Becoming an Intervenor

Once National Fuel files its application with the Commission, you may want to become an “intervenor” which is an official party to the Commission’s proceeding. Intervenors play a more formal role in the process and are able to file briefs, appear at hearings, and be heard by the courts if they choose to appeal the Commission’s final ruling. An intervenor formally participates in the proceeding by filing a request to intervene. Motions to intervene are more fully described at http://www.ferc.gov/resources/guides/how-to-intervene.asp. Instructions for becoming an intervenor are in the “Document-less Intervention Guide” under the “e-filing” link on the Commission’s Web site. Please note that the Commission will not accept requests for intervenor status at this time. You must wait until the Commission receives a formal application for the project.

Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission’s Office of External Affairs, at (866) 288–FERC, or on the FERC Web site (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on General Search and enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (i.e., PF17–10). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208–FERC, or on the FERC Web site (www.ferc.gov) at (866) 208–FERC, or on the FERC Web site (www.ferc.gov) toll free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

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Finally, public sessions or site visits will be posted on the Commission’s calendar located at www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx along with other related information.


Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

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

Applicants: 83WI 8me, LLC.

Description: Notification of certain non-material changes of 83WI 8me, LLC.

Filed Date: 11/27/17.
Accession Number: 20171127–5146.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/18/17.

Applicants: Imperial Valley Solar 3, LLC.

Description: Application for Authorization Under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act for the Acquisition of Jurisdictional Facilities and Request for Expedited Consideration of Imperial Valley Solar 3, LLC.

Filed Date: 11/28/17.
Accession Number: 20171128–5091.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/19/17.

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

Applicants: Cuyama Solar, LLC.

Description: Notice of Change in Status of Cuyama Solar, LLC.

Filed Date: 11/28/17.
Accession Number: 20171128–5008.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/19/17.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: Compliance filing: Errata to Compliance Filing in ER18–319–001 to be effective 1/28/2018.

Filed Date: 11/28/17.
Accession Number: 20171128–5015.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/19/17.

Docket Numbers: ER18–331–000.
Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Queue #21–069/AB1–160, Second Revised Service Agreement No. 4315 to be effective 10/26/2017.

Filed Date: 11/27/17.
Accession Number: 20171127–5108.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/18/17.

Docket Numbers: ER18–332–000.
Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 3378 MKEC & Minnescah Rural Electric Interconnection Agr for to be effective 11/15/2017.

Filed Date: 11/28/17.
Accession Number: 20171128–5001.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/19/17.
application in Docket No. CP17–469–000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to Sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to abandon the Billy Creek Storage Field, and construct certain natural gas facilities to recover the storage field’s cushion gas. The proposed project is known as the Billy Creek Storage Field Abandonment Project (Project), and would involve the abandonment of the storage field and related facilities in Johnson County, Wyoming.

On July 17, 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:** February 2, 2018.
- **90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline:** May 3, 2018.

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**

WBI proposes to abandon the Billy Creek Storage Field and related facilities and recover and sell the estimated 2.3 billion cubic feet of cushion gas prior to abandonment of the field. WBI proposes a combination of any of these three options to recover the remaining cushion gas:

1. Utilize and/or modify existing storage field facilities (Option 1);
2. Install a temporary 200 horsepower (or less) replacement compressor unit (Option 2); and/or
3. Drill one new natural gas recovery well in one of two locations (Option 3).

Following cushion gas withdrawal, WBI would abandon pipeline and aboveground facilities in-place and by removal, including the additional compressor unit and/or recovery well listed in Options 2 and 3. WBI states that the storage field is no longer reliable due to water encroachment and that the firm storage deliverability is now provided by another WBI storage field.

**Background**

On August 17, 2017, the Commission issued a Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Billy Creek Storage Field Abandonment Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues (NOI). The NOI was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; Native American tribes; and local libraries. In response to the NOI, the Commission received comments from the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality and the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. The primary issues raised by commentors are impacts on water quality and surface waterbodies, restoration and the development of a reclamation plan, invasive species prevention and mitigation, and applicable permits.

**Additional Information**

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[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.