

contained no decisions regarding the interim storage, treatment, or final disposition of the capsules or their contents.<sup>2</sup> Accordingly, the capsules continue to be stored in WESF.

#### Events Since Issuance of the First Record of Decision

Since issuance of the ROD, completion of the Waste Treatment Project has been delayed and WESF is experiencing degradation of key structures and safety systems, including the concrete walls of the storage pool due to gamma radiation emitted by the capsules. The degradation of WESF has increased the risk that a beyond design basis natural event (e.g. an earthquake) could cause the walls to fail, resulting in loss of the water that provides shielding of the capsules. Due to this concern and the realization that the capsules would likely need to stay in WESF for a period longer than its design life, DOE has concluded that interim dry storage of the capsules in a new facility would significantly reduce the potential risk of onsite radiological exposures and airborne releases from a failure of WESF.

#### Preferred Alternative for Interim Storage of the Capsules

Because of the delays in completing the Waste Treatment Plant and the ongoing degradation of WESF, DOE has now concluded that its preferred alternative for interim storage of the capsules is in a new dry storage facility. This is also the environmentally preferred alternative for interim storage of the capsules as it would reduce the risks posed by a failure of WESF.

#### Decision

DOE evaluated the transfer of the cesium and strontium capsules from WESF to dry storage in Appendix E of the final TC&WM EIS (Section E 1.2.3.4.5.) in response to comments from the state of Oregon's Department of Energy and the Yakama Nation (Final TC&WM EIS at 3–29 to 3–30 and 3–437 to 3–440). This evaluation identified the potential impacts from construction and operation of a new dry storage facility in the 200-East Area of Hanford, which would be deactivated upon final disposition of the capsules. These impacts included those from the construction of an approximately 6,500-square-meter (70,000-square-foot) dry storage facility and disturbance of

13,000-square-meters (140,000-square-foot) of ground. They also included the operational impacts from retrieval of the capsules from WESF and their placement into containers; transfer of the containers to the new storage facility; and maintaining and monitoring of the facility for up to 145 years (the maximum storage time under all of the Tank Closure Alternatives analyzed in the TC & WM EIS). The potential impacts from deactivation of the dry storage facility included those resulting from putting the facility into a stable configuration after removal of the capsules for treatment, disposition, or both.

The capsules would be transported and stored in casks similar to the casks analyzed in the TC&WM EIS; they would be passively ventilated to dissipate heat produced by radioactive decay within the capsules. The current design of the dry storage facility, which would be located approximately 400 meters (440 yards) from the existing WESF, calls for a storage pad of 753 square meters (8,100 square feet) within the facility on which the casks would be placed. The new facility would be a “dangerous waste management unit” under the Hanford Facility Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Permit; it would be added to the permit through a modification issued by the state of Washington pursuant to its delegated RCRA authority.

The potential environmental impacts from interim dry storage of the capsules would be less than those identified in the TC&WM EIS for this alternative, primarily due to the decay of radioactivity in the capsules. In June 2017, DOE estimated that the radioactivity in the capsules had decayed to 46 million curies; the final TC&WM EIS assumed the capsules contained about 68 million curies.

DOE's decision is to continue interim storage of the capsules, but in a new dry storage facility rather than in WESF. DOE is not making any decisions at this time on treatment or final disposition of the cesium and strontium capsules.

#### Mitigation Measures

Moving the capsules from WESF to a dry storage facility will mitigate potential impacts resulting from a potential failure of WESF. This decision will allow DOE to eliminate the potential for releases to groundwater and the atmosphere from a structural failure of WESF.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. EA–452]

#### Application To Export Electric Energy; Matador Power Marketing, Inc.

**AGENCY:** Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** Matador Power Marketing, Inc. (Matador or Applicant) has applied for authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico pursuant to the Federal Power Act.

**DATES:** Comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before June 18, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests, motions to intervene, or requests for more information should be addressed to: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Mail Code: OE–20, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585–0350. Because of delays in handling conventional mail, it is recommended that documents be transmitted by overnight mail, by electronic mail to [Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov), or by facsimile to 202–586–8008.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated by the Department of Energy (DOE) pursuant to sections 301(b) and 402(f) of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7151(b), 7172(f)) and require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On May 1, 2018, DOE received an application from Matador for authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico as a power marketer for a five-year term using existing international transmission facilities.

In its application, Matador states that it does not own or control any electric generation or transmission facilities, and it does not have a franchised service area. The electric energy that the Applicant proposes to export to Mexico would be surplus energy purchased from third parties such as electric utilities and Federal power marketing agencies pursuant to voluntary

<sup>2</sup>The first ROD noted that it “is the first in a series of RODs that DOE intends to issue pursuant to the *Final TC&WM EIS*.” (78 FR 75918.) It also stated that DOE was “not deciding on treatment of the cesium and strontium capsules in this ROD.” (*Id.*)

agreements. The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by the Applicant have previously been authorized by Presidential Permits issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended, and are appropriate for open access transmission by third parties.

