E. Outlier Payments

Since TRICARE does not include capital payments in our DRG-based payments (TRICARE reimburses hospitals for their capital costs as reported annually to the contractor on a pass through basis), we will use the fixed loss cost outlier threshold calculated by CMS for paying cost outliers in the absence of capital prospective payments. For FY17, the TRICARE fixed loss cost outlier threshold is based on the sum of the applicable DRG-based payment rate plus any amounts payable for IDME plus a fixed dollar amount. Thus, for FY17, in order for a case to qualify for cost outlier payments, the costs must exceed the TRICARE DRG base payment rate (wage adjusted) for the DRG plus the IDME payment (if applicable) plus $21,710 (wage adjusted). The marginal cost factor for cost outliers continues to be 80 percent.

F. National Operating Standard Cost as a Share of Total Costs

The FY17 TRICARE National Operating Standard Cost as a Share of Total Costs (NOSCASTC) used in calculating the cost outlier threshold is 0.921. TRICARE uses the same methodology as CMS for calculating the NOSCASTC; however, the variables are different because TRICARE uses national cost to charge ratios while CMS uses hospital specific cost to charge ratios.

G. IDME Adjustment

Passage of the Medical Modernization Act of 2003 modified the formula multipliers to be used in the calculation of IDME adjustment factor. Since the IDME formula used by TRICARE does not include disproportionate share hospitals, the variables in the formula are different than Medicare’s; however, the percentage reductions that will be applied to Medicare’s formula will also be applied to the TRICARE IDME formula. The multiplier for the IDME adjustment factor for TRICARE for FY17 is 1.02.

H. Cost to Charge Ratio

TRICARE uses a national Medicare cost-to-charge ratio (CCR). For FY17, the Medicare CCR used for the TRICARE DRG-based payment system for acute care hospitals and neonates will be 0.2541. This is based on a weighted average of the hospital-specific Medicare CCRs (weighted by the number of Medicare discharges) after excluding hospitals not subject to the TRICARE DRG system (Sole Community Hospitals, Indian Health Service hospitals, and hospitals in Maryland). The Medicare CCR is used to calculate cost outlier payments, except for children’s hospitals. The Medicare CCR has been increased by a factor of 1.0065 to include an additional allowance for bad debt. The 1.0065 factor reflects the provisions of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012. For children’s hospital cost outliers, the CCR is used is 0.2760.

I. Pricing of Claims

The final rule published on May 21, 2014 (79 FR 29085) set forth all final claims with discharge dates of October 1, 2014, or later and reimbursed under the TRICARE DRG-Based payment system, are to be priced using the rules, weights and rates in effect on as of the date of discharge. Prior to this, all final claims were priced using the rules, weights, and rates in effect as of the date of admission.

J. Updated Rates and Weights


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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 corporate filings:

Docket Numbers: EC17–69–000.
Description: Application for Authorization under Section 203 of the FPA of American Electric Power Service Corporation, et al.
Filed Date: 1/26/17.
Accession Number: 20170126–5208.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 2/16/17.

Description: Notice of Change in Status of Silver State Solar Power North, LLC, et al.
Filed Date: 1/26/17.
Accession Number: 20170126–5207.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 2/16/17.

Docket Numbers: ER17–857–000.
Applicants: AIA Energy North America LLC.
Filed Date: 1/26/17.
Accession Number: 20170126–5201.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 2/16/17.

Docket Numbers: ER17–856–000.
Applicants: Nevada Power Company.
Description: Compliance filing: OATT Order No. 676–H Compliance Filing 01.25.17 to be effective 2/1/2017.
Filed Date: 1/26/17.
Accession Number: 20170126–5095.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 2/16/17.

Docket Numbers: ER17–626–001.
Applicants: Long Beach Peakers LLC.
Description: Tariff Amendment: Amendment to Tariff Revision Filing to be effective 12/23/2016.
Filed Date: 1/26/17.
Accession Number: 20170126–5115.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 2/16/17.

Docket Numbers: ER17–856–000.
Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C., Rockland Electric Company.
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: RECO Request for Increase of Annual Transmission Revenue Requirement to be effective 4/3/2017.
Filed Date: 1/26/17.
Accession Number: 20170126–5152.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 2/16/17.

Docket Numbers: ER17–857–000.
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Revisions to Attach. K Related to Public Policy Trans., Study Process Timeline to be effective 3/27/2017.
Filed Date: 1/26/17.
Accession Number: 20170126–5166.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 2/16/17.
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.


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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PF17–3–000]

Cheniere Midstream Holdings, Inc.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Planned Midcontinent Supply Header Interstate Pipeline Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Sessions

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Midcontinent Supply Header Interstate Pipeline Project (MIDSHIP Project) involving construction and operation of facilities by Cheniere Midstream Holdings, Inc. (Cheniere Midstream) in Kingfisher, Canadian, Grady, Garvin, Stephens, Carter, Johnston, and Bryan Counties, Oklahoma and leased capacity on existing pipeline infrastructure in Oklahoma, Texas, and Louisiana. The Commission will use this EIS in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the EIS. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please send your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before February 27, 2017.

If you sent comments on this project to the Commission before the opening of this docket on November 9, 2016, you will need to file those comments in Docket No. PF17–3–000 to ensure they are considered as part of this proceeding.

This notice is being sent to the Commission’s current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives should notify their constituents of this planned project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, a pipeline company representative may contact you about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the planned facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the Commission approves the project, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings where compensation would be determined in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by FERC entitled “An Interstate Natural Gas Facility on My Land? What Do I Need to Know?” is available for viewing on the FERC Web site (www.ferc.gov). This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission’s proceedings.

Public Participation

For your convenience, there are four methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. The Commission will provide equal consideration to all comments received, whether filed in written form or provided verbally. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert staff available to assist you at (202) 502–8258 or efiling@ferc.gov. Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded.

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature on the Commission’s Web site (www.ferc.gov) under the link to