

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) invites public comment on a proposed collection of information that DOE is developing for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before March 1, 2024. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, please advise the DOE Desk Officer at OMB of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 395-4718.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Aisha Miranda Rivera, Department of Energy, Grid Deployment Office, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Suite 4H-065, Washington, DC 20585; (240) 429-5213; aisha.miranda-rivera@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the extended collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’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.:* 1910-5200;
- (2) *Information Collection Request Titled:* Puerto Rico Energy Resiliency Fund (PR-ERF), Household Intake Form;
- (3) *Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.
- (4) *Purpose:* To authorize the use of the ‘Household Intake Form’ to collect homeowner data necessary to qualify households as eligible to receive rooftop

solar and battery storage installations as prescribed under the DOE Grid Deployment Office’s (GDO) PR-ERF. Eligibility is limited to very low-income, single-family households that (1) reside in a Last Mile Community and/or (2) include an individual with an energy-dependent disability.

The PR-ERF, a \$1 billion initiative authorized by Congress under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, Public Law 117-328, will incentivize the installation of rooftop solar and battery storage technologies for eligible households.

GDO plans to initiate installations of solar PV and battery storage systems before the 2024 hurricane season to address the harm and risk represented by the fragility of the islands’ power system. Failure to collect the information necessary to verify eligibility in a timely manner will cause delays in providing assistance necessary to reestablish the reliability of electric service to these vulnerable residents. This narrow scope in purpose necessitates the need for a diligent verification process to demonstrate to Congress, Senior Leadership, and the public that this specific demographic has been served. GDO developed an in-person application process recognizing that the demographic served will lack access to broadband and have limited mobility but that it is essential to program operation to verify beneficiary eligibility for participation in the program.

(5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 40,160;

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 80,000;

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 56,800;

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* \$845,520;

Statutory Authority: The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, Public Law 117-328, directs the Department of Energy to improve the resilience of the Puerto Rican electric grid, including grants for low-and-moderate-income households and households that include individuals with disabilities for the purchase and installation of renewable energy, energy storage, and other grid technologies.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on January 22, 2024, by Maria D. Robinson, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal

Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on January 26, 2024.

Treena V. Garrett,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project Nos. 20-117; 703-001]

PacifiCorp; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On March 16, 2023, PacifiCorp filed an application for a non-capacity amendment for the Bear River Hydroelectric Project No. 20 and an application for surrender of the conduit exemption for the Paris Hydroelectric Project No. 703. The Bear River Project is located on Bear River in Franklin and Caribou counties, Idaho, and occupies Federal lands administered by the U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Bureau of Land Management. The Paris Project is located on Paris Creek in Bear Lake County, Idaho, and does not occupy Federal lands.

PacifiCorp’s proposal to surrender the Paris Project conduit exemption (P-703) is part of a larger habitat restoration effort proposed by PacifiCorp and the parties to a relicensing settlement agreement for PacifiCorp’s Bear River Hydroelectric Project (P-20). PacifiCorp proposes to decommission the Paris Project and stop the diversion of water from Paris Creek into the irrigation canal that serves the Paris Project. After decommissioning and surrender, flows currently diverted through the canal would be returned to Paris Creek for the enhancement and restoration of approximately 3.5 miles of cold-water habitat for Bonneville Cutthroat Trout in the currently bypassed reach of Paris Creek. To partially mitigate the cost of the proposed decommissioning of the Paris Project, PacifiCorp proposes to amend the license for the Bear River Project to reduce the minimum instream flow requirement in the Grace Development’s bypassed reach. This reduction in required minimum instream flow would allow PacifiCorp to

increase hydroelectric generation at the Grace Development to offset lost generation associated with the Paris Project decommissioning. A Notice of Amendment and Surrender Applications Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protests was issued on July 21, 2023. The State of Idaho filed comments and a motion to intervene.

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed action. The planned schedule for the completion of the EA is May 2024.¹ Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate. The EA will be issued and made available for review by all interested parties. All comments filed on the EA will be reviewed by staff and considered in the Commission's final decision on the proceeding.

With this notice, the Commission is inviting Federal, State, local, and Tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues affected by the proposal to cooperate in the preparation of the EA planned to be issued May 2024. Agencies wishing to cooperate, or further discuss the benefits, responsibilities, and obligations of the cooperating agency role, should contact staff listed at the bottom of this notice by February 14, 2024. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of any environmental document cannot also intervene. See 94 FEREC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

The Commission's Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, environmental justice communities, Tribal members, and others to access publicly available information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Jennifer Ambler at (202) 502-8586 or jennifer.ambler@ferc.gov, or Holly Frank at (202) 502-6833 or holly.frank@ferc.gov.

Dated: January 24, 2024.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Acting Secretary.

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¹ 42 U.S.C. 4336a(g)(1)(B) requires lead Federal agencies to complete EAs within 1 year of the agency's decision to prepare an EA.

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: ER24-1005-000.

Applicants: American Electric Power Service Corporation, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: Compliance filing: American Electric Power Service Corporation submits tariff filing per 35: AEP submits Informational Filing about Att. 1 of ILDSA, SA No. 1336 to be effective N/A.

Filed Date: 1/25/24.

Accession Number: 20240125-5092.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/15/24.

Docket Numbers: ER24-1006-000.

Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2024-01-25 SA 3435 Entergy Mississippi-Wildwood Solar 2nd Rev GIA (J908) to be effective 3/26/2024.

Filed Date: 1/25/24.

Accession Number: 20240125-5095.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/15/24.

Docket Numbers: ER24-1007-000.
Applicants: Black Hills Colorado Electric, LLC.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Unreserved Use Penalty and Transmission Planning Updates to be effective 3/26/2024.

Filed Date: 1/25/24.

Accession Number: 20240125-5106.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/15/24.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp>) by querying the docket number.

Any person desiring to intervene, to protest, or to answer a complaint in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211, 214, or 206 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214, or 385.206) 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.

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public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, environmental justice communities, Tribal members and others, access publicly available information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

Dated: January 25, 2024.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2660-038]

Woodland Pulp, LLC; Notice of Application for Surrender of License Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Application Type:* Surrender of License.
- b. *Project No:* 2660-038.
- c. *Date Filed:* October 31, 2023, and supplemented December 15, 2023.
- d. *Applicant:* Woodland Pulp, LLC.
- e. *Name of Project:* Forest City Storage Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the East Branch of the St. Croix River in Washington and Aroostook counties, Maine. The project does not occupy federal land.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Steve Strout, 144 Main Street, Baileyville, ME 04694, steve.strout@igic.com, 207-214-4628.

i. *FERC Contact:* Michael Calloway, (202) 502-8041, Michael.calloway@ferc.gov.

j. *Cooperating Agencies:* With this notice, the Commission is inviting federal, state, local, and Tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues affected by the proposal, that wish to cooperate in the preparation of any environmental document, if applicable, to follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item k below. Cooperating agencies should