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Docket Numbers: ER15-2223-000.

Applicants: Midcontinent

Independent System Operator, Inc., Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC, Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative, Inc.

Description: Section 205(d) Rate Filing: 2015-07-17 SA 2818 METC-Wolverine Power E&P (J392) to be effective 7/18/2015.

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

Dated: July 17, 2015.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2662-026]

FirstLight Hydro Generating Company; 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. *Type of Application:* Request for Temporary Variance.

b. *Project No.:* 2662-026.

c. *Date Filed:* June 30, 2015.

d. *Applicant:* FirstLight Hydro Generating Company (licensee).

e. *Name of Project:* Scotland Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* Windham County, Connecticut.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Richard Laudenat, Plant Manager, (860) 350-3617, or richard.laudenat@gdfsuezna.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Alicia Burtner, (202) 502-8038, or alicia.burtner@ferc.gov.

j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, protests, and recommendations is 30 days from the issuance date of this notice by the Commission.

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>. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and seven copies should be mailed to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. 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.

Please include the project number (P-2662-026) on any comments, motions, or recommendations filed.

k. *Description of Request:* The licensee requests a one-year temporary variance from the operating requirements of the Commission's November 21, 2013 Order Issuing New License and Denying Competing License Application. Specifically, the licensee requests to operate its turbine in cycling mode, lower the flashboards and the operating range of the reservoir elevation, continuously spill 10 cubic feet per second, and keep the existing flow valve closed unless otherwise authorized by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. Due to economic shifts, the licensee indicates that it is no longer feasible to install a low-flow turbine that had been paramount to being able to comply with the license conditions. The licensee requests this variance in order to maintain compliance while determining an appropriate alternative operating scenario.

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/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field 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. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. 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, .214. 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 Responsive 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 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 and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). All comments, motions to intervene, or protests should relate to project operations, which are the subject of the variance. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. If an intervener 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. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

Dated: July 17, 2015.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Boulder Canyon Project-Rate Order No. WAPA-171

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Extension of Existing Rate-setting Formula and Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Base Charge and Rates.

SUMMARY: This action extends the existing Boulder Canyon Project (BCP) rate-setting formula through September 30, 2020, and approves the base charge and rates for FY 2016. The existing Electric Service Rate Schedule, BCP-F8, is set to expire on September 30, 2015. The Electric Service Rate Schedule contains a rate-setting formula that is recalculated annually based on updated financial and sales data.

DATES: The first day of the first full billing period beginning on or after October 1, 2015, and extending through September 30, 2020, or until superseded by another rate schedule, whichever occurs earlier.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ronald E. Moulton, Regional Manager, Desert Southwest Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005-6457, (602) 605-2453, email moulton@wapa.gov, or Mr. Jack Murray, Rates Manager, Desert Southwest Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005-6457, (602) 605-2442, email jmurray@wapa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The existing Rate Schedule BCP-F8 under Rate Order No. WAPA-150¹ was

approved for a five-year period beginning on October 1, 2010, and ending September 30, 2015.

Western proposed extending the existing rate-setting formula pursuant to 10 CFR part 903.23(a), Formula Rate Schedule BCP-F9 under Rate Order No. WAPA-171. The notice of proposed extension was published in the **Federal Register** on February 9, 2015 (80 FR 6955). As allowed by 10 CFR part 903.23(a), Western held a public information forum and public comment forum. The consultation and comment period ended May 11, 2015. All comments received during the comment period were considered in the development of the final rates.

By Delegation Order No. 00-037.00A, effective October 25, 2013, the Secretary of Energy delegated: (1) The authority to develop power and transmission rates to the Administrator of Western Area Power Administration (Western); (2) the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Deputy Secretary of Energy; and (3) the authority to confirm, approve, and place into effect on a final basis, to remand or to disapprove such rates to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

Following review of Western's proposal within the Department of Energy, I hereby approve Rate Order No. WAPA-171, which extends the existing rate-setting formula through September 30, 2020, and approves the proposed BCP electric service base charge and rates for FY 2016. Rate Order No. WAPA-171 will be submitted to FERC for confirmation and approval on a final basis.

Dated: July 17, 2015.

Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall,
Deputy Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

DEPUTY SECRETARY

In the matter of:
*Western Area Power Administration,
Rate Extension for the Boulder
Canyon Project, Electric Service
Formula Rate Schedule*
Rate Order No. WAPA-171

ORDER CONFIRMING AND APPROVING AN EXTENSION OF THE BOULDER CANYON PROJECT ELECTRIC SERVICE RATE-SETTING FORMULA AND FY 2016 BASE CHARGE AND RATES FORMULA RATE SCHEDULE

These rates were established in accordance with Section 302 of the Department of Energy (DOE) Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7152). This act transferred to and vested in the

Secretary of Energy the power marketing functions of the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) under the Reclamation Act of 1902 (ch. 1093, 32 Stat. 388), as amended and supplemented by subsequent laws, particularly section 9(c) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (43 U.S.C. 485h(c)), and other acts that specifically apply to the project involved.

By Delegation Order No. 00-037.00A, effective October 25, 2013, the Secretary of Energy delegated: (1) The authority to develop power and transmission rates to the Administrator of Western Area Power Administration (Western); (2) the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Deputy Secretary of Energy; and (3) the authority to confirm, approve, and place into effect on a final basis, to remand or to disapprove such rates to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). This extension is issued pursuant to the Delegation Order and DOE rate extension procedures at 10 CFR part 903.23(a).

BACKGROUND

On December 9, 2010, in Docket No. EF10-7-000 at 133 FERC ¶ 62,229, FERC issued an order confirming, approving and placing into effect on a final basis Electric Service Rate Schedule BCP-F8 for the Boulder Canyon Project (BCP). Electric Service Rate Schedule BCP-F8, Rate Order No. WAPA-150, was approved for five years beginning October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2015.

Western followed the Procedures for Public Participation in Power and Transmission Rate Adjustments and Extensions set forth in 10 CFR part 903.23(a) in extending the BCP rate-setting formula through September 30, 2020, and setting the new base charge and rates for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016. The steps Western took to involve interested parties in the rate process were:

1. On February 9, 2015, Western published a notice in the **Federal Register** (80 FR 6955) announcing the extension of the rate-setting formula and the proposed base charge and rates for BCP. Publication of this notice initiated the public consultation and comment period, and announced the public information and public comment forums. Western also announced the public forum dates and posted the BCP rate adjustment at <http://www.wapa.gov/dsw/pwrmt/BCP/RateAdjust.htm>.

2. On March 11, 2015, Western hosted an informal customer meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. At this informal

¹ FERC confirmed and approved Rate Order No. WAPA-150 on December 9, 2010, in Docket No. EF10-7-000. See United States Department of Energy, Western Area Power Administration, Boulder Canyon Project, 133 FERC ¶ 62,229 (December 9, 2010).