

analyzed the potential environmental impacts for the No Action Alternative and four action alternatives for disposition of 13.1 metric tons (MT) of surplus plutonium, of which the 6 MT of non-pit plutonium is a subset (Final SPD Supplemental EIS Summary, figure S-7). The four action alternatives that are applicable to the surplus non-pit plutonium are described in section S.9.2 of the Final SPD Supplemental EIS.

The scope of this notice pertains only to the 6 MT of surplus non-pit plutonium for which a disposition path is not assigned. DOE/NNSA has no Preferred Alternative, at this time, for other potential actions considered in the Final SPD Supplemental EIS. Specifically, DOE/NNSA has no Preferred Alternative for the disposition of the remaining 7.1 MT of surplus plutonium from pits, nor does it have a Preferred Alternative among the pathways analyzed for providing the capability to disassemble surplus pits and convert the plutonium from pits to a form suitable for disposition.

Preferred Alternative for Non-Pit Plutonium

DOE/NNSA's Preferred Alternative with regard to the disposition of 6 MT of surplus non-pit plutonium is to prepare this plutonium for eventual disposal at WIPP in Carlsbad, New Mexico, a geologic repository for disposal of TRU waste generated by atomic energy defense activities. This would allow the DOE/NNSA to continue progress on the disposition of surplus weapon usable plutonium in furtherance of the policies of the United States to ensure that surplus plutonium is never used in a nuclear weapon, and to remove surplus plutonium from the State of South Carolina. Surplus non-pit plutonium would be prepared and packaged at the Savannah River Site (SRS) using H-Canyon/HB-line and/or K-Area facilities to meet the WIPP waste acceptance criteria and all other applicable regulatory requirements and would be temporarily stored in E-Area at SRS until shipped. Shipments of this surplus plutonium to WIPP would not commence until WIPP is fully operational, and would be placed in the appropriate place in any queue of material to be shipped to WIPP.

DOE/NNSA may issue a ROD containing its plan for disposition of the 6 MT of surplus non-pit plutonium analyzed in Final SPD Supplemental EIS no sooner than 30 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Issued at Washington, DC on December 18, 2015.

Frank G. Klotz,

Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Swan Lake North Hydro LLC Project No. 13318-003; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting 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:* Unconstructed major project.

b. Project No.: 13318-003.

c. Date filed: October 28, 2015.

d. *Applicant:* Swan Lake North Hydro LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Swan Lake North Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* Approximately 11 miles northeast of the city of Klamath Falls, Klamath County, Oregon. The proposed project boundary would include about 730 acres of federal land managed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Joe Eberhardt, EDF-Renewable Energy, 1000 SW Broadway Ave., Ste. 1800, Portland, OR 97205; phone: (503) 889-3838.

i. *FERC Contact:* Dianne Rodman, Dianne.rodman@ferc.gov; phone: (202) 502-6077.

j. Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests: February 16, 2016.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file filing motions to intervene and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-13318-003.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor

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.

k. This application has been accepted for filing, but is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. The proposed project would be a closed-loop system using groundwater for initial fill and consist of the following new facilities: (1) A 7,972-foot-long earthen embankment forming a geomembrane-lined upper reservoir with a surface area of 64.21 acres and a storage capacity of 2,568 acre-feet at a maximum surface elevation of 6,135 feet above mean sea level (msl); (2) a 8,003-foot-long earthen embankment forming a geomembrane-lined lower reservoir with a surface area of 60.14 acres and a storage capacity of 3,206 acre-feet at a maximum surface elevation of 4,457 feet msl; (3) a 500-foot-long, rip-rap lined trapezoidal spillway built into the crest of each embankment; (4) a 0.5-percent slope perforated polyvinyl chloride tube of varying diameter and accompanying optical fiber drainage system designed to detect, collect, and monitor water leakage from the reservoirs; (5) a 25-inch-diameter bottom outlet with manual valve for gravitational dewatering of the lower reservoir; (6) an upper intake consisting of a bell mouth, 38.6-foot-wide by 29.8-foot-long inclined screen, head gate, and 13.8-foot-diameter foundational steel pipe; (7) a 36.5-foot-diameter, 9,655-foot-long steel high-pressure penstock from the upper reservoir to the powerhouse that is predominantly above ground with a 14-foot-long buried segment; (8) three 9.8-foot-diameter, 1,430-foot-long steel low-pressure penstocks from the lower reservoir to the powerhouse that are predominantly above ground with a 78-foot-long buried segment; (9) a partially-buried powerhouse with three 131.1-megawatt (MW) reversible pump-turbine units with a total installed capacity of 393.3 MW; (10) a 32.8 mile, 230-kilovolt above-ground transmission line interconnecting to an existing non-project substation; (11) approximately 10.7 miles of improved project access road; (12) approximately 3.4 miles of new permanent project access road; (13) approximately 8.3 miles of temporary project access road; and (14) appurtenant facilities. The project would generate about 1,187 gigawatt-hours annually.