*Procedural Matters:* Any person desiring to be heard in this proceeding should file a comment or protest to the application at the address provided above. Protests should be filed in accordance with Rule 211 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211). Any person desiring to become a party to these proceedings should file a motion to intervene at the above address in accordance with FERC Rule 214 (18 CFR 385.214). Five copies of such comments, protests, or motions to intervene should be sent to the address provided above on or before the date listed above.

Comments and other filings concerning Matador's application to export electric energy to Mexico should be clearly marked with OE Docket No. EA-452. An additional copy is to be provided to both Ruta Kalvaitis Skučas, Pierce Atwood LLC, 1875 K St. NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20006 and Diana Stoica, Matador Power Marketing, Inc., 523 Soudan Avenue, Toronto, ON M4S 1X1.

A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to DOE's National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (10 CFR part 1021) and after a determination is made by DOE that the proposed action will not have an adverse impact on the sufficiency of supply or reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above, by accessing the program website at <http://energy.gov/node/11845>, or by emailing Angela Troy at [Angela.Troy@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Angela.Troy@hq.doe.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take notice that the Commission received the following exempt wholesale generator filings:

*Docket Numbers:* EG18-87-000.  
*Applicants:* Pratt Wind, LLC.  
*Description:* Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status of Pratt Wind, LLC.  
*Filed Date:* 5/14/18.  
*Accession Number:* 20180514-5991.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 6/4/18.  
*Docket Numbers:* EG18-88-000.  
*Applicants:* Stoneray Power Partners, LLC.

*Description:* Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status of Stoneray Power Partners, LLC.

*Filed Date:* 5/14/18.  
*Accession Number:* 20180514-6023.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 6/4/18.  
*Docket Numbers:* EG18-89-000.  
*Applicants:* Copenhagen Wind Farm, LLC.

*Description:* Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status of Copenhagen Wind Farm, LLC.

*Filed Date:* 5/14/18.  
*Accession Number:* 20180514-6033.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 6/4/18.

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

*Docket Numbers:* ER18-1581-000.  
*Applicants:* Tucson Electric Power Company.

*Description:* Compliance filing: Order No. 842 Compliance Filing to be effective 5/15/2018.

*Filed Date:* 5/14/18.  
*Accession Number:* 20180514-5011.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 6/4/18.

*Docket Numbers:* ER18-1582-000.  
*Applicants:* UNS Electric, Inc.  
*Description:* Compliance filing: Order No. 842 Compliance Filing to be effective 5/15/2018.

*Filed Date:* 5/14/18.  
*Accession Number:* 20180514-5012.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 6/4/18.

*Docket Numbers:* ER18-1584-000.  
*Applicants:* Mississippi Power Company.

*Description:* Request for Waiver of MRA Cost Based Tariff Volume No. 1 for Period I of Mississippi Power Company.

*Filed Date:* 5/14/18.  
*Accession Number:* 20180514-5999.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 6/4/18.

*Docket Numbers:* ER18-1586-000.

*Applicants:* Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2018-05-14 SA 3114 Walnut Bend Solar-EAI GIA (J552) to be effective 4/30/2018.

*Filed Date:* 5/14/18.  
*Accession Number:* 20180514-6017.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 6/4/18.

*Docket Numbers:* ER18-1587-000.  
*Applicants:* Tyr Energy, LLC.  
*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Market-Based Rate Tariff Revisions to be effective 5/15/2018.

*Filed Date:* 5/14/18.  
*Accession Number:* 20180514-6022.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 6/4/18.

*Docket Numbers:* ER18-1589-000.  
*Applicants:* Monongahela Power Company, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Monongahela Power Company submits OIA SA No. 4717 to be effective 7/13/2018.

*Filed Date:* 5/14/18.  
*Accession Number:* 20180514-6041.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 6/4/18.

*Docket Numbers:* ER18-1590-000.  
*Applicants:* Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Revisions to Extend Tariff Administration between SPP and SPA through 07/31/2018 to be effective 4/1/2018.

*Filed Date:* 5/14/18.  
*Accession Number:* 20180514-6042.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 6/4/18.

*Docket Numbers:* ER18-1592-000.  
*Applicants:* West Penn Power Company, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: West Penn Power Company submits OIA SA No. 4976 to be effective 7/13/2018.

*Filed Date:* 5/14/18.  
*Accession Number:* 20180514-6046.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 6/4/18.

*Docket Numbers:* ER18-1593-000.  
*Applicants:* Avista Corporation.

*Description:* Compliance filing: Avista Corp OATT Order 842 Compliance Filing to be effective 5/15/2018.

*Filed Date:* 5/14/18.  
*Accession Number:* 20180514-6049.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 6/4/18.

*Docket Numbers:* ER18-1594-000.  
*Applicants:* Public Service Company of Colorado.

*Description:* Compliance filing: OATT—Order No. 842 Compliance—LGIP—SGIP to be effective 5/15/2018.

*Filed Date:* 5/14/18.  
*Accession Number:* 20180514-6069.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 6/4/18.

*Docket Numbers:* ER18-1597-000.  
*Applicants:* PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.