In addition, the Filing Titles for the Part 284 program have been modified to be more descriptive.

For more information, contact Aaron Kahn, Office of Energy Market Regulation at (202) 502–8339 or send an email to FERCOnline@ferc.gov.

Dated: November 26, 2013.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14540–000; Project No. 14539–000]

Western Minnesota Municipal Power Agency; Lock+ Hydro Friends Fund III, LLC: Notice Announcing Filing Priority for Preliminary Permit Applications

On November 25, 2013, the Commission held a drawing to determine priority between competing preliminary permit applications with identical filing times. In the event that the Commission concludes that neither of the applicants’ plans is better adapted than the other to develop, conserve, and utilize in the public interest the water resources of the region at issue, the priority established by this drawing will serve as the tiebreaker. Based on the drawing, the order of priority is as follows:
1. Western Minnesota Municipal Power Agency Project No. 14540–000
2. Lock+ Hydro Friends Fund III, LLC Project No. 14539–000

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FR–9903–79–Region 3]

Adequacy Status of the Submitted Redesignation Requests and Maintenance Plans for the Charleston, West Virginia 1997 and 2006 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards Nonattainment Area for Transportation Conformity Purposes

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of adequacy.

SUMMARY: In this notice, EPA is notifying the public that EPA has made insignificance findings through the transportation conformity adequacy process, under the Clean Air Act (CAA), for directly emitted fine particulate matter (PM2.5) and nitrogen oxides (NOx) in the Charleston, West Virginia 1997 and 2006 PM2.5 national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) nonattainment area. West Virginia submitted the insignificance findings with the redesignation requests and maintenance plans submittal on December 6, 2012. As a result of EPA’s findings, the Charleston, West Virginia nonattainment area is no longer required to perform a regional emissions analysis for directly emitted PM2.5, or...
NOx, as part of future PM$_{2.5}$ conformity determinations for the 1997 and 2006 PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS.

DATES: Effective on December 19, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gregory Becoat, Environmental Scientist, Office of Air Program Planning (A3P30), United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, (215) 814–2036; becoat.gregory@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Today’s notice is simply an announcement of a finding that EPA has already made. EPA Region III sent a letter to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection on October 29, 2013 stating that EPA has made insignificance findings, through the adequacy process, for PM$_{2.5}$ and NOx for the Charleston, WV 1997 and 2006 PM$_{2.5}$ NAAQS nonattainment area, as the State had requested in its redesignation requests and maintenance plans submittal. Receipt of the submittal was announced on EPA’s transportation conformity Web site. No comments were received. The findings letter is available at EPA’s conformity Web site: http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/adequacy.htm.

Transportation conformity is required by section 176(c) of the CAA. EPA’s conformity rule requires that transportation plans, transportation improvement programs, and projects conform to state air quality implementation plans (SIPs) and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they do. Conformity to a SIP means that transportation activities will not produce new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay attainment of the national ambient air quality standards.

The criteria by which EPA determine whether a SIP’s motor vehicle emission budgets are adequate for conformity purposes are outlined in 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4). EPA described the process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP budgets in a July 1, 2004 preamble starting at 69 FR 40038 and used the information in these resources in making this adequacy determination. Please note that an adequacy review is separate from EPA’s completeness review, and should not be used to prejudge EPA’s ultimate approval action for the SIP. Even if EPA finds a budget adequate, the SIP could later be disapproved.

The finding and the response to comments are available at EPA’s conformity Web site: http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/adequacy.htm.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–9903–81–Region–3]

Adequacy Status of the West Virginia Portion of the Steubenville-Weirton, WV-OH Nonattainment Area Submitted for the 1997 Fine Particulate Matter Standard Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan for Transportation Conformity Purposes

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of adequacy.

SUMMARY: In this notice, EPA is notifying the public that we have made insignificance findings through the transportation conformity adequacy process, under the Clean Air Act (CAA), for directly emitted fine particulate matter (PM$_{2.5}$) and nitrogen oxides (NOx) in the West Virginia portion of the Steubenville-Weirton, WV-OH 1997 PM$_{2.5}$ national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) nonattainment area. West Virginia submitted the insignificant findings with the redesignation request and maintenance plan submittal on April 13, 2012. As a result of EPA’s findings, the West Virginia portion of the Steubenville-Weirton, WV-OH nonattainment area is no longer required to perform a regional emissions analysis for directly emitted PM$_{2.5}$, or NOx, as part of future PM$_{2.5}$ conformity determinations for the 1997 annual PM$_{2.5}$ air quality standard.

DATES: Effective on December 19, 2013.

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