

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. EL15–66–000]

**Southern Company Services, Inc.; KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company; The Empire District Electric Company; Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc.; v. Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.; Notice of Complaint**

Take notice that on May 20, 2015, pursuant to sections 309, 205, and 206 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 824(e), 824(d), and 825(h) and Rule 206 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.206, Southern Company Services, Inc., as agent for Alabama Power Company, Georgia Power Company, Gulf Power Company, Mississippi Power Company, and Southern Power Company (Southern Companies), KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company, The Empire District Electric Company, and Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. (collectively, Complainants), filed a formal complaint against Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., as agent and tariff administrator of the MISO Open-Access Transmission Tariff (MISO or Respondent), alleging that: (1) Respondent has levied unlawful charges upon Complainants in violation of section 205 of the FPA, and; (2) Respondent's rates for transmission service are unjust, unreasonable, unduly discriminatory and preferential and in violation of established precedent under FPA sections 205 and 206.

The Complainants certify that a copy of the complaint has been served on the Respondent.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. The Respondent's answer and all interventions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. The Respondent's answer, motions to intervene, and protests must be served on the Complainants.

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*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on June 9, 2015.

Dated: May 21, 2015.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Southeastern Power Administration****Cumberland System of Projects**

**AGENCY:** Southeastern Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rates, public forum, and opportunities for public review and comment.

**SUMMARY:** Southeastern Power Administration (Southeastern) proposes to revise existing schedules of rates and charges applicable to the sale of power from the Cumberland System of Projects effective for a one-year period, October 1, 2015, through September 30, 2016. Interested persons may review the rates and supporting studies and submit written comments. Southeastern will evaluate all comments received in this process.

**DATES:** Written comments are due on or before August 26, 2015. A public information and comment forum will be held at 2:00 p.m., on June 30, 2015. Persons desiring to attend the forum should notify Southeastern at least seven (7) days before the scheduled forum date. Persons desiring to speak at the forum should notify Southeastern at least three (3) days before the scheduled forum date, so that a list of forum participants can be prepared. Others may speak if time permits.

**ADDRESSES:** The forum will be held at: The Inn at Opryland, 2401 Music Valley

Drive, Nashville, TN 37214-1002.

Written comments should be submitted to: Administrator, Southeastern Power Administration, Department of Energy, 1166 Athens Tech Road, Elberton, GA 30635-6711.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Virgil G. Hobbs III, Southeastern Power Administration, Department of Energy, 1166 Athens Tech Road, Elberton, GA 30635-6711, (706) 213-3800.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Background of Existing Rates:* The existing schedules of rates and charges applicable to the sale of power from the Cumberland System of Projects are effective through September 30, 2015. On December 22, 2011, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) confirmed and approved on a final basis, Wholesale Power Rate Schedules CBR-1-H, CSI-1-H, CEK-1-H, CM-1-H, CC-1-I, CK-1-H, CTV-1-H, CTVI-1-A, and Replacement-3 applicable to Cumberland System of Projects power for a period ending September 30, 2013 (137 FERC ¶ 62,249). On July 10, 2013, the Deputy Secretary approved an extension of the rate schedules to September 30, 2015 (78 FR 42764).

*Operational Impact of Dam Safety Issues:* In February 2007, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) lowered pool levels at the Wolf Creek and Center Hill Projects to reduce the risk of imminent failure of the dams due to seepage issues. At that time the Corps also began the process of mitigating the seepage issues at the Wolf Creek and Center Hill Projects. Under normal pool levels, the marketing policy for the Cumberland System provides peaking capacity, along with 1500 or 1800 hours of energy annually with each kilowatt of capacity, to customers outside the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) transmission system. All remaining energy is scheduled by TVA for the benefit of customers inside the TVA system. As a consequence of lowered pool levels due to dam repairs, Southeastern was not able to provide peaking capacity and firm energy to the outside customers due to operational restrictions. Southeastern implemented an Interim Operating Plan for the Cumberland System to provide these customers with energy that did not include capacity.

In March 2014, the Corps lifted operating restrictions on the Wolf Creek Project. The operating restrictions on the Center Hill Project remain in effect. As a consequence, Southeastern implemented a Revised Interim Operating Plan that provides reduced capacity and schedulable energy to the outside customers.