m. A copy of the 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. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

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, contact FERC Online Support.

n. Any qualified applicant desiring to file a competing application must submit to the Commission, on or before the specified intervention deadline date, a competing development application, or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing development application no later than 120 days after the specified intervention deadline date. Applications for preliminary permits will not be accepted in response to this notice.

A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit a development application. A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests 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 protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

When the application is ready for environmental analysis, the Commission will issue a public notice requesting comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title “PROTEST” or “MOTION TO INTERVENE,” “NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION,” or “COMPETING APPLICATION;” (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. 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.

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 #2

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

Docket Numbers: ER11–4081–003.

Applicants: Midcontinent

Independent System Operator, Inc.
Description: Compliance filing; 2015–12–18 RAR Compliance Filing to be effective 10/1/2012.

Filed Date: 12/18/15.

Accession Number: 20151218–5211.

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

Docket Numbers: ER15–2101–003.

Applicants: Golden West Power Partners, LLC.

Description: Compliance filing; Notice of Change in Status of Golden West Power Partners, LLC to be effective 9/1/2015.

Filed Date: 12/18/15.

Accession Number: 20151218–5120.

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

Docket Numbers: ER16–565–000.

Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., Ameren Illinois Company.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing; 2015–12–18 SA 2878 ATXI–AIC Construction Agreement (Faraday Substation) to be effective 12/18/2015.

Filed Date: 12/18/15.

Accession Number: 20151218–5118.

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

Docket Numbers: ER16–566–000.

Applicants: NorthWestern Corporation.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing; SA 767 1st Rev—NITSA with Basin Electric Power Cooperative to be effective 3/1/2016.

Filed Date: 12/18/15.

Accession Number: 20151218–5130.

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

Docket Numbers: ER16–567–000.

Applicants: NorthWestern Corporation.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing; SA 642 2nd Rev—NITSA with General

Mills Operations to be effective 3/1/2016.

Filed Date: 12/18/15.

Accession Number: 20151218–5137.

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

Docket Numbers: ER16–568–000.

Applicants: Duke Energy Florida, LLC.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing; FMPA NITSA Amendment-OATT SA No. 148 to be effective 1/1/2016.

Filed Date: 12/18/15.

Accession Number: 20151218–5173.

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

Docket Numbers: ER16–569–000.

Applicants: NorthWestern Corporation.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing; SA 760 1st Rev—NITSA with Beartooth Electric Cooperative to be effective 3/1/2016.

Filed Date: 12/18/15.

Accession Number: 20151218–5186.

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

Docket Numbers: ER16–570–000.

Applicants: Tucson Electric Power Company.

Description: Compliance filing; Order No. 784 Compliance Filing to be effective 2/17/2016.

Filed Date: 12/18/15.

Accession Number: 20151218–5194.

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

Docket Numbers: ER16–571–000.

Applicants: NorthWestern Corporation.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing; SA 312 8th Rev—NITSA with Southern Montana to be effective 3/1/2016.

Filed Date: 12/18/15.

Accession Number: 20151218–5195.

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

Docket Numbers: ER16–572–000.

Applicants: UNS Electric, Inc.

Description: Compliance filing; Order No. 784 Compliance Filing to be effective 2/17/2016.

Filed Date: 12/18/15.

Accession Number: 20151218–5196.

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

Docket Numbers: ER16–573–000.

Applicants: UniSource Energy Development Company.

Description: Compliance filing; Order No. 784 Compliance Filing to be effective 2/17/2016.

Filed Date: 12/18/15.

Accession Number: 20151218–5197.

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

Docket Numbers: ER16–574–000.

Applicants: NorthWestern Corporation.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing; SA 605 5th Rev—NITSA with Bonneville Power Administration to be effective 3/1/2016.

Filed Date: 12/18/15.