feedback before parties are required to file under the new system. For this reason, staff anticipates that the first filings under the new system (for 3Q EQRs) will be due sometime around March 1 through March 30. Further information regarding the 3Q filing deadline will be forthcoming in a subsequent notice.

Any additional information regarding the agenda for the technical conference will be posted prior to the conference on the Calendar of Events on the Commission's Web site, *www.ferc.gov.*

A free webcast of the conference will be available through *www.ferc.gov.* Anyone with Internet access interested in viewing this conference can do so by navigating to www.ferc.gov's Calendar of Events and locating this event in the Calendar. The event will contain a link to the webcast. Capitol Connection provides technical support for the webcasts and offers the option of listening to the conferences via phone-bridge for a fee. If you need technical support, please visit *www.CapitolConnections.org* or call (703) 993–3100.

Teleconferencing will be available. Participants interested in attending via teleconference must register at *https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/eqr-01–22–14-form.asp* by close of business on Thursday, January 16, 2014. Teleconferencing may not be available to those who do not register.

Commission conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations, please send an email to *accessibility@ferc.gov* or call toll free 1–866–208–3372 (voice) or 202–208–1659 (TTY), or send a FAX to 202–208–2106 with the required accommodations.

For more information about the technical conference, please contact: Astrid Kirstin Rapp, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502–6264, *Astrid.Rapp@ferc.gov.*

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Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98–1–000]

Records Governing Off-the-Record Communications

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 chronologically, in ascending order. These filings are available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site 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.

EXEMPT

Docket No.	Filed date	Presenter or requester
1. CP13–483–000 CP13–492–000	11–22–13	Department of the Army.[1]
2. CP13–73–000 CP13–74–000	12–03–13	Tony King.
3. CP13–113–000	12–04–13	Hon. Chris Van Hollen.
4. CP13–483–000 CP13–492–000	12–04–13	FERC Staff.[2]
5. CP13–492–000	12–06–13	Bureau of Land Mgt.
6. CP13–25–000	12–12–13	FERC Staff.[3]
7. CP13–113–000	12–17–13	Robert J. Boeri.
8. CP13–73–000 CP13–74–000	12–17–13	Arizona House of Representatives.[4]
9. ER14–456–000	12–17–13	Hon. Mike Fitzpatrick.

[1] Email record.
[2] Telephone record.
[3] Telephone record.
[4] Three letters from the Hons. Tom Forese, T.J. Shope, and Frank Pratt.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Boulder Canyon Project—Post-2017 Resource Pool

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of final marketing criteria and call for applications.

SUMMARY: The Western Area Power Administration (Western), a Federal power marketing agency of the Department of Energy (DOE), announces the Boulder Canyon Project (BCP) post-2017 resource pool marketing criteria and is calling for applications from entities interested in an allocation of Federal power from the BCP. The Conformed Power Marketing Criteria or Regulations for the Boulder Canyon Project (2012 Conformed Criteria) published in the **Federal Register** on June 14, 2012, as required by the Hoover Power Allocation Act of 2011, established general eligibility criteria and a resource pool (Post-2017 Resource Pool) to be allocated to new allottees. Western has finalized marketing criteria, developed through a public process, to be used to allocate the Post-2017 Resource Pool, which will become available October 1, 2017. These marketing criteria, in conjunction with the 2012 Conformed Criteria, establish the framework for allocating power from the Post-2017 Resource Pool. Entities applying for an allocation of power from the Post-2017 Resource Pool must submit formal applications as described within this notice.

DATES: Entities applying for an allocation of Federal power from Western must submit an application (see Applicant Profile Data (APD) in Section II) through one of the methods described below. Western will accept applications received on or before March 31, 2014. Western reserves the right to not consider any applications received after this date.

