

*Accession Number:* 20151218–5199.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/8/16.  
*Docket Numbers:* ER16–575–000.  
*Applicants:* NorthWestern

Corporation.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: SA 305 7th Rev—NITSA with Stillwater Mining Company to be effective 3/1/2016.

*Filed Date:* 12/18/15.

*Accession Number:* 20151218–5212.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/8/16.

*Docket Numbers:* ER16–576–000.

*Applicants:* NorthWestern

Corporation.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: SA 666 3rd Rev—NITSA with Suiza Dairy to be effective 3/1/2016.

*Filed Date:* 12/18/15.

*Accession Number:* 20151218–5214.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/8/16.

*Docket Numbers:* ER16–577–000

*Applicants:* Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: OATT Amendment and RS—Consolidated Method of Accounting to be effective 9/9/2010.

*Filed Date:* 12/18/15.

*Accession Number:* 20151218–5218.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/8/16.

*Docket Numbers:* ER16–578–000

*Applicants:* Duke Energy Florida, LLC.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: RS—Consolidated Method of Accounting to be effective 1/1/2014.

*Filed Date:* 12/18/15.

*Accession Number:* 20151218–5222.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/8/16.

*Docket Numbers:* ER16–579–000.

*Applicants:* Duke Energy Progress, LLC.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: RS—Consolidated Method of Accounting to be effective 4/29/2013.

*Filed Date:* 12/18/15.

*Accession Number:* 20151218–5225.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/8/16.

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Dated: December 18, 2015.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Commission Half-Day Closing

Pursuant to Executive Order of President Barack Obama, all executive departments and other agencies of the Federal government shall be closed for the last half of the scheduled workday on Thursday, December 24, 2015, the day before Christmas Day.

In accordance with section 385.2007 of the Commission's Rules, 18 CFR 385.2007, filings and documents due to be filed on Thursday, December 24, 2015, will be accepted as timely on the next official business day.

Dated: December 18, 2015.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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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 rate filings:

*Docket Numbers:* ER10–1355–004.

*Applicants:* Southern California Edison Company.

*Description:* Market-Based Rate Triennial Filing for Southwest Region of Southern California Edison Company.

*Filed Date:* 12/17/15.

*Accession Number:* 20151217–5277.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/16/16.

*Docket Numbers:* ER13–1928–008.

*Applicants:* Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, Duke Energy Progress, LLC.

*Description:* Compliance filing: Order No. 1000 Interregional SERTP MISO Filing to be effective 1/1/2015.

*Filed Date:* 12/17/15.

*Accession Number:* 20151217–5159.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/7/16.

*Docket Numbers:* ER13–1930–007.

*Applicants:* Louisville Gas and Electric Company.

*Description:* Compliance filing: Order No. 1000 Interregional SERTP MISO Compliance to be effective 1/1/2015.

*Filed Date:* 12/17/15.

*Accession Number:* 20151217–5189.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/7/16.

*Docket Numbers:* ER13–1940–008.

*Applicants:* Ohio Valley Electric Corporation.

*Description:* Compliance filing: Compliance Filing for SERTP and MISO M–2 to be effective 1/1/2015.

*Filed Date:* 12/17/15.

*Accession Number:* 20151217–5166.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/7/16.

*Docket Numbers:* ER13–1941–007.

*Applicants:* Alabama Power Company.

*Description:* Compliance filing: Order No. 1000 Third Interregional Compliance Filing—SERTP-MISO Seam to be effective 1/1/2015.

*Filed Date:* 12/17/15.

*Accession Number:* 20151217–5191.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/7/16.

*Docket Numbers:* ER14–2882–002.

*Applicants:* The Empire District Electric Company.

*Description:* Compliance filing: Compliance Filing Revising Protocols to be effective 4/1/2015.

*Filed Date:* 12/17/15.

*Accession Number:* 20151217–5150.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/7/16.

*Docket Numbers:* ER15–356–004;

ER15–357–004; ER12–2570–010; ER13–618–009.

*Applicants:* Allegheny Ridge Wind Farm, LLC, Aragonne Wind LLC, ArcLight Energy Marketing, LLC, Buena Vista Energy, LLC, Caprock Wind LLC, Chief Conemaugh Power, LLC, Chief Keystone Power, LLC, GSG, LLC, Kumeyaay Wind LLC, Mendota Hills, LLC, Panther Creek Power Operating, LLC, Westwood Generation, LLC.

*Description:* Supplement to November 25, 2015 Notice of Non-Material Change in Status of Chief Conemaugh Power, LLC, et al.

*Filed Date:* 12/18/15.

*Accession Number:* 20151218–5051.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/8/16.

*Docket Numbers:* ER15–2510–000.

*Applicants:* Wisconsin Electric Power Company.

*Description:* Report Filing: Wisconsin Electric Refund Report in ER15–2510 and ER15–2511 to be effective N/A.

*Filed Date:* 12/17/15.

*Accession Number:* 20151217–5204.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/7/16.

*Docket Numbers:* ER16–544–000.

