

regulations (in Order No. 667)<sup>5</sup> to, among other things, add procedures for not only defining what entities would qualify as EWGs and FUCOs, but also the self-certification by entities seeking EWG and FUCO status, coupled with the self-certification of the exemption of their holding companies, in turn, from Commission regulation.<sup>6</sup> This self-certification for EWGs and FUCOs is similar to the process available to entities that seek qualifying facility status.<sup>7</sup>

An EWG is defined as “any person engaged directly, or indirectly through one or more affiliates . . . and exclusively in the business of owning or operating, or both owning and operating, all or part of one or more eligible facilities and selling electric energy at wholesale.”<sup>8</sup> A FUCO is defined as “any company that owns or operates facilities that are not located in any state and that are used for the generation, transmission, or distribution

of electric energy for sale or the distribution at retail of natural or manufactured gas for heat, light, or power, if such company: (1) Derives no part of its income, directly or indirectly, from the generation, transmission, or distribution of electric energy for sale or the distribution at retail of natural or manufactured gas for heat, light, or power, within the United States; and (2) [n]either the company nor any of its subsidiary companies is a public-utility company operating in the United States.”<sup>9</sup>

An EWG, FUCO, or its representative seeking to self-certify its status as an EWG or FUCO must file with the Commission a notice of self-certification (FERC–598) demonstrating that it satisfies the definition of EWG or FUCO. In the case of EWGs, the person filing a notice of self-certification must also file a copy of the notice of self-certification with the state regulatory authority of the state in which the

facility is located and that person must also represent to the Commission in its submission that it has filed a copy of the notice with the appropriate state regulatory authority.<sup>10</sup>

Submission of the information collected by FERC–598 is necessary for the Commission to carry out its responsibilities under section 1266(a) of EPAct 2005.<sup>11</sup> The Commission implements its responsibilities through the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 18, Part 366. These filing requirements are mandatory for entities seeking to self-certify their EWG or FUCO status, in order to, in turn, exempt their holding companies from Commission regulation.

*Type of Respondents:* EWGs and FUCOs.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*<sup>12</sup> The Commission estimates the total annual burden and cost<sup>13</sup> for this information collection as follows.

### FERC–598

[Self-certification for entities seeking exempt wholesale generator status or foreign utility company status]

| Number of respondents<br>(EWGs and FUCOs) | Annual<br>number of<br>responses per<br>respondent | Total<br>number of<br>responses | Average<br>burden hrs.<br>& cost (\$)<br>per response | Total annual<br>burden hours<br>& total<br>annual cost | Average<br>cost per<br>respondent<br>(\$) |
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| 147 .....                                 | 1  | 147                             | 6 hrs.; \$459 .....                                   | 882 hrs.; \$67,473 .....                               | \$459                                     |

*Comments:* Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: February 13, 2018.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

#### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 3011–016]

#### Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, and Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process; Natco Products Corporation

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process.

b. *Project No.:* 3011–016.

c. *Date Filed:* December 29, 2017.

d. *Submitted By:* Natco Products Corporation (Natco).

e. *Name of Project:* Arctic Project.

f. *Location:* On the South Branch Pawtuxet River in West Warwick, Kent County, Rhode Island. No federal lands are occupied by the project works or located within the project boundary.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 5.3 and 5.5 of the Commission's regulations.

h. *Potential Applicant Contact:* Steve Burke, Natco Products Corporation, 155 Brookside Avenue, West Warwick, RI 02893; (401) 828–0300; email at [sburke@natcohome.com](mailto:sburke@natcohome.com).

i. *FERC Contact:* John Ramer at (202) 502–8969; or email at [john.ramer@ferc.gov](mailto:john.ramer@ferc.gov).

j. Natco filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on

<sup>5</sup> *Repeal of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 and Enactment of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005*, 70 FR 75592, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,197 (2005), *order on rehearing*, Order 667–A, 71 FR 28446, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,213 (2006), *order on rehearing*, Order 667–B, 71 FR 42750, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,244 (2006), *order on rehearing*, Order 667–C, 118 FERC ¶ 61,133 (2007).

<sup>6</sup> 18 CFR 366.1, 366.3(a), 366.4, 366.7.

<sup>7</sup> 18 CFR 292.207.

<sup>8</sup> 18 CFR 366.1.

<sup>9</sup> *Id.*

<sup>10</sup> 18 CFR 366.7.

<sup>11</sup> 42 U.S.C. 16454(a).

<sup>12</sup> “Burden” is the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. For further explanation

of what is included in the information collection burden, refer to Title 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

<sup>13</sup> Subject matter experts found that industry employment costs (for salary plus benefits) for the FERC–598 information collection closely resemble the Commission's. FERC's 2017 average annual salary plus benefits per FTE (full-time equivalent) is \$158,754 (or \$76.50 per hour).

December 29, 2017, and provided public notice of the request on the same date. In a letter dated February 13, 2018, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved Natco's request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.

k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR part 402; and NOAA Fisheries under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.920. We are also initiating consultation with the Rhode Island State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. Natco filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

m. A copy of the PAD is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website (<http://www.ferc.gov>), using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.

n. The licensee states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a subsequent license for Project No. 3011. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.20, each application for a subsequent license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by December 31, 2020.

o. Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: February 13, 2018.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER18-855-000]

#### Panoche Valley Solar, 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 Panoche Valley Solar, 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 March 6, 2018.

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 website 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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Dated: February 14, 2018.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Effectiveness of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status

|                             | Docket Nos. |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Panda Hummel Station LLC.   | EG18-14-000 |
| Wildwood Lessee, LLC ...    | EG18-15-000 |
| Red Dirt Wind Project, LLC. | EG18-16-000 |
| ORNI 39 LLC .....           | EG18-17-000 |
| ORNI 41 LLC .....           | EG18-18-000 |
| Hamakua Energy, LLC ...     | EG18-19-000 |

Take notice that during the month of January 2018, the status of the above-captioned entities as Exempt Wholesale Generators became effective by operation of the Commission's regulations. 18 CFR 366.7(a) (2017).

Dated: February 14, 2018.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

#### Filings Instituting Proceedings

*Docket Number:* PR18-15-001.

*Applicants:* SCOOP Express, LLC.

*Description:* Tariff filing per 284.123(b),(e)+(g); SCOOP Express Amended SOC filing Feb 12 2018 to be effective 12/22/2017.

*Filed Date:* 2/12/18.

*Accession Number:* 201802125088.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 3/5/18.

*284.123(g) Protests Due:* 5 p.m. ET 3/5/18.

*Docket Number:* PR18-29-000.

*Applicants:* National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation.