

and consist of the following new facilities: (1) A 140-foot-long, 90-foot-wide intake channel located immediately downstream of the Corps' 5th spillway gate on the west side of the river; (2) a pair of spill gates totaling 84 feet wide located within the proposed intake channel; (3) a 100-foot-long, 65-foot-high, 90-foot-wide intake structure with 3-inch bar spacing trash racks; (4) a 150-foot-long, 70-foot-high, 90-foot-wide reinforced concrete powerhouse; (5) two turbine-generator units with a combined capacity of 12.0 MW; (6) a 210-foot-long, 130-foot-wide tailrace; (7) a 40-foot-long by 40-foot-wide substation; (8) a 45-foot-long, 69-kV, overhead transmission line to connect the project substation to an existing distribution line; and (9) appurtenant facilities.

The proposed Allegheny Lock and Dam Number Two Hydroelectric Project would be located at RM 6.7 on the Allegheny River and consist of the following new facilities: (1) A 170-foot-wide, 120-foot-long, 70-foot-high intake structure with two 5-inch bar spacing trash racks; (2) two 45-foot-wide, 40-foot-high spillway bays; (3) an 1,100-foot-long, 2.5-foot-high adjustable crest gate on top of the existing dam crest; (4) a 170-foot-wide by 180-foot-long powerhouse along the east side of the river; (5) three Kaplan turbine-generator units with a combined installed capacity of 17.0 MW; (6) a 50-foot-wide by 60-foot-long substation; (7) a 1,265-foot-long, single overhead, 69-kV, overhead transmission line to connect the project substation to an existing distribution line owned by Duquesne Light Company; and (8) appurtenant facilities. The average annual generation would be 81,950 MWh annually.

The proposed Emsworth Locks and Dam Hydroelectric Project would be located at RM 6.2 on the Ohio River and would consist of the following new facilities: (1) A 205-foot-long, 180-foot-wide intake channel directing flow to a 30-foot-long, 63.5-foot-high, 180-foot-wide intake structure with 5-inch bar spacing trash racks; (2) a 180-foot-long, 77-foot-high, 180-foot-wide reinforced concrete powerhouse on the south bank of the river; (3) four turbine-generator units with a combined capacity of 24 MW; (4) a 380-foot-long, 280-foot-wide tailrace; (5) a 50-foot-long by 60-foot-wide substation; (6) a 1,893-foot-long, 69-kV, overhead transmission line to connect the project substation to an existing substation; and (7) appurtenant facilities. The average annual generation would be 101,300 MWh.

The proposed Emsworth Back Channel Dam Hydroelectric Project would be located at RM 6.8 on the Ohio

River and consist of the following new facilities: (1) A 100-foot-long, 165-foot-wide intake channel directing flow to a 32-foot-long, 63.5-foot-high, 90-foot-wide intake structure with 5-inch bar spacing trash racks; (2) a 150-foot-long, 77-foot-high, 90-foot-wide reinforced concrete powerhouse on the north bank of the river; (3) two turbine-generator units with a combined capacity of 12.0 MW; (4) a 190-foot-long, 105-foot-wide tailrace; (5) a 50-foot-long by 60-foot-wide substation; (6) a 3,758-foot-long, 69-kV, overhead transmission line to connect the project substation to an existing substation; and (7) appurtenant facilities. The average annual generation would be 53,500 MWh.

The proposed Montgomery Locks and Dam Hydroelectric Project would be located at RM 31.7 on the Ohio River and consist of the following new facilities: (1) A 340-foot-long, 205-foot-wide intake channel directing flow to a 150-foot-long, 90-foot-high, 205-foot-wide intake structure with 5-inch bar spacing trash racks; (2) a 315-foot-long, 105-foot-high, 205-foot-wide reinforced concrete powerhouse on the north bank of the river; (3) three turbine-generator units with a combined capacity of 42 MW; (4) a 280-foot-long, 210-foot-wide tailrace; (5) a 50-foot-long by 60-foot-wide substation; (6) a 392-foot-long, 69-kV, overhead transmission line to connect the project substation to an existing distribution line; and (7) appurtenant facilities. The average annual generation would be 194,370 MWh.

The applicants propose to operate each of the ten projects in a "run-of-river" mode using flows made available by the Corps. The proposed projects would not change existing flow releases or water surface elevations upstream or downstream of the proposed projects.

m. A copy of each application is 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, contact FERC Online Support. Copies are also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS," "REPLY COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS;" (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 submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b), and 385.2010.

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 these or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. Public notice of the filing of the initial development applications, which has already been given, established the due date for filing competing applications or notices of intent. Under the Commission's regulations, any competing development application must be filed in response to and in compliance with public notice of the initial development application. No competing applications or notices of intent may be filed in response to this notice.

o. A license applicant must file no later than 60 days following the date of issuance of this notice: (1) A copy of the water quality certification; (2) a copy of the request for certification, including proof of the date on which the certifying agency received the request; or (3) evidence of waiver of water quality certification.