ADDRESSES: Applications must be submitted to Mr. Darrick Moe, Desert Southwest Regional Manager, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005–6457. Applications may also be faxed to (602) 605–2490 or emailed to *Post2017BCP@wapa.gov.* Application forms are available upon request or may be accessed and/or submitted online at *http://www.wapa.gov/dsw/pwrmkt/BCP_Remarketing/BCP_Remarketing.htm.* Applicants are encouraged to use the application form provided at the above Web site.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mike Simonton, Public Utilities Specialist, Desert Southwest Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005–6457, telephone number (602) 605–2675, email *Post2017BCP@wapa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The BCP was authorized by the Boulder Canyon Project Act of 1928 (43 U.S.C. § 617) (BCPA). Under Section 5 of the BCPA, the Secretary of the Interior marketed the capacity and energy from the BCP under electric service contracts effective through May 31, 1987. In 1977, the power marketing functions of the Secretary of Interior were transferred to Western by Section 302 of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7152) (DOE Act). On December 28, 1984, Western published the Conformed General Consolidated Criteria or Regulations for Boulder City Area Projects (1984 Conformed Criteria) (49 FR 50582) to implement applicable provisions of the Hoover Power Plant Act of 1984 (43 U.S.C. 619) for the marketing of BCP power through September 30, 2017.

On December 20, 2011, Congress enacted the Hoover Power Allocation Act of 2011 (Pub. L. 112–72) (HPAA), which provides direction and guidance in marketing BCP power after the existing contracts expire on September 30, 2017. On June 14, 2012, Western published the 2012 Conformed Criteria (77 FR 35671) to implement applicable provisions of the HPAA for the marketing of BCP power from October 1, 2017, through September 30, 2067. The 2012 Conformed Criteria formally established a resource pool defined as ''Schedule D'' to be allocated to new allottees. In accordance with the HPAA, Western allocated portions of Schedule D to the Arizona Power Authority (APA) and the Colorado River Commission of Nevada (CRC), respectively, as described in the June 14, 2012 **Federal Register** notice. Of the remaining portions of Schedule D, Western is to allocate 11,510 kilowatts (kW) of contingent capacity and associated firm energy to new allottees within the State of California, and 69,170 kW of contingent capacity and associated firm energy to new allottees within the Boulder City Area (BCA) marketing area as defined in the 2012 Conformed Criteria.

On October 30, 2012, Western published proposed marketing criteria to be used in the allocation of the Post-2017 Resource Pool. Public information and comment forums were held in Las Vegas, Nevada; Tempe, Arizona; and Ontario, California. Western received comments from existing power contractors, Native American tribes, cooperatives, municipalities, and other potential contractors. Transcripts of the public comment forums, as well as comments received, may be viewed on Western's Web site at *http://www.wapa.gov/dsw/pwrmkt.*

Response to Comments on the Post-2017 Resource Pool Marketing Criteria

Western received numerous comments on its proposed Post-2017 marketing criteria during the comment period. Western reviewed and considered all comments received. This section summarizes and responds to the comments received on the proposed Post-2017 Resource Pool marketing criteria.

Ready, Willing, and Able

Comment: Western should provide time flexibility for those seeking transmission arrangements to meet potential ready, willing, and able provisions.

Response: Western intends to work with potential allottees to the extent feasible to ensure sufficient transmission arrangements are in place by October 1, 2016. However, it is the allottees' ultimate responsibility to meet the ready, willing, and able provisions.

Comment: Western should accept a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) or similar documentation between an applicant and a transmission distribution provider as evidence the applicant has met the ready, willing, and able requirements. Requiring applicants to develop and execute contractual agreements prior to notification of an allocation could create an unnecessary political and procedural hardship for some applicants.

Response: Applicants will need to demonstrate satisfactory arrangements to meet ready, willing, and able requirements by October 1, 2016. Final allocation determinations are anticipated to be established well in advance of this date. Therefore, applicants should have adequate time to develop and execute any necessary contractual arrangements. Western may accept an MOA or similar documentation between an applicant and a transmission and/or distribution provider if it establishes a legally-binding right of the applicant to receive the required services.