

with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions for filing such requests described in paragraph o. below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. See 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with: (1) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or the National Marine Fisheries Service under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, Part 402; and (2) the State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. With this notice, we are designating White Pine Hydro as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation, pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

m. Commission staff issued a Scoping Document 1 (SD1) on November 20, 2015, which also asked for study requests.

n. A copy of the PAD and SD1 are available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room, or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the "eLibrary" link. Enter P-2322 in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCONlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCONlineSupport@ferc.gov), or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.

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.

o. With this notice, we are soliciting public comments on the PAD and the SD1, as well as on issues and associated study requests. All comments and study requests should be sent to the address above in paragraph h. In addition, all comments on the PAD and SD1, study requests, requests for cooperating agency status, and all communications to and from Commission staff related to the merits of the potential application must be filed with the Commission. 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 <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. 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. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and five copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

All filings with the Commission must include on the first page, the project name (Shawmut Hydroelectric Project) and number (P-2322-060), and bear the appropriate heading: "Comments on Pre-Application Document," "Study Requests," "Comments on Scoping Document 1," "Request for Cooperating Agency Status," or "Communications to and from Commission Staff." Any individual or entity interested in submitting study requests, commenting on the PAD or SD1, and any agency requesting cooperating status must do so by March 21, 2016.

Study requests and comments on the PAD or SD1 that have been filed previously are part of the relicensing record and do not need to be refiled.

p. Although our current intent is to prepare an environmental assessment (EA), there is the possibility that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be required. Nevertheless, the scoping meetings held December 16, 2015, and the scoping meeting to be held February 9, 2016, will satisfy the NEPA scoping requirements, irrespective of whether an EA or EIS is issued by the Commission.

#### Scoping Meeting

Commission staff held scoping meetings December 16, 2015. The transcripts for the meetings are in the public record for this project, and are available for review through the Commission's Web site, using the "eLibrary" link.

Commission staff will hold a third scoping meeting in the vicinity of the project at the time and place noted below. All interested individuals and entities, particularly those who were unable to attend the December 16 scoping meetings, are invited to attend the meeting, and to assist staff in identifying particular study needs, as well as the scope of environmental issues to be addressed in the

environmental document. The time and location of the meeting is as follows:

#### Evening Scoping Meeting

*Date:* Tuesday, February 9, 2016.

*Time:* 6:00 p.m.

*Location:* Skowhegan Community Center, 39 Poulin Dr., Skowhegan, Maine 04976.

*Phone:* (207) 474-6901.

As noted in item m. of this notice, SD1 was mailed to the individuals and entities on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of SD1 will be available at the scoping meeting, or may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link. Follow the directions for accessing information in paragraph n. Based on all oral and written comments, a Scoping Document 2 (SD2) may be issued. SD2 may include a revised process plan and schedule, as well as a list of issues.

#### Meeting Objectives

At the scoping meeting, Commission staff will: (1) Initiate scoping of the issues; (2) review and discuss existing conditions and resource management objectives; (3) review and discuss existing information and identify preliminary information and study needs; and (4) review and discuss the process plan and schedule for pre-filing activities.

Meeting participants should come prepared to discuss their issues and/or concerns. Please review the PAD in preparation for the scoping meeting. Directions on how to obtain a copy of the PAD and SD1 are included in item n. of this notice.

#### Meeting Procedures

The meeting will be recorded by a stenographer. The transcript will be placed in the public record for the project.

*Dated:* January 21, 2016.

**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 corporate filings:

*Docket Numbers:* EC16-59-000.

*Applicants:* RE Astoria LLC.

*Description:* Clarification to January 11, 2016 Application for Authorization

Under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act and Request for Expedited Consideration, Confidential Treatment and Waivers of RE Astoria LLC.

*Filed Date:* 1/20/16.

*Accession Number:* 20160120–5161.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/1/16.

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

*Docket Numbers:* ER10–2331–054; ER14–630–029; ER10–2319–045; ER10–2317–045; ER13–1351–027; ER10–2330–052.

*Applicants:* J.P. Morgan Ventures Energy Corporation, AlphaGen Power LLC, BE Alabama LLC, BE CA LLC, Florida Power Development LLC, Utility Contract Funding, L.L.C.

*Description:* Non-Material Change in Status of the J.P. Morgan Sellers.

*Filed Date:* 1/21/16.

*Accession Number:* 20160121–5189.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/11/16.

*Docket Numbers:* ER12–2448–012.

*Applicants:* Chisholm View Wind Project, LLC.

*Description:* Notice of Change in Status of Chisholm View Wind Project, LLC.

*Filed Date:* 1/21/16.

*Accession Number:* 20160121–5155.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/11/16.

*Docket Numbers:* ER16–277–001.

*Applicants:* Talen Energy Marketing, LLC.

*Description:* Tariff Amendment: Response to FERC Request for Additional Information to be effective 12/31/9998.

*Filed Date:* 1/21/16.

*Accession Number:* 20160121–5137.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/11/16.

*Docket Numbers:* ER16–620–001.

*Applicants:* Safe Harbor Water Power Corporation.

*Description:* Tariff Amendment: Amendment to Pending Safe Harbor PPA eTariff Filing to be effective 12/31/2015.

*Filed Date:* 1/21/16.

*Accession Number:* 20160121–5180.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/11/16.

*Docket Numbers:* ER16–743–000.

*Applicants:* ITC Great Plains, LLC.

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

*Filed Date:* 1/19/16.

*Accession Number:* 20160119–5235.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/9/16.

*Docket Numbers:* ER16–752–000.

*Applicants:* Carousel Wind Farm, LLC.

*Description:* Amendment to January 20, 2016 Carousel Wind Farm, LLC submits tariff filing.

*Filed Date:* 1/21/16.

*Accession Number:* 20160121–5167.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/11/16.

*Docket Numbers:* ER16–757–000.

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

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Revisions to OATT re: Merchant Network Upgrades to be effective 5/1/2016.

*Filed Date:* 1/21/16.

*Accession Number:* 20160121–5211.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/11/16.

*Docket Numbers:* ER16–758–000.

*Applicants:* New England Power Company.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: NEP Sched III–B Integrated Facilities Provisions Amdts & Notice Waiver Request to be effective 1/1/2014.

*Filed Date:* 1/21/16.

*Accession Number:* 20160121–5215.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/11/16.

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: January 21, 2016.

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

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP16–302–000]

#### Columbia Gulf Transmission, LLC; Notice of Initiation of Section 5 Proceeding

On January 21, 2016, the Commission issued an order in Docket No. RP16–302–000, pursuant to section 5 of the Natural Gas Act, 15 U.S.C. 717d (2012), instituting an investigation into the justness and reasonableness of

Columbia Gulf Transmission, LLC's (Columbia Gulf) currently effective tariff rates. The Commission's order directs Columbia Gulf to file a full cost and revenue study within 75 days of the issuance of the order. *Columbia Gulf Transmission, LLC*, 154 FERC ¶ 61,027 (2016).

Dated: January 21, 2016.

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

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER16–750–000]

#### Bethel Wind Farm LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of Bethel Wind Farm LLC's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is February 10, 2016.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the intervention or protest to the