

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Project No. 2533–061]****Brainerd Public Utilities; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document (PAD), Commencement of Pre-Filing Process, and Scoping; Request for Comments on the PAD and Scoping Document, and Identification of Issues and Associated Study Requests**

- a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application for a New License and Commencing Pre-filing Process.
- b. *Project No.:* 2533–061.
- c. *Dated Filed:* February 28, 2018.
- d. *Submitted By:* Brainerd Public Utilities.
- e. *Name of Project:* Brainerd Hydroelectric Project (Brainerd Project).
- f. *Location:* The Brainerd Project is located on the Mississippi River in the City of Brainerd, Crow Wing County, Minnesota. The project does not occupy United States lands.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR part 5 of the Commission's Regulations.
- h. *Potential Applicant Contact:* Scott Magnuson, Superintendent, Brainerd Public Utilities, 8027 Highland Scenic Road, P.O. Box 273, Brainerd, MN 56401. Phone 218–825–3213 or email at [smagnuson@bpu.org](mailto:smagnuson@bpu.org).
- i. *FERC Contact:* Patrick Ely at (202) 502–8598 or email at [Patrick.Ely@ferc.gov](mailto:Patrick.Ely@ferc.gov).
- j. *Cooperating agencies:* Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item o below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. See 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).
- k. *With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with:* (a) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, Part 402; and (b) the State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.
- l. With this notice, we are designating Brainerd Public Utilities as the

Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation, pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

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

n. 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.

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.

o. With this notice, we are soliciting comments on the PAD and Commission's staff Scoping Document 1 (SD1), as well as study requests. All comments on the PAD and SD1, and study requests should be sent to the address above in paragraph h. In addition, all comments on the PAD and SD1, study requests, requests for cooperating agency status, and all communications to and from Commission staff related to the merits of the potential application must be filed with the Commission.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file all documents using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P–2533–061.

*All filings with the Commission must bear the appropriate heading:*

Comments on Pre-Application Document, Study Requests, Comments on Scoping Document 1, Request for Cooperating Agency Status, or Communications to and from Commission Staff. Any individual or entity interested in submitting study requests, commenting on the PAD or SD1, and any agency requesting cooperating status must do so by June 28, 2018.

p. Although our current intent is to prepare an environmental assessment (EA), there is the possibility that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be required. Nevertheless, this meeting will satisfy the NEPA scoping requirements, irrespective of whether an EA or EIS is issued by the Commission.

**Scoping Meetings**

Commission staff will hold two scoping meetings in the vicinity of the project at the time and place noted below. The daytime meeting will focus on resource agency, Indian tribes, and non-governmental organization concerns, while the evening meeting is primarily for receiving input from the public. We invite all interested individuals, organizations, and agencies to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist staff in identifying particular study needs, as well as the scope of environmental issues to be addressed in the environmental document. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

**Evening Scoping Meeting**

*Date:* Wednesday, May 16, 2018.

*Time:* 6:00 p.m.

*Location:* Brainerd City Fire Department, 23 Laurel Street, Brainerd, MN 56401.

*Phone Number:* (212) 828–2312.

**Daytime Scoping Meeting**

*Date:* Thursday, May 17, 2018.

*Time:* 9:00 a.m.

*Location:* Brainerd City Fire Department, 23 Laurel Street, Brainerd, MN 56401.

*Phone Number:* (212) 828–2312.

Scoping Document 1 (SD1), which outlines the subject areas to be addressed in the environmental document, was mailed to the individuals and entities on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of SD1 will be available at the scoping meetings, or may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the eLibrary link. Follow the directions for accessing information in paragraph n. Based on all oral and written comments, a Scoping Document 2 (SD2) may be

issued. SD2 may include a revised process plan and schedule, as well as a list of issues, identified through the scoping process.

#### Environmental Site Review

The potential applicant and Commission staff will conduct an Environmental Site Review of the project on Wednesday, May 16, 2018, starting at 10:00 a.m. All participants should meet at Brainerd Industrial Center, 1801 Mill Ave., Brainerd, MN 56401. Participants will be met at the entrance gate prior to entering the property. Participants must wear closed toe shoes and be 16 years or older. Please notify Adele Braun at (952) 842-3703, or [ABraun@barr.com](mailto:ABraun@barr.com), by May 9, 2018, if you plan to attend the environmental site review.

#### Meeting Objectives

At the scoping meetings, staff will: (1) Initiate scoping of the issues; (2) review and discuss existing conditions and resource management objectives; (3) review and discuss existing information and identify preliminary information and study needs; (4) review and discuss the process plan and schedule for pre-filing activity that incorporates the time frames provided for in Part 5 of the Commission's regulations and, to the extent possible, maximizes coordination of federal, state, and tribal permitting and certification processes; and (5) discuss the appropriateness of any federal or state agency or Indian tribe acting as a cooperating agency for development of an environmental document.

Meeting participants should come prepared to discuss their issues and/or

concerns. Please review the PAD in preparation for the scoping meetings. Directions on how to obtain a copy of the PAD and SD1 are included in item n. of this document.

#### Meeting Procedures

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will be placed in the public records of the project.

Dated: April 26, 2018.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*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 Numbers:* RP18-738-000.

*Applicants:* WBI Energy

Transmission, Inc.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: 2018 Housekeeping Filing to be effective 5/25/2018.

*Filed Date:* 4/24/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180424-5065.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 5/7/18.

*Docket Numbers:* RP18-739-000.

*Applicants:* Texas Eastern

Transmission, LP.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rate NRG Power Marketing 910616 to be effective 5/1/2018.

*Filed Date:* 4/24/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180424-5223.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 5/7/18.

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

Dated: April 25, 2018.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Revocation of Market-Based Rate Authority and Termination of Electric Market-Based Rate Tariff

	Docket No.
Electric Quarterly Reports .....	ER02-2001-020
Fibrominn LLC .....	ER12-1161-002
BluCo Energy LLC .....	ER12-1279-000
Alternate Power Source Inc., .....	ER11-4550-000
Atlantic Coast Energy Corporation .....	ER13-734-000

On March 19, 2018, the Commission issued an order announcing its intent to revoke the market-based rate authority of the public utilities listed in the caption of that order, which included the companies listed in the caption above, which had failed to file their required Electric Quarterly Reports.<sup>1</sup> The Commission directed those public utilities to file the required Electric Quarterly Reports within 15 days of the date of issuance of the order or face revocation of their authority to sell

power at market-based rates and termination of their electric market-based rate tariffs.<sup>2</sup>

The time period for compliance with the March 19 Order has elapsed. The above-captioned companies failed to file their delinquent Electric Quarterly Reports. The Commission hereby revokes, effective as of the date of issuance of this notice, the market-based rate authority and terminates the electric market-based rate tariff of each

of the companies who are named in the caption of this order.

Dated: April 25, 2018.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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<sup>1</sup> *Electric Quarterly Reports*, 162 FERC 61,249 (2018) (March 19 Order).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at Ordering Paragraph A.