

• Form EIA-930 *Balancing Authority Operations Report* collects a comprehensive set of the current day's system demand data on an hourly basis and the prior day's basic hourly electric system operating data on a daily basis. The data provide a basic measure of the current status of electric systems in the United States and can be used to compare actual system demand with the day-ahead forecast, thereby providing a measure of the accuracy of the forecasting used to commit resources. In addition, the data can be used to address smart grid related issues such as integrating wind and solar generation, improving the coordination of natural gas and electric short-term operations and expanding the use of demand response, storage, and electric vehicles in electric systems operations.

(4a) *Changes to Information Collection:*

Form EIA-411

EIA is discontinuing Form EIA-411.

(5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 19,789:

Form EIA-63B has 55 respondents;

Form EIA-860 has 4,757 respondents;

Form EIA-860M has 312 respondents;

Form EIA-861 has 1,675 respondents;

Form EIA-861S has 1,730 respondents;

Form EIA-861M has 620 respondents;

Form EIA-923 has 10,575 respondents;

Form EIA-930 has 65 respondents.

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 75,206.

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 170,041 hours.

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* \$13,351,619 (170,041 burden hours times \$78.52 per hour). EIA estimates that there are no additional costs to respondents associated with the surveys other than the costs associated with the burden hours.

Statutory Authority: 15 U.S.C. 772(b) and 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*

Signed in Washington, DC, on December 17, 2019.

Nanda Srinivasan,

Director, Office of Statistical Methods and Research, U.S. Energy Information Administration.

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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 rate filings:

Docket Numbers: ER19-456-003.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: Compliance filing; Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative Formula Rate Compliance Filing to be effective 2/1/2019.

Filed Date: 12/26/19.

Accession Number: 20191226-5028.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/16/20.

Docket Numbers: ER20-683-000.

Applicants: Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing; Tri-State Wholesale Electric Service Contracts to be effective 3/20/2020.

Filed Date: 12/26/19.

Accession Number: 20191226-5000.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/16/20.

Docket Numbers: ER20-684-000.

Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing; 2019-12-26 SA 3176 NSP-NSP 1st Rev GIA (J460) to be effective 12/10/2019.

Filed Date: 12/26/19.

Accession Number: 20191226-5033.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/16/20.

Docket Numbers: ER20-685-000.

Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing; 2019-12-26 SA 1634 ITC Midwest-Jeffers Wind 20 2nd Rev GIA (G442) to be effective 12/11/2019.

Filed Date: 12/26/19.

Accession Number: 20191226-5112.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/16/20.

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: December 26, 2019.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Records Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(b), of the receipt of prohibited and exempt off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive a prohibited or exempt off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested proceeding, to deliver to the Secretary of the Commission, a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication.

Prohibited communications are included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not a part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become a part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such a request only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication shall serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications are included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of off-the-record communications recently

received by the Secretary of the Commission. The communications listed are grouped by docket numbers in ascending order. These filings are available for electronic 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, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Docket No.	File date	Presenter or requester
Prohibited: CP18-46-000	12-11-19	Industrial Energy Consumers of America.
Exempt:		
1. CP19-494-000	12-3-2019	FERC Staff. ¹
2. CP16-9-000	12-11-2019	U.S. Congress. ²
3. P-2232-759	12-11-2019	U.S. Congressman Mark R. Meadows.
4. CP16-9-000	12-16-2019	U.S. Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy, III.

¹ Telephone Memorandum on December 3, 2019 with Nicholas Haus (FERC third party contractor with Merjent, Inc.) and Allen Swab Officer of Town of Hegin's Zoning.

² U.S. Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy, III and U.S. Congressman Stephen F. Lynch.

Dated: December 26, 2019.
Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP20-28-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

Take notice that on December 17, 2019, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia), 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 700, Houston, Texas 77002-2700, filed in Docket No. CP20-28-000 a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.203, 157.205, 157.208, and 157.216 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Columbia's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-76-000. Columbia is requesting authorization to relocate and/or abandon segments of Columbia's existing Line SM-116 due to highwall and area surface mining to be performed by Central Appalachian Mining on their Millseat Surface Mine (Line SM-116 Forced Relocation Project or Project). The relocation and/or abandonment activities will take place in Mingo County, West Virginia. Columbia states that the new Project infrastructure will have an equivalent designed delivery capacity as the facilities being abandoned and will not result in a reduction or abandonment of service. Columbia estimates the cost of the Project to be \$23.2 million, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov>

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, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Sorana Linder, Director, Modernization & Certificates, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC, 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 700, Houston, Texas 77002-2700, by telephone at (832) 320-5209, or by email at sorana_linder@tcenergy.com.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 60 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to section 157.205 of the regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205), a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

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.

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 commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list and will be notified of any meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters, will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or 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 seven copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

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Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.
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