*Applicants:* PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Original Service Agreement No. 4316 (Z1-086 ISA); Cancellation of SA No. 3886 to be effective 11/18/2015.

*Filed Date:* 12/17/15.

*Accession Number:* 20151217-5152.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/7/16.

*Docket Numbers:* ER16-545-000.

*Applicants:* California Independent System Operator Corporation.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Amend. No. 3 to NVE ABAOA to be effective 12/18/2015.

*Filed Date:* 12/17/15.

*Accession Number:* 20151217-5190.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/7/16.

*Docket Numbers:* ER16-546-000.

*Applicants:* San Diego Gas & Electric Company.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2016 SDGE RS Update to Transmission Owner Tariff to be effective 1/1/2016.

*Filed Date:* 12/17/15.

*Accession Number:* 20151217-5192.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/7/16.

*Docket Numbers:* ER16-547-000.

*Applicants:* NorthWestern Corporation.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: SA 31 14th Rev—NITSA with ConocoPhillips Company to be effective 3/1/2016.

*Filed Date:* 12/17/15.

*Accession Number:* 20151217-5195.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/7/16.

*Docket Numbers:* ER16-548-000.

*Applicants:* NorthWestern Corporation.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: SA 32 6th Rev—NITSA with Colstrip Steam Electric Station to be effective 3/1/2016.

*Filed Date:* 12/17/15.

*Accession Number:* 20151217-5197.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/7/16.

*Docket Numbers:* ER16-549-000.

*Applicants:* NorthWestern Corporation.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: SA 35 3rd Rev—NITSA with The Town of Philipsburg to be effective 3/1/2016.

*Filed Date:* 12/17/15.

*Accession Number:* 20151217-5198.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/7/16.

*Docket Numbers:* ER16-550-000.

*Applicants:* San Diego Gas & Electric Company.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2016 SDGE TRBAA TACBAA update to Transmission Owner Tariff Filing to be effective 1/1/2016.

*Filed Date:* 12/17/15.

*Accession Number:* 20151217-5199.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/7/16.

*Docket Numbers:* ER16-551-000.

*Applicants:* ISO New England Inc.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Forward Capacity Market Retirement Reforms to be effective 2/16/2016.

*Filed Date:* 12/17/15.

*Accession Number:* 20151217-5200.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/7/16.

*Docket Numbers:* ER16-552-000.

*Applicants:* Consumers Energy Company.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Notice of Succession to be effective 12/1/2015.

*Filed Date:* 12/17/15.

*Accession Number:* 20151217-5207.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/7/16.

*Docket Numbers:* ER16-553-000.

*Applicants:* San Diego Gas & Electric Company.

*Description:* Baseline eTariff Filing: SDGE Merchant OM Agreement-Baseline Filing to be effective 12/17/2015.

*Filed Date:* 12/17/15.

*Accession Number:* 20151217-5228.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/7/16.

*Docket Numbers:* ER16-554-000.

*Applicants:* Nevada Power Company.

*Description:* Initial rate filing: Rate Schedule No. 151 NPC with SDGandE RS 100 Concurrence to be effective 12/18/2015.

*Filed Date:* 12/17/15.

*Accession Number:* 20151217-5229.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/7/16.

*Docket Numbers:* ER16-555-000.

*Applicants:* Trans Bay Cable LLC.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: TRBAA Filing to be effective 1/1/2016.

*Filed Date:* 12/17/15.

*Accession Number:* 20151217-5232.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/7/16.

*Docket Numbers:* ER16-556-000.

*Applicants:* San Diego Gas & Electric Company.

*Description:* Initial rate filing: SDGE Merchant OM Agreement to be effective 12/18/2015.

*Filed Date:* 12/18/15.

*Accession Number:* 20151218-5000.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/8/16.

*Docket Numbers:* ER16-557-000.

*Applicants:* California Independent System Operator Corporation.

*Description:* Petition for Approval of Disposition of Proceeds of Penalty Assessments of California Independent System Operator Corporation.

*Filed Date:* 12/17/15.

*Accession Number:* 20151217-5271.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/7/16.

*Docket Numbers:* ER16-558-000.

*Applicants:* NorthWestern Corporation.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: SA 243 9th Rev—NITSA with CHS Inc. to be effective 3/1/2016.

*Filed Date:* 12/18/15.

*Accession Number:* 20151218-5058.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/8/16.

*Docket Numbers:* ER16-559-000.

*Applicants:* NorthWestern Corporation.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: SA 290 7th Rev—NITSA with Oldcastle Materials Cement Holdings to be effective 3/1/2016.

*Filed Date:* 12/18/15.

*Accession Number:* 20151218-5059.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/8/16.

*Docket Numbers:* ER16-560-000.

*Applicants:* NorthWestern Corporation.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: SA 304 9th Rev—NITSA with Barretts Minerals to be effective 3/1/2016.

*Filed Date:* 12/18/15.

*Accession Number:* 20151218-5060.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/8/16.

*Docket Numbers:* ER16-561-000.

