

generators and the necessary electrical transmission facilities (*i.e.* underwater and underground cable) to connect to the Central Maine Power distribution line located in Port Clyde within the town of St. George, Maine. Additional project activities and/or potential impacts from the proposed project would occur in or near Hampden, Searsport, Monhegan Island, Port Clyde and Pemaquid, Maine. The operation, maintenance and eventual decommissioning of the proposed project are considered connected actions under the Council on Environmental Quality's *Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act* and will be analyzed in this Environmental Assessment (EA) as part of the proposed action.

Pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), DOE is preparing an EA to identify and analyze potential impacts to the human environment that may occur if DOE authorizes the expenditure of federal funding in support of New England Aqua Ventus I. DOE is requesting public input on the scope of the EA for New England Aqua Ventus I.

The notice of public scoping for the EA, a description of the proposed project, and additional meeting information, including inclement weather delays or postponements, are posted at: [www.energy.gov/node/2053718](http://www.energy.gov/node/2053718).

**DATES:**

*Meetings:* DOE will hold the following public meetings: February 28, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Tenants Harbor, Maine; and March 1, 2017 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Monhegan, Maine.

*Comments:* Comments regarding scoping must be received on or before March 22, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Meetings:* The public meetings will be held at (1) The Fire Department Meeting Room at the Town of St. George Office,

3 School Street, Tenants Harbor, Maine 04860 on February 28.

(2) Monhegan Island School, 1 Monhegan Avenue, Maine 04852 on March 1.

*Written Comments:* Written comments should be sent to Diana Heyder at U.S. Department of Energy, 15013 Denver West Parkway, Golden, CO 80401, or by email to [AquaVentus1EA@ee.doe.gov](mailto:AquaVentus1EA@ee.doe.gov).

*Full Notice:* The notice is available for viewing at: [www.energy.gov/node/2053718](http://www.energy.gov/node/2053718).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information should be directed to Diana Heyder at [AquaVentus1EA@ee.doe.gov](mailto:AquaVentus1EA@ee.doe.gov).

Issued in Golden, CO on February 7, 2017.

**Robin L. Sweeney,**

*Director, Environment, Safety and Health Office, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

**Records Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice**

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(b), of the receipt of prohibited and exempt off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive a prohibited or exempt off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested proceeding, to deliver to the Secretary of the Commission, a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication.

Prohibited communications are included in a public, non-decisional file

associated with, but not a part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become a part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such a request only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication shall serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications are included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of off-the-record communications recently received by the Secretary of the Commission. The communications listed are grouped by docket numbers in ascending order. These filings are available for electronic 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, 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.

Docket No.	File date	Presenter or requester
<b>Prohibited:</b>		
1. CP13-492-000, CP13-483-000 .....	1-19-2017	Climate Writers.
2. CP13-492-000, CP13-483-000 .....	1-19-2017	Climate Writers.
3. CP15-138-000 .....	1-23-2017	Natural Gas Supply Association.
4. CP15-177-000 .....	1-26-2017	Ben Stodola.
5. P-1494-416 .....	1-30-2017	Myril J. Landers.
6. CP15-93-000 .....	2-2-2017	Frederick P. Curran.
7. CP15-93-000 .....	2-3-2017	Mass Mailing. <sup>1</sup>
<b>Exempt:</b>		
1. CP15-558-000 .....	1-24-2017	U.S. House Representative Brian K. Fitzpatrick.
2. CP15-558-000 .....	1-26-2017	U.S. House Representative Matt Cartwright.
3. CP17-11-000 .....	1-26-2017	FERC Staff. <sup>2</sup>
4. ER17-284-000 .....	2-1-2017	U.S. Congress Members. <sup>3</sup>
5. CP16-9-000 .....	2-1-2017	U.S. Senators. <sup>4</sup>
6. CP15-554-000 .....	2-2-2017	Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce.

Docket No.	File date	Presenter or requester
7. CP16-22-000 .....	2-2-2017	U.S. Senator Gary C. Peters.
8. P-13102-000 .....	2-3-2017	FERC Staff. <sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Nine letters have been sent to FERC Commissioners and staff under this docket number.

<sup>2</sup> Staff Memorandum dated January 26, 2017.

<sup>3</sup> Congressmen Debbie Dingell, John Moolenaar, Justin Amash, Paul Mitchell, Dave Trott, Sander M. Levin, Tim Walberg, Bill Huizenga, Brenda Lawrence, Mike Bishop, Jack Bergman, and Daniel T. Kildee.

<sup>4</sup> Senators Edward J. Markey and Elizabeth Warren.

<sup>5</sup> Custom Soil Resource Report dated January 19, 2017, prepared by U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Dated: February 7, 2017.

**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 exempt wholesale generator filings:

*Docket Numbers:* EG17-57-000.

*Applicants:* Solar Star Oregon II, LLC.

*Description:* Notice of Self-

Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status of Solar Star Oregon II, LLC.

*Filed Date:* 2/9/17.

*Accession Number:* 20170209-5148.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 3/2/17.

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

*Docket Numbers:* ER17-953-000.

*Applicants:* South Central MCN LLC.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing:

South Central MCN LLC Rate Schedule Change to be effective 4/1/2016.

*Filed Date:* 2/9/17.

*Accession Number:* 20170209-5120.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 3/2/17.

*Docket Numbers:* ER17-954-000.

*Applicants:* Midcontinent

Independent System Operator, Inc.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2017-02-09\_SA 2997 Palo Alto Wind-MidAmerican GIA (J529/J590) to be effective 1/25/2017.

*Filed Date:* 2/9/17.

*Accession Number:* 20170209-5152.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 3/2/17.

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: February 9, 2017.

**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:* ER17-580-000.

*Applicants:* RET Modesto Solar LLC.

*Description:* Supplement to December 19, 2016 RET Modesto Solar LLC tariff filing (Notice of Change in Status).

*Filed Date:* 1/31/17.

*Accession Number:* 20170131-5432.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/21/17.

*Docket Numbers:* ER17-582-001.

*Applicants:* Westside Solar, LLC.

*Description:* Tariff Amendment: Westside Solar, LLC Amendment to the Application for MBR Authority to be effective 2/17/2017.

*Filed Date:* 2/6/17.

*Accession Number:* 20170206-5194.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/27/17.

*Docket Numbers:* ER17-583-001.

*Applicants:* Whitney Point Solar, LLC.

*Description:* Tariff Amendment: Whitney Point Solar, LLC Amendment to the Application for MBR Authority to be effective 2/17/2017.

*Filed Date:* 2/6/17.

*Accession Number:* 20170206-5196.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/27/17.

*Docket Numbers:* ER17-944-000.

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

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Second Revised Service Agreement No. 3276, Queue No. X1-012 to be effective 1/24/2017.

*Filed Date:* 2/7/17.

*Accession Number:* 20170207-5039.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/28/17.

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

*Docket Numbers:* ES17-7-000.

*Applicants:* Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC.

*Description:* Amendment to October 28, 2016 Application of Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC for Authorization Under Section 204 of the Federal Power Act.

*Filed Date:* 2/3/17.

*Accession Number:* 20170203-5114.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/13/17.

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.

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Dated: February 7, 2017.

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

*Deputy Secretary.*

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