Dated: December 17, 2015.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP16-32-000]

Williams Field Services—Gulf Coast Company LP; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order

Take notice that on December 11, 2015, and supplemented on December 16, 2015, pursuant to section 207(a)(2) of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of

Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.207(a)(2) (2014), Williams Field Services—Gulf Coast Company LP (Williams Gulf Coast) submitted a petition for declaratory order seeking a ruling that certain natural gas pipeline and appurtenant facilities (WGC Lateral), to be constructed in support of a new ultra-deep water oil and gas production project, will perform a gathering function and therefore will be exempt from the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to section 1(b) of the Natural Gas Act, 15 U.S.C. 717, *et seq.*

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. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Petitioner.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Comment *Date*: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on January 7, 2016.

Dated: December 17, 2015.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Southwestern Power Administration

Sam Rayburn Dam Project Power Rate

AGENCY: Southwestern Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Rate Order.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Delegation Order Nos. 00-037.00A, effective October 25, 2013, and 00-001.00F, effective November 17, 2014, the Deputy Secretary has approved and placed into effect on an interim basis Rate Order No. SWPA-69, which increases the power rate for the Sam Rayburn Dam Project (Rayburn) pursuant to the Rayburn Rate Schedule (SRD-15) to supersede the existing rate schedule.

DATES: The effective period for the rate schedule specified in Rate Order No. SWPA-69 is January 1, 2016, through September 30, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Marshall Boyken, Senior Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, Southwestern Power Administration, U.S. Department of Energy, Williams Center Tower I, One West Third Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103, (918) 595-6646, marshall.boyken@swpa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Rate Order No. SWPA-69, which has been approved and placed into effect on an interim basis, increases the power rate for Rayburn pursuant to the following rate schedule:

Rate Schedule SRD-15, Wholesale Rates for Hydro Power and Energy Sold to Sam Rayburn Dam Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Contract No. DE-PM75-92SW00215)

The rate schedule supersedes the existing rate schedule shown below:

Rate Schedule SRD-13, Wholesale Rates for Hydro Power and Energy Sold to Sam Rayburn Dam Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Contract No. DE-PM75-92SW00215) (superseded by SRD-15)

Southwestern Power Administration's (Southwestern) Administrator has determined, based on the 2015 Rayburn Current Power Repayment Study, that the existing power rate will not satisfy cost recovery criteria specified in Department of Energy Order No. RA 6120.2 and Section 5 of the Flood Control Act of 1944. The finalized 2015 Rayburn Power Repayment Studies indicate that an increase in annual revenue of \$333,672, or 7.9 percent, beginning January 1, 2016, will satisfy cost recovery criteria for Rayburn. The proposed Rayburn rate schedule would increase annual revenues from \$4,230,120 to \$4,563,792, to recover the costs associated with increased

operations and maintenance costs as well as increased interest expense associated with investments and replacements in the hydroelectric generating facilities.

The Administrator has followed title 10, part 903 subpart A, of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR part 903), "Procedures for Public Participation in Power and Transmission Rate Adjustments and Extensions" in connection with the proposed rate schedule. On October 9, 2015, Southwestern published notice in the **Federal Register**, (80 FR 61206), of the proposed power rate increase for Rayburn. Southwestern provided a 30-day comment period as an opportunity for customers and other interested members of the public to review and comment on the proposed power rate increase with written comments due by November 9, 2015. Southwestern did not hold the combined Public Information and Comment Forum (Forum) because Southwestern did not receive any requests to hold the Forum. One comment was received from Gillis, Borchardt and Barthel, LLP, on behalf of the Sam Rayburn Dam Electric Cooperative, Inc., which stated they had no objection to the proposed rate adjustment.

Information regarding this rate proposal, including studies and other supporting material, is available for public review and comment in the offices of Southwestern Power Administration, Williams Center Tower I, One West Third Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103. Following review of Southwestern's proposal within the Department of Energy, I approved Rate Order No. SWPA-69 which increases the existing Rayburn power rate to \$4,563,792 per year for the period January 1, 2016 through September 30, 2019.

Dated: December 17, 2015.

Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall,
Deputy Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

DEPUTY SECRETARY OF ENERGY

In the matter of: Southwestern Power Administration Sam Rayburn Dam Project Rate

Rate Order No. SWPA-69

Order Confirming, Approving and Placing Increased Power Rate Schedule in Effect on an Interim Basis

Pursuant to Sections 302(a) and 301(b) of the Department of Energy Organization Act, Public Law 95-91, the functions of the Secretary of the Interior and the Federal Power Commission under Section 5 of the Flood Control