Applicant’s Proposal

In the July 2013 amended application, NPT proposed to construct and operate a primarily overhead high voltage direct current (HVDC) electric transmission line that would originate at an HVDC converter station to be constructed at the Des Cantons Substation in Quebec, Canada, then would be converted from HVDC to alternating current (AC) in Franklin, NH, and would continue to its southern terminus in Deerfield, NH. The proposed facilities would be capable of transmitting up to 1200 megawatts (MW) of power.

The New Hampshire portion of the proposed Project would be a single circuit 300 kilovolt (kV) HVDC transmission line running approximately 153 miles from the U.S. border crossing with Canada near the community of Pittsburg, NH, to a new HVDC-to-AC transformer facility to be constructed in Franklin, NH. From Franklin, NH, to the Project terminus at the Public Service Company of New Hampshire’s existing Deerfield Substation located in Deerfield, NH, the proposed Project would consist of 34 miles of 345-kV AC electric transmission line. The total length of the proposed Project would be approximately 187 miles.

NPT’s August 2015 application amendment (80 FR 58725) changed the proposed transmission line route by adding three miles of buried transmission line adjacent to a road not previously analyzed, adding two new transition stations (one in Bridgewater and one in Bethlehem; both would transition the transmission line between aboveground and buried) of approximately one acre each, and increasing the amount of proposed buried transmission line from approximately eight miles to approximately 60 miles with a total proposed Project length of approximately 192 miles. In addition, the amendment proposed a minor shift (less than 100 feet) in the international border crossing location, changed the project size from 1,200 MW to 1,000 MW with a potential transfer capability of 1,090 MW and included other design changes (e.g., change in converter technology and type of cable). A copy of the amended Presidential permit application and maps of the proposed Project route can be found at the DOE environmental impact statement (EIS) Web site (http://www.northernpasseis.us).

Section 106 Review

Section 106 of the NHSAA requires federal agencies to take into account the potential effects of their undertakings that require federal funding, approvals, or permits on historic properties and to give the ACHP and SHPOs an opportunity to comment. Compliance with Section 106 also requires consultation with other consulting parties, which may include federally-recognized Indian tribes, representatives of local governments, the applicant, certain individuals and organizations with a demonstrated interest in the proposed undertaking due to the nature of their legal or economic relation to the undertaking or affected properties, or their concern with the undertaking’s effects on historic properties (36 CFR 800.2). The public is also a participant in the Section 106 process, and federal agencies must also seek and consider the views of the public (36 CFR 800.2(d)). If adverse effects on historic properties are anticipated, agencies develop measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate those adverse effects through consultation.

DOE initiated Section 106 consultation with the NH SHPO—the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources—in February 2011 in response to NPT’s 2010 Presidential permit application. DOE suspended its Section 106 consultation following notification from NPT that NPT would be submitting an amended Presidential permit application. DOE re-engaged the NH SHPO in 2013 to continue Section 106 consultation on NPT’s amended Presidential permit application submission; through consultation with the NH SHPO and other consulting federal agencies, DOE defined the area of potential effects (APE) (36 CFR 800.16(d)) and identified potential additional consulting parties (36 CFR 800.2). The ACHP was invited to participate in DOE’s Section 106 consultation in January 2014; ACHP formally joined DOE’s Section 106 consultation in February 2015.

Additional consulting parties (36 CFR 800.2) were invited to participate in DOE’s Section 106 consultation in January 2014. DOE initiated consultation with the VT SHPO—the Vermont Division of Historic Preservation—in June 2016 to address the portion of the APE within Vermont. When the potential effects on historic properties are complex, involve large land areas, and cannot be fully determined prior to approval of an undertaking, an agency’s obligations under Section 106 are satisfied by negotiation and execution of a legally binding agreement called a Programmatic Agreement or PA. DOE has developed a draft PA through which it proposes to satisfy the Section 106 requirements for the proposed Northern Pass project. All information for the public regarding the Section 106 process are available at DOE’s Section 106 Consultation Page for the proposed Northern Pass Transmission Line Project: http://www.northernpasseis.us/consultations/section106/.

Change in Public Notification

The Section 106 implementing regulations provide for specific public involvement opportunities in the Section 106 process. The level of public involvement is determined on a project-by-project basis by the federal agency implementing Section 106. DOE previously indicated that it would notify the public about the Section 106 process through future Federal Register notices (see 78 FR 54876 (Sept. 6, 2013)). DOE is now notifying the Federal Register to notify the public regarding Section 106. Going forward, DOE will continue to provide updates and information to the public, including about opportunities for public involvement, regarding the Section 106 process through DOE’s Section 106 Consultation Page for the Project: http://www.northernpasseis.us/consultations/section106/. In accordance with this decision, on June 14, 2017, DOE notified the public that the draft Section 106 Programmatic Agreement for the Northern Pass Transmission Project was available to the public at this site.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER17–1871–000]

Bayshore Solar B, LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of Bayshore Solar B, LLC’s application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for
blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant’s request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is July 11, 2017.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at http://www.ferc.gov. To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above-referenced proceeding are accessible in the Commission’s eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available for electronic review in the Commission’s Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. or call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.


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Combined Notice of Filings #2

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

Applicants: FPL Energy Wyman IV LLC, Public Service Company of New Hampshire. 
Filed Date: 6/21/17. 
Accession Number: 20170621–5146. 
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 7/12/17. 

Take notice that the Commission received the following exempt wholesale generator filings:

Applicants: Buckthorn Wind, LLC. 
Description: Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status of Buckthorn Wind, LLC. 
Filed Date: 6/21/17. 
Accession Number: 20170621–5118. 
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 7/12/17. 
Docket Numbers: EG17–120–000. 
Applicants: Bearkat Wind Energy I, LLC. 
Description: Bearkat Wind Energy I, LLC’s Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status. 
Filed Date: 6/21/17. 
Accession Number: 20170621–5149. 
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 7/12/17. 

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

Docket Numbers: ER17–1877–000. 
Applicants: Southern California Edison Company. 
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Letter Agreement Huntingdon Beach Energy Project SA No. 193 to be effective 6/22/2017. 
Filed Date: 6/21/17. 
Accession Number: 20170621–5087. 
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 7/12/17. 
Docket Numbers: ER17–1878–000. 
Applicants: Southern California Edison Company. 
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Letter Agreement Alamitos Energy Center Project SA No. 194 to be effective 6/22/2017. 
Filed Date: 6/21/17. 
Accession Number: 20170621–5088. 
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 7/12/17. 

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 205 filing of Rate Schedule 1 revisions for Ramapo PARs cost recovery to be effective 7/1/2017. 
Filed Date: 6/21/17. 
Accession Number: 20170621–5124. 
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 7/12/17. 
Docket Numbers: ER17–1880–000. 
Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. 
Filed Date: 6/21/17. 
Accession Number: 20170621–5147. 
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 7/12/17. 

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.


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