

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory  
CommissionSupplemental Notice of Technical  
Conference

	Docket Nos.
Participation of Distributed Energy Resource, Aggregations in Markets Operated by Regional Transmission Organizations and Independent System Operators.	RM18-9-000.
Distributed Energy Resources-Technical Considerations for the Bulk Power System.	AD18-10-000.

As announced in a Notice of Technical Conference issued on February 15, 2018, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) staff will hold a technical conference on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 and Wednesday, April 11, 2018, to discuss the participation of distributed energy resource (DER) aggregations in Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) and Independent System Operator (ISO) markets and to more broadly discuss the potential effects of DERs on the bulk power system. On April 10, 2018, the conference will commence at 10:15 a.m. and end at 4:45 p.m. On April 11, 2018, the conference will commence at 9:00 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. The conference will be held at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. Commissioners will lead the second panel of the technical conference. Commission staff will lead the other six panels, and Commissioners may attend.

The agenda for this technical conference is attached. As stated in the Notice of Technical Conference, Commission staff seeks to discuss two broad sets of issues related to DERs. First, the technical conference will gather additional information to help the Commission determine what action to take on the DER aggregation reforms proposed in its Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Electric Storage Participation in Markets Operated by Regional Transmission Organizations and Independent System Operators (NOPR).<sup>1</sup> In the NOPR, the Commission proposed to require each RTO/ISO to define DER aggregators as a type of market participant that can participate in the RTO/ISO markets under the participation model that best accommodates the physical and operational characteristics of its DER

<sup>1</sup> See *Electric Storage Participation in Markets Operated by Regional Transmission Organizations and Independent System Operators*, FERC Stats. & Regs. 32,718 (2016) (NOPR).

aggregation.<sup>2</sup> As discussed in Order No. 841, the Commission is taking no further action in Docket No. RM16-23-000 regarding the proposed DER aggregation reforms.<sup>3</sup> Instead, the Commission will continue to explore the proposed DER aggregation reforms under Docket No. RM18-9-000. All comments previously filed in response to the NOPR in Docket No. RM16-23-000 are incorporated by reference into Docket No. RM18-9-000, and any further comments regarding the proposed DER aggregation reforms, including discussion of those reforms during this technical conference, should be filed henceforth in Docket No. RM18-9-000.<sup>4</sup> Second, the technical conference will explore issues related to the potential effects of DERs on the bulk power system and any comments related to these issues should be filed in Docket No. AD18-10-00. A schedule for submitting post-technical conference comments will be discussed at the technical conference.

All interested persons may attend the conference, and registration is not required. However, in-person attendees are encouraged to register on-line by April 3, 2018 at: <https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/04-10-18-form.asp>. In-person attendees should allow time to pass through building security procedures before the start time of the technical conference.

The Commission will transcribe and webcast this conference. Transcripts will be available immediately for a fee from Ace Reporting (202-347-3700). A link to the webcast of this event will be available in the Commission Calendar of Events at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov). The Capitol Connection provides technical support for the webcasts and offers the option of listening to the conference via phone-bridge for a fee. For additional information, visit [www.CapitolConnection.org](http://www.CapitolConnection.org) or call (703) 993-3100.

While this conference is not for the purpose of discussing specific cases, it may address matters at issue in the following Commission proceedings that are pending:

- *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*: See *Advanced Energy Economy*, Docket No. EL17-75-001

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<sup>2</sup> *Id.* P 1.

<sup>3</sup> See *Electric Storage Participation in Markets Operated by Regional Transmission Organizations and Independent System Operators*, Order No. 841, FERC Stats. & Regs. 31,398 (2018) (cross-referenced at 162 FERC 61,127).

<sup>4</sup> Further comments regarding the proposed DER aggregation reforms should no longer be filed in Docket No. RM16-23-000.

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For more information about this technical conference, please contact David Kathan at (202) 502-6404, [david.kathan@ferc.gov](mailto:david.kathan@ferc.gov), or Louise Nutter at (202) 502-8175, [louise.nutter@ferc.gov](mailto:louise.nutter@ferc.gov). For information related to logistics, please contact Sarah McKinley at (202) 502-8368, [sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov](mailto:sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov).

Dated: March 29, 2018.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory  
Commission

[Docket No. TX18-1-000]

Notice of Filing; AEP Energy Partners,  
Inc.

Take notice that on March 28, 2018, pursuant to section 211 of the Federal Power Act<sup>1</sup> and part 36 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure,<sup>2</sup> AEP Energy Partners, Inc., LLC filed an application requesting that the Commission issue an order directing Sharyland Utilities, L.P., AEP Texas, Inc. and Electric Transmission of Texas, LLC to provide transmission services for power flows to, from, and over the Sharyland DC Tie, the Eagle Pass DC Tie and the Laredo VFT Tie, respectively.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene

<sup>1</sup> 16 U.S.C. 824j (2012).

<sup>2</sup> 18 CFR 36.1 *et seq.*

or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the eFiling link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the eLibrary link and is available for 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.

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on April 18, 2018.

Dated: March 29, 2018.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP18-130-000]

#### ANR Storage Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

Take notice that on March 22, 2018, ANR Storage Company (ANR Storage), 700 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas 77002-2700, filed in Docket No. CP18-130-000, a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.213(b) of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and ANR Storage's blanket authorizations issued in Docket No. CP82-523-000. ANR Storage seeks authorization to construct and operate one new injection/withdrawal (I/W) well, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the web at <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 at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call

toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

ANR Storage proposes to construct and operate in Kalkaska County, Michigan, one new horizontal I/W well, designated Cold Springs 12-17, and related pipelines and appurtenances at ANR Storage's Cold Springs 12 Storage Field, located in Kalkaska County, Michigan. ANR Storage states that the new well is to replace the plugged and abandoned CS12-2 and to improve the field's deliverability. There will be no change in the certificated physical parameters of the field, including existing boundary, total inventory, reservoir pressure, reservoir and buffer boundaries, or the certificated storage capacity, as a result of the proposed project. The total cost is approximately \$4,250,000.

Any questions regarding this Application should be directed to Linda Farquhar, Manager, Project Determinations & Regulatory Administration, ANR Storage Company, 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 700, Houston, Texas, 77002-2700, by phone (832) 320-5685, by fax (832) 320-6685, or by email at [linda\\_farquhar@transcanada.com](mailto:linda_farquhar@transcanada.com).

Any person or the Commission's Staff may, within 60 days after the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and, pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding, or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental

Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests, and interventions via the internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the "e-Filing" link. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Dated: March 28, 2018.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 6795-023]

#### Notice of Transfer of Exemption; Town of Pownal, Hoosic River Hydro, LLC

1. By letter filed December 15, 2017, William F. Scully, on behalf of the Town of Pownal and the Hoosic River Hydro, LLC, informed the Commission that the exemption from licensing for the Pownal Hydroelectric Project No. 6795, originally issued April 1, 1983,<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Order Granting Exemption from Licensing of a Small Hydroelectric Project of 5 Megawatts or Less.