DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Bonneville Power Administration

Electrical Interconnection of the Vantage to Pomona Heights Transmission Line Project

AGENCY: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Record of Decision (ROD).

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the ROD to interconnect the Vantage to Pomona Heights Transmission Line Project in Grant and Yakima Counties, Washington. BPA has decided to implement its part of the Vantage to Pomona Heights 230-kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line Project (Project) that was analyzed in the Vantage to Pomona Heights 230-kV Transmission Line Project Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) (DOI–BLM–OR–134–2013–0002–EIS and DOE/EIS–0505, October 2016). Pacific Power will construct, operate, and maintain the Project, which will be a new 230-kV transmission line that will extend from Pacificorp’s existing Pomona Heights Substation in Yakima County, Washington to BPA’s existing Vantage Substation in Grant County, Washington. The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) was the Lead Federal Agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for preparation of the EIS for the Project. Twelve other public entities, including BPA, were involved in the EIS as cooperating agencies under NEPA. BPA has adopted the Final EIS for the Project.

BPA’s action related to the Project is to allow the interconnection of Pacific Power’s transmission line to BPA’s Vantage Substation. To allow this interconnection, BPA will execute a Line and Load Interconnection agreement with Pacificorp 1 to provide interconnection facilities and services for the transmission line. Interconnection will involve connecting Pacific Power’s transmission line to an existing substation bay at BPA’s Vantage Substation, connecting the transmission line’s fiber to the Vantage Substation control house, and installing and operating related electrical, metering, and relay equipment. The interconnection facilities will be located mostly on BPA-owned property within the Vantage Substation fence line.

Pacific Power has recently received approvals from the BLM and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) to construct, operate and maintain one of the alternatives—the New Northern Route (NNR) Alternative with an Overhead Design Option—that was considered and analyzed in the Final EIS for the Project. BPA’s decision to implement its part of the Project is consistent with those approvals.

All the required design features and mitigation measures for the transmission line described in the Draft EIS, Supplemental Draft EIS, and updated in the Final EIS have been adopted by Pacific Power. Pacific Power will be responsible for executing mitigation measures identified in the EIS.

ADDRESSES: The ROD will be available to all interested parties and affected persons and agencies. Copies of the ROD, Draft EIS, Supplemental Draft EIS, and Final EIS can be accessed at BPA’s Project Web site at www.bpa.gov/goto/V2PInterconnection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Kate Grange, Bonneville Power Administration—ECT–4, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon 97208–3621; toll-free telephone number 1–800–622–4519; fax number 503–230–5699; or email kgrange@bpa.gov.

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Elliot Mainzer,
Administrator and Chief Executive Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Certification Notice—250; Notice of Filing of Self-Certification of Coal Capability Under the Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act

AGENCY: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of filing.

SUMMARY: On September 12, 2017, NTE Carolinas II, LLC, as owner and operator of a new baseload electric generating powerplant, submitted a coal capability self-certification to the Department of Energy (DOE) to § 201(d) of the Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978 (FUA), as amended, and DOE regulations. The FUA and regulations thereunder require DOE to publish a notice of filing of self-certification in the Federal Register.

1Pacific Power is a division of PacifiCorp. Pacific Power has proposed the construction of the Vantage to Pomona Heights Transmission Line Project, while PacifiCorp has requested interconnection of the Project to BPA’s Vantage Substation.
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

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

Docket Numbers: EG18–5–000.
Applicants: Voyager Wind II, LLC.
Description: Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status of Voyager Wind II, LLC.

Filed Date: 10/10/17.
Accession Number: 20171010–5216.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/31/17.

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

Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.
Description: Tariff Amendment: 2017–10–06 Deficiency Response to Dynamic NCA Filing to be effective 1/4/2018.

Filed Date: 10/6/17.
Accession Number: 20171006–5161.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/27/17.
Docket Numbers: ER18–41–000.
Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2017–10–06 Continuous Improvement 3 RFP Staggering & Guidance Narrative Filing to be effective 12/6/2017.

Filed Date: 10/6/17.
Accession Number: 20171006–5173.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/27/17.
Docket Numbers: ER18–42–000.
Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2017–10–06 Continuous Improvement 4 Proposal Submission & Eval Process Filing to be effective 12/6/2017.

Filed Date: 10/6/17.
Accession Number: 20171006–5189.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/27/17.
Docket Numbers: ER18–43–000.
Applicants: Wisconsin Power and Light Company, Quilt Block Wind Farm LLC.
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: LBA Agreement Between WPL and Quilt Block Wind Farm LLC to be effective 9/18/2017.

Filed Date: 10/6/17.
Accession Number: 20171006–5193.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/27/17.
Docket Numbers: ER18–44–000.
Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2017–10–06 Continuous Improvement 5 Multi-Facility & Mixed Facility Eval Filing to be effective 12/6/2017.

Filed Date: 10/6/17.
Accession Number: 20171006–5195.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/27/17.
Docket Numbers: ER18–45–000.
Applicants: Southern California Edison Company.
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 1636R20 Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. NITSA and NOA to be effective 10/1/2017.

Filed Date: 10/10/17.
Accession Number: 20171010–5165.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/31/17.
Docket Numbers: ER18–47–000.
Applicants: Voyager Wind II, LLC.
Description: Baseline eTariff Filing: MBR Application to be effective 12/10/2017.

Filed Date: 10/10/17.
Accession Number: 20171010–5200.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/31/17.

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-reg.pdf. For other information, call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.


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