the potential application must be filed with the Commission.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file all documents using the Commission’s eFiling system at 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 at FERConlineSupport@ferc.gov. 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–2221–038.

All filings with the Commission must 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 May 26, 2017.

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, this meeting will satisfy the NEPA scoping requirements, irrespective of whether an EA or EIS is issued by the Commission.

Scoping Meetings

Commission staff will hold two scoping meetings in the vicinity of the project at the times and places noted below. The daytime meeting will focus on resource agency, Indian tribes, and non-governmental organization concerns, while the evening meeting is primarily for receiving input from the public. We invite all interested individuals, organizations, and agencies to attend one or both of the meetings, 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 times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

**Evening Scoping Meeting**

**Date:** April 18, 2017.

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Location:** Taney County Courthouse, 1st Floor Hearing Room, 132 David Street, Forsyth, MO 65653.

**Phone:** (417) 546–7204.

**Daytime Scoping Meeting**

**Date:** April 19, 2017.

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.

**Location:** Taney County Courthouse, 1st Floor Hearing Room, 132 David Street, Forsyth, MO 65653.

**Phone:** (417) 546–7204.

SD1, which outlines the subject areas to be addressed in the environmental document, was mailed to the individuals and entities on the Commission’s mailing list. Copies of SD1 will be available at the scoping meetings, 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, identified through the scoping process.

**Environmental Site Review**

The potential applicant and Commission staff will conduct an Environmental Site Review of the project on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, starting at 1:00 p.m. All participants should meet at the Ozark Beach Dam parking lot, located at 3292 State Highway Y, Forsyth, MO 65653. All participants are responsible for their own transportation. Anyone planning on participating in the site visit, or with questions about it, should contact Mr. Randy Richardson of Empire District Electric Company at (417) 625–6138 or RRichardson@empiredistrict.com or before April 11, 2017.

**Meeting Objectives**

At the scoping meetings, 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; (4) review and discuss the process plan and schedule for pre-filing activity that incorporates the time frames provided for in Part 5 of the Commission’s regulations and, to the extent possible, maximizes coordination of federal, state, and tribal permitting and certification processes; and (5) discuss the appropriateness of any federal or state agency or Indian tribe acting as a cooperating agency for development of an environmental document.

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

**Meeting Procedures**

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will be placed in the public records of the project.


Kimberly D. Bose,
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:** ER17–2835–008.
  - **Applicants:** Google Energy LLC.
  - **Description:** Compliance filing: Google Energy LLC Amended Market-Based Rate Tariff Filing to be effective 1/20/2017.
  - **Filed Date:** 3/28/17.
  - **Accession Number:** 20170328–5007.
  - **Comments Due:** 5 p.m. ET 4/18/17.
  - **Docket Numbers:** ER17–756–002.
  - **Applicants:** Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.
  - **Description:** Tariff Amendment: Effective 3/16/2017.
  - **Filed Date:** 3/27/17.
  - **Accession Number:** 20170327–5268.
  - **Comments Due:** 5 p.m. ET 4/17/17.
  - **Docket Numbers:** ER17–775–001.
  - **Applicants:** PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.
  - **Description:** Compliance filing: PJM Response to February 23, 2017 Deficiency Letter to be effective 2/1/2018.
  - **Filed Date:** 3/27/17.
  - **Accession Number:** 20170327–5224.
  - **Comments Due:** 5 p.m. ET 4/17/17.
  - **Docket Numbers:** ER17–940–001.
  - **Applicants:** Wisconsin Electric Power Company.
  - **Description:** Tariff Amendment: Amendment to Wisconsin Electric FERC Electric Rate Schedule No. 137 to be effective 4/4/2017.
  - **Filed Date:** 3/27/17.
  - **Accession Number:** 20170327–5273.
  - **Comments Due:** 5 p.m. ET 4/17/17.
  - **Docket Numbers:** ER17–1027–001.
  - **Applicants:** New Creek Wind LLC.
  - **Description:** Tariff Amendment: Re-collation filing clean-up to be effective 2/20/2017.
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

TransWest Express Transmission Project Environmental Impact Statement (DOE/EIS–0450)

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Record of decision.

SUMMARY: The Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), acting as joint lead agencies, issued the proposed TransWest Express Transmission Project (Project) Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) (DOE/EIS–0450) on May 1, 2015. The Agency Preferred Alternative developed by WAPA and the BLM through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process and described in the Final EIS is summarized in this Record of Decision (ROD).

Because the BLM and WAPA were joint lead agencies in the preparation of the EIS, each agency will issue its own ROD(s) addressing the overall Project and the specific matters within its jurisdiction and authority. This ROD constitutes WAPA’s decision with respect to the alternatives considered in the Final EIS. The U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), and Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission (URMCC) are cooperating agencies in the proposed Project based on their potential Federal action to issue use permits across lands under their respective management. These agencies also will issue their own decisions regarding their specific agency actions. Additional cooperating agencies include Federal, state, tribal, and local agencies.

WAPA has selected the Agency Preferred Alternative identified in the Final EIS as the route for the Project. This decision on the route will enable design and engineering activities to proceed and help inform WAPA’s Federal action(s) to consider any received or anticipated loan application permitted under its borrowing authority and/or exercise its options for participation in the Project. These considerations are contingent on the successful development of participation agreements as well as any and all documentation and commitments needed to satisfy financial underwriting standards.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on WAPA’s participation in the Project contact Stacey Harris, Public Utilities Specialist, Transmission Infrastructure Program (TIP) Office...