

of ATC calculation methodologies, and posting of ATC on OASIS.

8:45 a.m.–9:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m. Session 1: Overview and Context of ATC Determination and Posting

Session 1 will explore the role of consistent and transparent ATC determination and posting in ensuring open access to the interstate transmission system. The goal of the session will be to understand the types of high-level decisions that need to be made to develop ATC standards and discuss the proper venue for making those high-level decisions. Participants should address, among other things: (1) The extent to which the currently-effective standards have proven effective for meeting the needs of the industry and the Commission, (2) in general, whether the ATC information currently available to transmission customers is sufficient and sufficiently transparent, (3) the appropriate level of detail or specificity necessary for any rules or standards to ensure transparency and consistency and the elimination of transmission provider discretion in this highly technical topic area, and (4) the appropriate administrative mechanism or form of any rules needed to continue to achieve these goals. Participants may also be asked to discuss how to distinguish reliability concerns from requirements necessary to maintain the open access assurances required in Order Nos. 890 and 729. Further, participants may be asked to discuss the appropriate forum for identifying any gaps or areas of ambiguity in Order Nos. 890 and 729 that should be clarified with respect to ATC. Finally, considering that accurate ATC determination is important to the ultimate assurance of consistency and transparency and to minimize the discretion of transmission providers in calculating ATC, the session may address which aspects of any rules addressing ATC, such as requirements regarding calculations, data inputs or frequency of updates, among other possible examples, are most important for the Commission to consider.

10:30 a.m.–10:45 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Session 2: Specific ATC Topics and Requirements

Session 2 will address specific details of ATC, its constituent parts, and related concepts and the degree to which the Commission should include in the *pro forma* OATT or the Commission's regulations requirements addressing these details. For example, staff may

seek information about the level of detail required in the "ATC Implementation Document" (ATCID) to ensure transparency, the relationship between a transmission provider's planning of operations and the calculation of Total Transfer Capability (TTC) or ATC for the same time periods, and the computation and use of Capacity Benefit Margin and Transmission Reliability Margin. Possible discussion items could also include the determination of TTC and Existing Transmission Commitments (ETC), the requirements in the three existing "methodology" standards (Area Interchange Methodology, Rated System Path Methodology, and Flowgate Methodology) that establish a basis for determining the TTC and ETC components of ATC, the interrelationship between the NERC "MOD A" standards and other reliability standards, NAESB business practice standards, and the Commission's regulations and the possible need for information sharing between and among transmission providers and other entities. For each of the discussion items, participants may be asked to indicate whether formal Commission guidance, in the form of *pro forma* OATT requirements or new regulations would help to ensure that goals of Order Nos. 890 and 729 are met.

12:15 p.m.–1:15 p.m. Lunch

1:15 p.m.–2:15 p.m. Session 2, Continued

2:15 p.m.–2:30 p.m. Break

2:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Session 3: Lessons Learned and Opportunities for Improvement

Session 3, in light of NERC's proposal and NAESB efforts to revise standards for ATC calculations and transparency, will explore what types of changes, if any, need to be taken by NERC, NAESB and/or the Commission to ensure that transmission providers continue to calculate and post ATC in a manner that ensures nondiscriminatory access to wholesale electric transmission services. This session will synthesize the discussion from the first two sessions to explore whether there are changes needed, and the level of detail or guidance needed, in the Commission's regulations or the *pro forma* Open Access Transmission Tariff. Time permitting, there may be a discussion of whether there are opportunities to apply industry's experience to date, including potential areas for improvement that could enhance the consistency of the three existing calculation methods, and whether the rules addressing ATC could

be made more efficient, clear or easier to comply with than they currently are, without compromising open access.

4:00 p.m.–4:15 p.m. Closing

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2211-007]

Duke Energy Indiana, Inc.; Notice of Application 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*: Extension of license term.
- b. *Project No.*: 2211-007.
- c. *Date Filed*: August 18, 2014.
- d. *Applicant*: Duke Energy Indiana, Inc.
- e. *Name of Project*: Markland Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location*: Ohio River in Switzerland County, Indiana.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r.
- h. *Applicant Contact*: Tami Styer, Duke Energy Corporation, EC12Y, P.O. Box 1006 Charlotte, NC 28202, (704) 382-0293.
- i. *FERC Contact*: Rebecca Martin, (202) 502-6012, Rebecca.Martin@ferc.gov.
- j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests*: March 2, 2015.

All documents may be filed electronically via the Internet. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and seven copies to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC

20426. Please include the project number (P-2211-007) on any comments or motions filed.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. *Description of Application:* On September 7, 2010, the Markland Project was issued a 30-year license that expires May 1, 2041. The licensee requests the Commission extend the term of the license for an additional 20 years from May 1, 2041, to May 1, 2061. The licensee states in its filing that the extension will make the license term consistent with standard Commission policy of issuing 50-year terms for new licenses for projects located at federal dams. The Markland Project is located at an existing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dam.

l. *Locations of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also 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 (P-2211) to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene:* Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, and .214, respectively. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the

proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. *Filing and Service of Documents:* Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting, protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis. Any filing made by an intervenor must be accompanied by a proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2010.

Dated: January 29, 2015.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP15-61-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

Take notice that on January 20, 2015, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124, filed in the above Docket, a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205, 157.208, and 157.216 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Northern's blanket certificate issued in Docket CP82-401-000, for authorization to: (1) Construct and operate a new 1,590 horsepower Willow Lake compressor station; (2) install and operate a new Watertown branch line takeoff and lateral; (3) construct and operate a new interconnect with Northern Border Pipeline Company; and (4) abandon short segments of pipeline. All facilities are located in South Dakota and designed to provide up to 31, 550 dekatherms (Dth) per day of incremental firm transportation capacity for industrial, commercial and residential use, 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 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, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Laura Demman, Vice President of Regulatory and Government Affairs, phone (402) 398-7278, facsimile (402) 398-7006, or by email at laura.demman@nngco.com, Dari R. Dornan, Senior Counsel, phone (402) 398-7077, facsimile (402) 398-7426, or by email at dari.dornan@nngco.com, or Michael T. Loeffler, Senior Director of Certificates and External Affairs, phone (402) 398-7103, facsimile (402) 398-7592, or by email at mike.loeffler@nngco.com. All persons located at Northern Natural Gas Company, P.O. Box 3330, Omaha, Nebraska 68103-0330.

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 final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or 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 FEIS or EA.

Any person may, within 60 days after the 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. Any person filing to intervene or the Commission's staff may, pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (18 CFR 157.205) file 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 protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn