Applicants: Tenaska Alabama II Partners, L.P.  
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Market-Based Rate Tariff Revisions to be effective 12/30/2016.  
Filed Date: 12/29/16.  
Accession Number: 20161229–5089.  
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/19/17.  
Docket Numbers: ER17–700–000.  
Applicants: Tenaska Georgia Partners, L.P.  
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Market-Based Rate Tariff Revisions to be effective 12/30/2016.  
Filed Date: 12/29/16.  
Accession Number: 20161229–5090.  
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Docket Numbers: ER17–701–000.  
Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.  
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Market-Based Rate Tariff Revisions to be effective 12/30/2016.  
Filed Date: 12/29/16.  
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Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/19/17.  
Docket Numbers: ER17–702–000.  
Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.  
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Market-Based Rate Tariff Revisions to be effective 12/30/2016.  
Filed Date: 12/29/16.  
Accession Number: 20161229–5093.  
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/19/17.  
Docket Numbers: ER17–703–000.  
Applicants: PacifiCorp.  
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: BPA NITSA (Yakama) Rev 7 to be effective 12/1/2016.  
Filed Date: 12/29/16.  
Accession Number: 20161229–5101.  
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/19/17.  

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: December 29, 2016.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,  
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration  
[DOE/EIS–0514]

Colusa-Sutter 500-Kilovolt Transmission Line Project, Colusa, Sutter, Yolo and Sacramento Counties, California

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of additional public scoping meetings.

SUMMARY: On December 18, 2015, Western Area Power Administration (WAPA), an agency of the Department of Energy (DOE), announced the Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the proposed 500-kilovolt (kV) transmission line. This proposed Project is known as the Colusa-Sutter (CoSu) 500-kV Transmission Line Project. In that previous notice, WAPA described the schedule for scoping meetings and advised the public that comments on the scope of the EIS/EIR were due by February 16, 2016. On February 5, 2016, an additional notice was published extending the due date for comments on the scope of the EIS/EIR to April 18, 2016. By this notice, WAPA announces additional public scoping meetings and reopens the period for submitting comments on the scope of the EIS/EIR.

DATES: WAPA will accept comments on the scope of the EIS/EIR from January 6, 2017 to March 7, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the proposed scope of the Draft EIS/EIR for this proposed Project may be mailed or emailed to Mr. Andrew M. Montaño, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Document Manager, Western Area Power Administration, Headquarters, P.O. Box 281213, Lakewood, CO 80228–8213, or by email: montano@wapa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information and/or to have your
name added to our mailing list, please contact Andrew M. Montaño, at (720) 962–7253 or at the address listed above in the ADDRESSES section. For the most recent information and for announcements, please visit the Project Web site at: www.CoSuLine.com.

For general information on DOE’s NEPA review procedures or status of a NEPA review, contact Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director of NEPA Policy and Compliance, GC–54, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585; telephone (202) 506–4600 or (800) 472–2756; or email: askNEPA@hq.doe.gov.

For general information on the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review procedures or status of the CEQA review, please contact Ms. Kim Crawford, Environmental Specialist, SMUD, 6201 S. Street, Mail Stop H201, Sacramento, CA 95852–1830; telephone (916) 732–5063; email: kim.crawford@smud.org.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 18, 2015, WAPA announced the Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS for the Colusa-Sutter (CoSu) 500-kV Transmission Line Project (80 FR 79037). An additional notice was published on February 5, 2016, announcing the extension of the scoping period to April 18, 2016 (81 FR 6257). The EIS/EIR will examine the potential environmental effects of the CoSu transmission line. WAPA will prepare the EIS/EIR with the SMUD, the lead agency for CEQA. WAPA will be the lead Federal agency under NEPA. WAPA and SMUD held public scoping meetings from December 2015 to April 2016 to gather public input on the proposed project. As a result of these original public scoping meetings and the scoping comments received, WAPA and SMUD decided to add additional project alternatives closer to the Sacramento area. The new study area is further described below.

Original Alternatives

1. Northern Corridor Alternative: Constructing a new transmission line (approximately 44 miles in length) adjacent to WAPA’s existing 230-kV Olinda-O’Banion and Keswick-O’Banion double circuit transmission lines. The Northern Corridor Alternative would interconnect the existing California-Oregon Transmission Project (COTP) transmission line system near the existing COTP’s Maxwell Series Compensation Substation to WAPA’s CVP transmission system near the existing WAPA’s O’Banion Substation. The new transmission line would require the construction of an additional substation adjacent to the existing Maxwell Series Compensation Substation and an additional substation adjacent to the existing O’Banion Substation.

2. Southern Corridor Alternative: Constructing a new transmission line (approximately 27 miles in length) so that it interconnects along the existing COTP transmission line system approximately 8 miles northwest of the community of Arbuckle, California, and proceeds eastwardly towards the existing O’Banion Substation. The Southern Corridor Alternative would also require the construction of an additional substation adjacent to the existing COTP transmission line northwest of Arbuckle and an additional substation adjacent to the existing O’Banion Substation.

3. Segment 1 Alternative: Approximately 9 miles in length and just west of the existing O’Banion Substation, this segment would provide an alternate north-to-south route for the Northern Corridor Alternative. Instead of following WAPA’s existing 230-kV Olinda-O’Banion and Keswick-O’Banion double circuit transmission lines to the O’Banion substation, this segment would extend south, at a location approximately 30 miles from the Maxwell Substation, and then continue due east to connect to the O’Banion substation. Under this segment alternative, the new line would be located further away from the Sutter National Wildlife Refuge.

New Alternatives

4. County Road 16 Alternative: Constructing a new transmission line (approximately 27 miles in length) so that it interconnects along the existing COTP transmission line system approximately 8 miles west of the community of Dufour, California, and proceeds eastwardly towards the existing Elverto Substation. The County Road 16 Alternative would also require the construction of an additional substation adjacent to the existing COTP transmission line northwest of Dufour and an additional substation adjacent to the existing Elverto Substation.

5. Segment 2 Alternative: Approximately 9 miles in length and 6 miles northwest of the existing Elverto Substation, this segment would provide an alternate west-to-east route for the County Road 16 Alternative. This segment would extend north in a loop-like fashion, at a location approximately 2.5 miles north of the Sacramento International Airport, and then rejoin the County Road 16 Alternative as it continues due east to connect to the Elverto Substation. Under this segment alternative, the new line would be located further away from the Sacramento International Airport to provide sufficient clearance of transmission structures for airplanes.

6. No Action Alternative: WAPA will also consider a No Action Alternative in the EIS/EIR. Under the No Action Alternative, for the purpose of establishing a baseline for impact analysis and comparison in the EIS/EIR, WAPA would not construct the proposed Project and the environmental impacts associated with construction and operation would not occur.

Public Participation

The EIS/EIR process includes a public scoping period and public scoping meetings; publication, public review and hearing of the Draft EIS/EIR; publication of a Final EIS/EIR; and publication of a ROD.

WAPA and SMUD will hold six additional public scoping meetings at the following times and locations:

(1) Tuesday, January 24, 2017, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Sutter Youth Organization Center, 7740 Butte House Road, Sutter, CA 95982;

(2) Thursday, January 26, 2017, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Colusa Casino Community Room, 3770 California 45, Colusa, CA 95932;

(3) Tuesday, January 31, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Woodland Community and Senior Center Banquet Rooms, 2001 East Street, Woodland, CA 95776;

(4) Tuesday, January 31, 2017, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Woodland Community and Senior Center Banquet Rooms, 2001 East Street, Woodland, CA 95776;

(5) Thursday, February 2, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Haggin-Grant American Legion Post 521, 6700 8th Street, Rio Linda, CA 95673; and,

(6) Thursday, February 2, 2017, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Haggin-Grant American Legion Post 521, 6700 8th Street, Rio Linda, CA 95673.

The meetings will be informal, and attendees will be able to speak directly with both WAPA and SMUD representatives about the proposed Project. Attendees also may provide comments at these meetings. For the most recent information and for announcements, please visit the Project Web site at: www.CoSuLine.com.

At the conclusion of the NEPA process, WAPA will prepare a ROD. Persons interested in receiving future notices, proposed Project information, copies of the EIS/EIR, and other information on the NEPA review process should contact Mr. Montaño at...
the address listed in the ADDRESSES section.

The purpose of the additional scoping meetings is to provide information about the proposed Project, review Project maps, answer questions, and take oral and written comments from interested parties. All meeting locations will be handicapped-accessible. Anyone needing special accommodations should contact Mr. Montaño to make arrangements.

The public will have the opportunity to provide written comments at the public scoping meetings. Written comments may also be sent to Mr. Montaño by email or U.S. Postal Service mail. To help define the scope of the EIS/EIR, comments should be received by WAPA no later than March 7, 2017. WAPA will consider any comments received between April 18, 2016 and March 7, 2017 to be timely submitted. All comments received during the public scoping period will be considered when developing project alternatives and establishing the scope of issues to be analyzed in the EIS/EIR.

Dated: December 19, 2016.

Mark A. Gabriel,
Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Proposed Consent Decree, Clean Air Act Citizen Suit

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed consent decree; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 113(g) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (“CAA” or the “Act”), notice is hereby given of a proposed consent decree in Sierra Club v. McCarthy. Civil Action No. 1:16–cv–01831–EGS (D. DC). On September 15, 2016, the Sierra Club filed a complaint in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, alleging that Gina McCarthy, in her official capacity as Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”), failed to perform a non-discretionary duty to grant or deny within 60 days a petition submitted by Sierra Club on May 3, 2016 requesting that EPA object to a CAA Title V permit issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (“PDEP”) for the Scrubgrass Generating Co., L.P. power plant (“Scrubgrass Plant”), located in Venango County, Pennsylvania. The proposed consent decree would establish a deadline for EPA to take such action.

DATES: Written comments on the proposed consent decree must be received by February 6, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID number EPA–HQ–OGC–2016–0778, online at www.regulations.gov. For comments submitted at www.regulations.gov, follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from www.regulations.gov. The EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The EPA generally will not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (i.e. on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, please contact the person identified in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section. For the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit http://www2.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-eapa-dockets.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Additional Information About the Proposed Consent Decree

The proposed consent decree would resolve a lawsuit filed by Sierra Club seeking to compel the Administrator to take actions under CAA section 505(b)(2). Under the terms of the proposed consent decree, EPA would agree to sign its response granting or denying the petition filed by Sierra Club regarding the Scrubgrass Plant, pursuant to section 505(b)(2) of the CAA, on or before May 12, 2017.

Under the terms of the proposed consent decree, EPA would expeditiously deliver notice of EPA’s response to the Office of the Federal Register for review and publication following signature of such response. In addition, the proposed consent decree outlines the procedure for the Plaintiffs to request costs of litigation, including attorney fees. See the proposed consent decree for the specific details.

For a period of thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will accept written comments relating to the proposed consent decree from persons who are not named as parties or intervenors to the litigation in question. EPA or the Department of Justice may withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed consent decree if the comments disclose facts or considerations that indicate that such consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the Act. Unless EPA or the Department of Justice determines that consent to this consent decree should be withdrawn, the terms of the consent decree will be affirmed.

II. Additional Information About Commenting on the Proposed Consent Decree

A. How can I get a copy of the consent decree?

The official public docket for this action (identified by Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OGC–2016–0778) contains a copy of the proposed consent decree. The official public docket is available for public viewing at the Office of Environmental Information (“OEI”) Docket in the EPA Docket Center, EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566–1744, and the telephone number for the OEI Docket is (202) 566–1752.

An electronic version of the public docket is available through www.regulations.gov. You may use www.regulations.gov to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, key in the appropriate docket identification number then select “search.”

It is important to note that EPA’s policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing online at www.regulations.gov without change, unless the comment...