing formula rate provides sufficient revenue to recover annual expenses, interest, and capital replacements within the cost recovery criteria set forth in Department of Energy (DOE) Order RA 6120.2.

### Legal Authority

The proposed action is a minor rate adjustment, as defined by 10 CFR 903.2(f). In accordance with 10 CFR 903.15(a) and 10 CFR 903.16(a), WAPA has determined it is not necessary to hold public information and public comment forums for this rate action. Nonetheless, WAPA is initiating a 30day consultation and comment period to give the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed formula rate. WAPA will review and consider all timely public comments at the conclusion of the consultation and comment period and make amendments

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 59 FR 60,007.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> WAPA Contract Nos. 94–SLC–0254 (Dec. 22, 1994), 94–SLC–0253 (Jan. 19, 1995), and 07–SLC–0601 (Mar. 28, 2007).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>FERC approved consecutive 5-year rate extensions of the same formula rate in Docket Nos. EF15–5–000 (133 FERC ¶ 62,112) and EF15–6–000 (151 FERC ¶ 62,223), extending the rate through March 31, 2020.