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Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 16, 2018.

Dated: March 5, 2018.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Pacific Northwest-Pacific Southwest Intertie Project—Rate Order No. WAPA-181

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of proposed extension of transmission service rates.

SUMMARY: The Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) proposes to extend the existing Pacific Northwest-Pacific Southwest Intertie Project transmission service rates through September 30, 2020. The existing Rate Schedules INT-FT5 and INT-NFT4 expire April 30, 2018.

DATES: A consultation and comment period starts with the publication of this notice and will end on April 9, 2018. WAPA will accept written comments any time during the consultation and comment period.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to: Mr. Ronald E. Moulton, Regional Manager, Desert Southwest Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005-6457, or email moulton@wapa.gov. WAPA will post information about the proposed transmission service rate extension and written comments received on its website at <https://www.wapa.gov/regions/DSW/Rates/Pages/intertie-rates.aspx>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Tina Ramsey, Rates Manager, Desert Southwest Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005-6457, (602) 605-2565, or email ramsey@wapa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Rate Schedules INT-FT5 and INT-NFT4 for Rate Order No. WAPA-157 were approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for a 5-

year period through April 30, 2018.¹ The existing rates provide sufficient revenue to pay all annual costs, including interest expense, and repay required investment within the allowable period consistent with the cost recovery criteria set forth in DOE Order RA 6120.2. In accordance with 10 CFR part 903.23(a), WAPA is proposing to extend the existing rates under Rate Schedules INT-FT5 and INT-NFT4 for the period from May 1, 2018 through September 30, 2020. Extending these rate schedules through September 30, 2020 will provide WAPA and its customers time to evaluate the potential benefits of combining transmission service rates on Federal transmission projects in the Desert Southwest Region.

By Delegation Order No. 00-037.00B, effective November 19, 2016, the Secretary of Energy delegated: (1) The authority to develop power and transmission rates to WAPA's Administrator; (2) the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Deputy Secretary of Energy; and (3) the authority to confirm, approve, and place into effect on a final basis, to remand or to disapprove such rates to FERC.

In accordance with 10 CFR 903.23(a)(2), WAPA will not hold public information or public comment forums but is providing a 30-day consultation and comment period to receive comments on the proposed rate extension. Comments must be received by the end of the consultation and comment period to be considered by WAPA in its decision process. WAPA will post comments received to its website, <https://www.wapa.gov/regions/DSW/Rates/Pages/intertie-rates.aspx>. After considering public comments, WAPA will take further action on the proposed rate extension consistent with 10 CFR 903.23(a).

Dated: January 25, 2018.

Mark A. Gabriel,
Administrator.

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¹ FERC confirmed and approved Rate Order No. WAPA-157 on August 22, 2013, in Docket No. EF13-4-000. See *Order Confirming and Approving Rate Schedules on a Final Basis*, 144 FERC ¶ 61,143.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0756; FRL-9972-86]

Pesticide Experimental Use Permit; Receipt of Application; Comment Request

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces EPA's receipt of an application 93167-EUP-R from Oxitec Ltd. requesting an experimental use permit (EUP) for the OX513A *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes expressing tetracycline Trans-Activator Variant (tTAV) protein. The Agency has determined that the permit may be of regional and national significance. Therefore, because of the potential significance, EPA is seeking comments on this application.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 9, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0756, by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

- *Mail:* OPP Docket, Environmental Protection Agency Docket Center (EPA/DC), (28221T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001.

- *Hand Delivery:* To make special arrangements for hand delivery or delivery of boxed information, please follow the instructions at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets/contacts.html>.

Additional instructions on commenting or visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert McNally, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001; main telephone number: (703) 305-7090; email address: BPPDFRNotices@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this action apply to me?

This action is directed to the public in general. Although this action may be

of particular interest to those persons who conduct or sponsor research on pesticides, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action.

B. What should I consider as I prepare my comments for EPA?

1. *Submitting CBI.* Do not submit this information to EPA through regulations.gov or email. Clearly mark the part or all of the information that you claim to be CBI. For CBI information in a disk or CD-ROM that you mail to EPA, mark the outside of the disk or CD-ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD-ROM the specific information that is claimed as CBI. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

2. *Tips for preparing your comments.* When preparing and submitting your comments, see the commenting tips at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets/comments.html>.

3. *Environmental justice.* EPA seeks to achieve environmental justice, the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of any group, including minority and/or low income populations, in the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. To help address potential environmental justice issues, the Agency seeks information on any groups or segments of the population who, as a result of their location, cultural practices, or other factors, may have atypical or disproportionately high and adverse human health impacts or environmental effects from exposure to the pesticides discussed in this document, compared to the general population.

II. What action is the Agency taking?

Under section 5 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), 7 U.S.C. 136c, EPA can allow manufacturers to field test pesticides under development. Manufacturers are required to obtain an EUP before testing new pesticides or new uses of pesticides if they conduct experimental field tests on 10 acres or more of land or one acre or more of water.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 172.11(a), the Agency has determined that the following EUP application may be of

regional and national significance, and therefore is seeking public comment on the EUP application:

Submitter: Oxitec Ltd., (93167-EUP-R).

Pesticide Chemical: OX513A *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes expressing tTAV protein.

Summary of Request: Oxitec Ltd. is proposing to test OX513A *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes expressing tTAV protein in the states of Florida and Texas on up to 1125 total acres at a maximum rate of 0.0017 g active ingredient (tTAV), equivalent to 45,000 male OX513A mosquitoes, per acre per week. The proposed experiments are to evaluate the efficacy of OX513A mosquitoes as a tool for suppression of wild *Aedes aegypti* mosquito populations.

Following the review of the application and any comments and data received in response to this solicitation, EPA will decide whether to issue or deny the EUP request, and if issued, the conditions under which it is to be conducted. Any issuance of an EUP will be announced in the **Federal Register**.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*

Dated: February 26, 2018.

Robert McNally,

Director, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-9038-1]

Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7156 or <http://www2.epa.gov/nepa>. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements filed 02/26/2018 Through 03/02/2018 pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

Notice

Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies. EPA's comment letters on EISs are available at: <https://cdxnodengn.epa.gov/cdx-nepa-public/action/eis/search>.

EIS No. 20180031, Draft, BLM, UT, Greater Chapita Wells Natural Gas Infill Project, comment period ends: 04/23/2018, Contact: Stephanie Howard 435-781-4469.
EIS No. 20180032, Final, FTA, IN, West Lake Corridor Project Final

Environmental Impact Statement/Record of Decision and Section 4(f) Evaluation. Under 23 U.S.C. 139(n)(2), FTA has issued a single document that consists of a final environmental impact statement and record of decision. Therefore, the 30-day wait/review period under NEPA does not apply to this action. Contact: Mark Assam 206-220-4465.

EIS No. 20180033, Final, USFS, OR, Hwy 46, review period ends: 04/23/2018, Contact: Lynise Medley 503-854-4228.

EIS No. 20180034, Draft, USFS, ID, Hungry Ridge Restoration Project, comment period ends: 04/23/2018, Contact: Jennie Fischer 208-983-4048.

EIS No. 20180035, Final, DC, AK, Mertarvik Infrastructure Development Final EIS, review period ends: 04/09/2018, Contact: Don Antrobus 907-271-3500.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 20180028, Final, Caltrans, CA, ~VOIDED~ State Route 269 Bridge Project, review period ends: 09/03/2018, Contact: Jeff Sorensen 559-445-5329. This final environmental assessment was inadvertently filed and published in 03/02/2018 FR.

Dated: March 7, 2018.

Kelly Knight,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2017-0141; FRL-9974-91]

Certain New Chemicals or Significant New Uses; Statements of Findings for December 2017

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Section 5(g) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) requires EPA to publish in the **Federal Register** a statement of its findings after its review of TSCA section 5(a) notices when EPA makes a finding that a new chemical substance or significant new use is not likely to present an unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment. Such statements apply to premanufacture notices (PMNs), microbial commercial activity notices (MCANs), and significant new use notices (SNUNs) submitted to EPA under TSCA section 5. This document