

she answers survey questions, reads survey materials, or completes other activities as part of a survey process. A number of different techniques may be involved, including asking respondents what specific words or phrases mean, and asking respondents probing questions to determine how they estimate or calculate specific data elements on a survey form. The objective of these interviews is to identify problems of ambiguity or misunderstanding, to identify other difficulties respondents have answering questions, reduce measurement error in a survey, and assess the burden for reporting energy information.

Usability Interviews. Usability interviews are similar to cognitive interviews in which a respondent is typically asked to “think aloud” or asked “retrospective questions” as he or she reviews an electronic questionnaire, Web site and/or associated materials, or hard copy form. The objective of a usability interview is to make sure that respondents can easily and intuitively navigate electronic questionnaires, Web sites and other associated materials, or other survey instruments.

Focus Groups. Focus groups involve group sessions guided by a moderator who follows a topic guide containing questions or topics focused on a particular issue rather than adhering to a standardized questionnaire. Focus groups are useful for surfacing and exploring issues with populations of interest, e.g., a specific group of stakeholders.

(5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,000;

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 2,000;

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 2,000;

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* There are no additional costs associated with these survey methods other than the burden hours. The information is maintained in the normal course of business. The cost of burden hours to the respondents is estimated to be \$143,940 (2,000 burden hours times \$71.97 per hour), which represents a reduction of 1,006 burden hours from the prior renewal of this collection. Therefore, other than the cost of burden hours, EIA estimates that there are no additional costs for generating, maintaining and providing the information.

Statutory Authority: Section 13(b) of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974, Public Law 93–275, codified at 15 U.S.C. 772(b).

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 26, 2015.

Nanda Srinivasan,

Director, Office of Survey Development and Statistical Integration, U.S. Energy Information Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric corporate filings:

Docket Numbers: EC16–18–000.

Applicants: Cedar Bluff Wind, LLC, Golden Hills Wind, LLC, Golden Hills Interconnection, LLC.

Description: Application for Approval under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act and Request for Expedited Action of Cedar Bluff Wind, LLC, et al.

Filed Date: 10/23/15.

Accession Number: 20151023–5400.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 11/13/15.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

Docket Numbers: ER15–2647–000.

Applicants: Tres Amigas, LLC.

Description: Supplement to September 11, 2015 Tres Amigas, LLC submits tariff filing.

Filed Date: 10/23/15.

Accession Number: 20151023–5396.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/30/15

Docket Numbers: ER15–2676–000.

Applicants: Cedar Bluff Wind, LLC.

Description: Revision to September 18, 2015 Cedar Bluff Wind, LLC tariff filing.

Filed Date: 10/20/15.

Accession Number: 20151020–5264.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 11/10/15.

Take notice that the Commission received the following qualifying facility filings:

Docket Numbers: QF16–132–000.

Applicants: Hollingsworth & Vose Company.

Description: Form 556 of Hollingsworth & Vose Company.

Filed Date: 10/23/15.

Accession Number: 20151023–5135.

Comments Due: None Applicable.

The filings are accessible in the Commission’s eLibrary system by clicking on the links or querying the docket number.

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: October 26, 2015.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Staff Notice of Alleged Violations

Take notice¹ that in a nonpublic investigation pursuant to 18 CFR part 1b (2015), the staff of the Office of Enforcement of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has preliminarily determined that Berkshire Power Company LLC (Berkshire) and Powerplant Management Services LLC violated the Commission’s Anti-Manipulation Rule, 18 CFR 1c.2 (2015) by engaging in a manipulative scheme to conceal maintenance work and associated outages beginning at least as early as January 2008 and continuing through March 2011.

Staff also has preliminarily determined that Berkshire violated Commission-approved reliability standards by failing to provide outage information to its Transmission Operator and failing to inform its Transmission Operator and Host Balancing Authority of all generation resources available for use.

Finally, Staff also has preliminarily determined that Berkshire violated Commission regulations 35.41(a) by failing to comply with various provisions of the ISO–New England (ISO–NE) Tariff and § 35.41(b) by making false and misleading statements to ISO–NE regarding its maintenance work and associated outages.

This notice does not confer a right on third parties to intervene in the investigation or any other right with respect to the investigation.

¹ *Enforcement of Statutes, Regulations, and Orders*, 129 FERC ¶ 61,247 (2009), *order on reh’g*, 134 FERC ¶ 61,054 (2011).