*Applicants:* PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Revisions to OATT Schedule 9—CAPS Funding Proposal to be effective 3/1/2016.

*Filed Date:* 12/18/15.

*Accession Number:* 20151218-5064.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/8/16.

*Docket Numbers:* ER16-562-000.

*Applicants:* PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Revised Service Agreement Nos. 4141 (ISA) and 4220 (CSA); Queue AA1-034 to be effective 11/18/2015.

*Filed Date:* 12/18/15.

*Accession Number:* 20151218-5078.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/8/16.

*Docket Numbers:* ER16-563-000.

*Applicants:* Southern California Edison Company.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2 GIAs and 2 Distribution Service Agreements, Coram Energy, LLC to be effective 12/6/2015.

*Filed Date:* 12/18/15.

*Accession Number:* 20151218-5081.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/8/16.

*Docket Numbers:* ER16-564-000.

*Applicants:* Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., ITC Midwest LLC.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2015-12-18 SA 2877 ITC Midwest-SMMPA TIA to be effective 2/16/2016.

*Filed Date:* 12/18/15.

*Accession Number:* 20151218-5106.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/8/16.

Take notice that the Commission received the following public utility holding company filings:

*Docket Numbers:* PH16-2-000.

*Applicants:* Starwood Energy Group Global, L.L.C.

*Description:* Starwood Energy Group Global, L.L.C. submits FERC 65-B Material Change in Facts of Waiver Notification.

Filed Date: 12/18/15.

Accession Number: 20151218–5038.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD16–3–000]

#### Notice of Availability of the Draft Guidance Manual for Environmental Report Preparation and Request for Comments

The staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP) has revised its *Guidance Manual for Environmental Report Preparation (Guidance Manual)*, dated August 2002, to incorporate regulation changes and provide updated guidance on how to prepare resource reports and how interstate and liquefied natural gas (LNG) projects may demonstrate compliance with certain regulatory requirements. The staff is asking for public input and suggestions for modifications to the *Guidance Manual* from federal and state agencies, Native American tribes, environmental consultants, inspectors, the natural gas industry, construction contractors, and other interested parties with special expertise in regards to preparation of resource reports associated with natural gas projects. Please note that this comment period will close on January 19, 2016.

The OEP staff anticipates issuing our final updated version of the *Guidance*

*Manual* in early 2016. We will consider all timely comments on the draft before issuing the final version.

The revised *Guidance Manual*, for which we are seeking comment, can be found in Docket Number AD16–3–000. The full text of the 2002 version of the *Guidance Manual* can be viewed on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/industries/gas/enviro/guidelines.asp> and can be used as a reference to see the changes made.

Applicable sections of the Code of Federal Regulations Title 18 are referenced or summarized throughout the *Guidance Manual*. We stress that OEP staff is *not* seeking comment on any existing regulations or contemplating any changes to regulations within the context of the *Guidance Manual*. The *Guidance Manual* is not the appropriate vehicle for changes to federal regulations. Comments pertaining to our regulations will not be considered as we develop the final *Guidance Manual*.

The *Guidance Manual* is divided into two volumes. Volume 1 relates to the preparation of resource reports for both interstate natural gas projects and Commission jurisdictional LNG facilities. Volume 2 is specific to LNG facilities and includes supplemental information needed to comply with: 18 CFR 380.12(h)(5) to demonstrate information reflected in *National Bureau of Standards Information Report (NBSIR) 84–2833*; 18 CFR 380.12(m) to demonstrate the potential hazard to the public from failure of facility components resulting from natural catastrophes; and 18 CFR 380.12(o) to demonstrate the proposed engineering design would be safe and reliable and would likely comply with the regulatory requirements in 49 CFR 193. Volume 2 is intended to replace a series of guidance documents that were previously developed and issued by staff to assist in the preparation and review of LNG applications. Specifically, Volume 2 is meant to replace *Draft Guidance on Resource Report 11 and 13* issued on December 15, 2005, *Draft Preferred Format Submittal Guidance* issued on April 12, 2006, and *Draft FERC Seismic Design Guidelines and Data Submittal Requirements for LNG Facilities* issued on January 23, 2007. The previous versions of these documents should be considered obsolete.

Interested parties can help us determine the appropriate updates and improvements by providing comments or suggestions that focus on the specific sections of the *Guidance Manual* requiring clarification, updates to reflect

current laws and regulations, or additional information that should be included in each resource report. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. A detailed explanation of the rationale underlying your suggested modifications and/or any references to scientific studies associated with your comments would greatly help us with this process.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the docket number (AD16–3–000) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert staff available to assist you at (202) 502–8258 or [efiling@ferc.gov](mailto:efiling@ferc.gov).

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature on the Commission's Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to Documents and Filings. This is an easy method for interested persons to submit brief, text-only comments;

(2) You can file your comments electronically using the eFiling feature on the Commission's Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to Documents and Filings. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." You must select the type of filing you are making, select "Comment on a Filing"; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

All of the information related to the proposed updates to the *Guidance Manual* and submitted comments can be found on the FERC Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (*i.e.*, AD16–3). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

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