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5:25 p.m.–5:30 p.m. Closing Remarks

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP17–58–000]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC; Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review of the St. James Supply Project

On February 6, 2017, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco) filed an application in Docket No. CP17–58–000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to construct and operate certain natural gas pipeline facilities. The proposed project is known as the St. James Supply Project (Project), and would deliver 161,500 dekatherms per day of firm transportation capacity from Transco's existing mainline Compressor Station 65 in St. Helena Parish, Louisiana to the planned Yuhuang Chemical Plant in St. James Parish, Louisiana.

On February 21, 2017, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Project. This instant notice identifies the FERC staff's planned schedule for the completion of the EA for the Project.

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA—July 24, 2017.

90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline—October 22, 2017.

If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the Project's progress.

Project Description

The St. James Supply Project would consist of 0.7 mile of 20-inch-diameter pipeline, one new pig receiver site,¹ a new interconnection to the planned Yuhuang Chemical Plant site, one new valve and piping to tie the Old River Road M&R Station into the existing Southeast Lateral Pipeline, and piping and valve modifications at existing Transco Compressor Stations 63 and 65.

Background

On March 17, 2017, the Commission issued a *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed St. James Supply Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues* (NOI). The NOI was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries. In response to the NOI, the Commission received letters from the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma, and the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. No concerns about historic resources were raised.

Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp.

Additional information about the Project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (866) 208–FERC or on the FERC Web site (www.ferc.gov). Using the eLibrary link, select General Search from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and Docket Number excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, CP17–58), and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at (866) 208–3676, TTY (202)

¹ A pig is a tool that the pipeline company inserts into and pushes through the pipeline for cleaning the pipeline, conducting internal inspections, or other purposes.

502–8659, or at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. The eLibrary link on the FERC Web site also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

Dated: June 12, 2017.

Kimberly D. Bose,
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 rate filings:

Docket Numbers: ER17–1774–000.

Applicants: NextEra Energy Bluff Point, LLC.

Description: Baseline eTariff Filing: NextEra Energy Bluff Point, LLC Application for Market-Based Rates to be effective 8/7/2017.

Filed Date: 6/8/17.

Accession Number: 20170608–5077.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 6/29/17.

Docket Numbers: ER17–1775–000.
Applicants: Arizona Public Service Company.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Rate Schedule No. 265, Amendment No. 1 PV-Morgan 500kV to be effective 8/8/2016.

Filed Date: 6/8/17.

Accession Number: 20170608–5083.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 6/29/17.

Docket Numbers: ER17–1776–000.
Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Bylaws 3.1 and 3.3.2 Revisions (Chair and Vice Chair Terms) to be effective 8/7/2017.

Filed Date: 6/8/17.

Accession Number: 20170608–5096.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 6/29/17.

Docket Numbers: ER17–1777–000.
Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator Inc., Entergy Services, Inc.

Description: Compliance filing: 2017–06–08 Filing to implement Entergy settlement in Docket No. ER16–227 to be effective 1/1/2016.

Filed Date: 6/8/17.

Accession Number: 20170608–5117.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 6/29/17.

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

Docket Numbers: RR17–5–000.

Applicants: North American Electric Reliability Corporation.

Description: Petition of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation for Approval of Amendments to the Western Electricity Coordinating Council Regional Reliability Standards Development Procedures.

Filed Date: 6/8/17.

Accession Number: 20170608–5107.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 6/29/17.

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: June 8, 2017.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Boulder Canyon Project—Rate Order No. WAPA–178

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rate-setting formulas for electric service and adjustment of fiscal year 2018 base charge and rates.

SUMMARY: Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) is proposing to update the rate-setting formulas for electric service for the Boulder Canyon Project (BCP) under proposed Rate Schedule BCP–F10, and adjust the annual calculation for the fiscal year (FY) 2018 base charge and rates. The expiration of the current base charge and rates on September 30, 2017, and beginning of the new 50-year marketing

period on October 1, 2018, require these actions.

The current base charge under Rate Schedule BCP–F9 is not sufficient to cover all annual costs including operation and maintenance, replacements, and interest expense; and repay investment obligations within the allowable period. After collaborating with the BCP contractors, WAPA proposes an FY 2018 base charge that includes a one-time \$15 million working capital fund primarily for the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) for the new marketing period. The FY 2019 base charge is expected to decrease by \$15 million after the collection of working capital in FY 2018. The proposed base charge will provide sufficient revenue to cover all annual costs and repay investment obligations within the allowable period. WAPA will post proposed Rate Schedule BCP–F10 and a detailed rate package that identifies the reasons for the base charge and rates adjustment on its Web site during the consultation and comment period. The proposed base charge and rates are scheduled to become effective on October 1, 2017, and will remain in effect through September 30, 2018. Publication of this **Federal Register** notice initiates the formal public process to implement the proposed rate-setting formulas and the FY 2018 base charge and rates.

DATES: The consultation and comment period begins today and will end September 18, 2017. WAPA will present a detailed explanation of the proposed rate-setting formulas and the FY 2018 base charge and rates at a public information forum that will be held on July 19, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. Mountain Standard Time (MST) in Phoenix, Arizona. WAPA will accept oral and written comments at a public comment forum that will be held on August 18, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. MST in Phoenix, Arizona. WAPA will accept written comments any time during the consultation and comment period.

ADDRESSES: The public information forum and public comment forum will be held at WAPA's Desert Southwest Customer Service Regional Office located at 615 South 43rd Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85009. Send written comments to Mr. Ronald E. Moulton, Regional Manager, Desert Southwest Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, Arizona 85005–6457, email moulton@wapa.gov. WAPA will post information about the rate process, as well as comments received via letter

and email on its Web site at: <http://www.wapa.gov/regions/DSW/Rates/Pages/boulder-canyon-rates.aspx>. Written comments must be received by the end of the consultation and comment period to be considered by WAPA in its decision process.

United States (U.S.) citizens who want to attend a forum must present an official form of picture identification (ID) such as a U.S. driver's license, U.S. passport, U.S. government ID, or U.S. military ID. Foreign nationals who want to attend a forum must contact Mr. Scott Lund, Rates Manager, at (602) 605–2442 or email slund@wapa.gov 30 days in advance of a forum to obtain the necessary clearance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Scott Lund, Rates Manager, Desert Southwest Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, Arizona 85005–6457, (602) 605–2442, or email slund@wapa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: BCP's base charge and rates for electric service are calculated annually based on formulas that are set for a five-year period. Since BCP begins a new 50-year marketing period in FY 2018, WAPA is proposing to update the rate-setting formulas effective October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2022. Proposed Rate Schedule BCP–F10 will update the existing forecast capacity rate formula to reflect BCP's current generating capacity of 2,074 megawatts. No other changes to the existing rate-setting formulas are proposed.

The proposed FY 2018 base charge and rates for BCP electric service are designed to recover an annual revenue requirement that includes operation and maintenance and replacements costs, interest expense, investment repayments, payments to states, and visitor services expenses. The total costs are offset by the projected revenue from water sales, visitor services, ancillary services, and late fees. The annual revenue requirement is the base charge for electric service divided equally between capacity and energy. The annual composite rate is the base charge divided by annual energy sales.

The proposed Rate Schedule BCP–F10 requires updated financial and hydrology data to calculate the annual base charge and rates. The proposed base charge for FY 2018 is \$85,094,786 and the proposed composite rate is 24.39 mills/kilowatt-hour. The following table compares the existing and proposed base charge and composite rate: