

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of DOE, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of DOE's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

This information collection request contains: (1) *OMB No.:* 1910-5175; (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) Environmental Questionnaire; (3) *Type of Request:* Extension, with changes; (4) *Purpose:* The DOE's EERE provides federal funding through federal assistance programs to businesses, industries, universities, and other groups for renewable energy and energy efficiency research and development and demonstration projects. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) requires that an environmental analysis be completed for all major federal actions significantly affecting the environment including projects entirely or partly financed by federal agencies. To effectively perform environmental analyses for these projects, the DOE's EERE needs to collect project-specific information from federal financial assistance awardees. DOE's EERE has developed its Environmental Questionnaire to obtain the required information and ensure that its decision-making processes are consistent with NEPA as it relates to renewable energy and energy efficiency research and development and demonstration projects. Minor changes have been made to the Environmental Questionnaire that help to clarify certain questions, but do not change the meaning of the questions being asked. The average hours per response and annual estimated number of burden hours have increased due to the increase in complexity of the projects being selected by EERE in order to meet mission needs. The average hours per response have increased from one hour to one and one half hours. The annual estimated number of burden hours increased from 300 to 450. (5) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 300; (6) *Average Hours per Response:*

1.5; and (7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 450; (8) There is no cost associated with reporting and recordkeeping.

Statutory Authority: National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*).

Signed in Golden, CO on March 31, 2020.

Derek Passarelli,

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2221-039]

Empire District Electric Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed an application submitted by Empire District Electric Company (licensee) to allow the City of Branson, Missouri, the use of Ozark Beach Hydroelectric Project No. 2221, to use project lands and waters for municipal water supply. The Ozark Beach Hydroelectric Project is located on the White River in Taney County, Missouri and partially utilizes federal lands administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps).

An Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared as part of Commission staff's review of the proposal. In the application, the licensee proposes to grant the City of Branson, Missouri permission to continue operating two existing raw water intake facilities (facilities) on Lake Taneycomo, the project's storage reservoir; and, increase the withdrawal from one of the two facilities by 5.0 million gallons per day (mgd). Approval of the licensee's request would authorize the total combined withdrawal of 11.2 mgd from the reservoir. This EA contains Commission staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the continued operation of the existing facilities and the proposed increase in water withdrawal volume, and concludes that approval of the proposal would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number (P-2221) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208-3372 or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

For further information, contact Robert Ballantine at (202) 502-6289 or by email at robert.ballantine@ferc.gov.

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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 rate filings:

Docket Numbers: ER19-1651-001.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: Compliance filing: Compliance Filing re Rev to OATT for Regulation Market Settlement Agreement to be effective 7/1/2020.

Filed Date: 4/7/20.

Accession Number: 20200407-5109.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/28/20.

Docket Numbers: ER20-741-000.

Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., Ameren Illinois Company.

Description: Report Filing: 2020-04-07_SA 3224 Ameren Illinois-Bishop Hill FSA Refund Report to be effective N/A.

Filed Date: 4/7/20.

Accession Number: 20200407-5139.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/28/20.

Docket Numbers: ER20-1504-000.

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

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Service Agreement No. 724 between Tri-State and Buffalo Bluff to be effective 3/9/2020.

Filed Date: 4/7/20.

Accession Number: 20200407-5052.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/28/20.

Docket Numbers: ER20-1505-000.

Applicants: Basin Electric Power Cooperative.

Description: Baseline eTariff Filing: Application of Basin Electric For Limited Market-Based Rate Authority to be effective 4/7/2020.

Filed Date: 4/7/20.