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**EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:**

None.

**HISTORY:**

January 10, 2014, 79 FR 1840.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Notice of Request for Information: Challenges and Opportunities for the American Solar Industry**

**AGENCY:** Solar Technologies Office, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Request for information.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy Solar Energy Technologies Office (SETO) seeks information to help inform its research priorities, as part of its annual planning process. The purpose of this Request for Information (RFI) is to solicit feedback from industry, academia, research laboratories, government agencies, and other stakeholders to identify areas of interest related to challenges and opportunities for the American solar industry that are appropriate for federal government funding. This is solely a request for information and not a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA).

**DATES:** Responses to the RFI must be received no later than January 7, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Responses to this RFI must be submitted electronically to the email addresses provided in each of the topic sections as described in the RFI DE-FOA-0002055 available at: <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/FileContent.aspx?FileID=b79b612c-f2f9-49ea-846e-e74d2e6602d0>. Responses must be provided as attachments to an email. It is recommended that attachments with file sizes exceeding 25MB be compressed (*i.e.*, zipped) to ensure message delivery. Responses must be provided as a Microsoft Word (.docx) attachment to the email, and in 12 point

font with 1 inch margins. Only electronic responses will be accepted. Please identify answers by responding to a specific question or topic if applicable. Respondents may answer as many or as few questions as desired at their discretion.

EERE will not respond to individual submissions or publicly publish a compendium of responses. A response to this RFI will not be viewed as a binding commitment to develop or pursue the project or ideas discussed.

Respondents are requested to provide the following information at the start of their response to this RFI:

- Company/institution name;
- Company/institution contact;
- Contact's address, phone number, and email address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Andrew Graves (202) 586-1071, [Andrew.Graves@ee.doe.gov](mailto:Andrew.Graves@ee.doe.gov). Further instructions can be found in the RFI DE-FOA-0002055 document posted on EERE Exchange.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOE posted on its website a RFI to solicit feedback from industry (including but not limited to research organizations, manufacturing organizations, catalyst manufacturers, and catalyst research consortia), academia, research laboratories, government agencies, and other solar stakeholders. The RFI DE-FOA-0002055 is available at: <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/FileContent.aspx?FileID=b79b612c-f2f9-49ea-846e-e74d2e6602d0>.

**Confidential Business Information**

Because information received in response to this RFI may be used to structure future programs, funding and/or otherwise be made available to the public, respondents are strongly advised to not include any information in their responses that might be considered business sensitive, proprietary, or otherwise confidential. If, however, a respondent chooses to submit business sensitive, proprietary, or otherwise confidential information, it must be clearly and conspicuously marked as such in the response as detailed in the RFI at: <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/FileContent.aspx?FileID=b79b612c-f2f9-49ea-846e-e74d2e6602d0>. Factors of interest to DOE when evaluating requests to treat submitted information as confidential include: (1) A description of the items; (2) whether and why such items are customarily treated as confidential within the industry; (3) whether the information is generally known by or available from other sources; (4) whether the information has previously

been made available to others without obligation concerning its confidentiality; (5) an explanation of the competitive injury to the submitting person that would result from public disclosure; (6) when such information might lose its confidential character due to the passage of time; and (7) why disclosure of the information would be contrary to the public interest.

Signed in Washington, DC on December 10, 2018.

**Charles Gay,**

*Director, Solar Energy Technologies Office.*

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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 Procedures**

*Docket Number:* PR19-25-000.

*Applicants:* Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.

*Description:* Tariff filing per 284.123(b),(e)/: Revised Statement of Operating Conditions to be effective 11/29/2018.

*Filed Date:* 12/12/18.

*Accession Number:* 20181212-5029.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/2/19.

*Docket Number:* RP19-86-001.

*Applicants:* Southern Natural Gas Company, LLC.

*Description:* Tariff filing per 154.203: OFO Penalty Revisions-Compliance to be effective 11/29/2018.

*Filed Date:* 12/6/18.

*Accession Number:* 20181206-5286.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 12/18/18.

*Docket Numbers:* RP19-261-001.

*Applicants:* Blue Lake Gas Storage Company.

*Description:* Tariff filing per 154.203: Blue Lake 501-G Settlement Implementation to be effective 1/1/2019.

*Filed Date:* 12/7/2018.

*Accession Number:* 20181207-5139.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 12/19/18.

*Docket Numbers:* RP19-455-000.

*Applicants:* Northern Natural Gas Company.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: 20181211 Negotiated Rate to be effective 12/11/2018.

*Filed Date:* 2/11/18.

*Accession Number:* 20181211-5114.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 12/24/18.

*Docket Numbers:* RP19-456-000.

*Applicants:* Rockies Express Pipeline LLC.

*Description:* Rockies Express Pipeline LLC submits tariff filing per 154.204: Neg Rate 2018–12–11 BHS (2) to be effective 12/11/2018.

*Filed Date:* 12/11/18.

*Accession Number:* 20181211–5146.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 12/24/18.

*Docket Numbers:* RP19–457–000.

*Applicants:* Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Volume No. 2-Shell Energy North America SP341623 to be effective 1/1/2019.

*Filed Date:* 12/12/18.

*Accession Number:* 20181212–5025.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 12/24/18.

*Docket Numbers:* RP19–458–000.

*Applicants:* Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Volume No. 2-Shell Energy North America SP341624 to be effective 1/1/2019.

*Filed Date:* 12/12/18.

*Accession Number:* 20181212–5032.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 12/24/18.

*Docket Numbers:* RP19–459–000.

*Applicants:* Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.

*Description:* Compliance filing Limited Tariff Waiver due to Shippers' Mutual Capacity Release Mistake-KGS OER to be effective N/A.

*Filed Date:* 12/12/18.

*Accession Number:* 20181212–5072.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 12/24/18.

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: December 13, 2018.

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

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1999–073]

#### Notice of Application Accepted For Filing, Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests: Wisconsin Public Service Corporation

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Application Type:* Application for temporary variances from license requirements.

b. *Project No.:* 1999–073.

c. *Date Filed:* November 30, 2018.

d. *Applicant:* Wisconsin Public Service Corporation.

e. *Name of Project:* Wausau Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the Wisconsin River, in the city of Wausau, Marathon County, Wisconsin.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a–825r.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Todd Jastremski, [todd.jastremski@we-energies.com](mailto:todd.jastremski@we-energies.com), 906–779–4099, Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, 800 Industrial Park Drive, Iron Mountain, MI 49801.

i. *FERC Contact:* Ms. Diana Shannon, 202–502–6136, or [diana.shannon@ferc.gov](mailto:diana.shannon@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests:* January 14, 2019.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene, protests and comments 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), (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY). 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–1999–073. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not considered part of the Commission record.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on

each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. *Description of Request:* The licensee plans to perform a series of maintenance activities at the project that would require temporary variances in reservoir elevation and flow requirements contained in its license. The work would require a reservoir drawdown from mid-April to November 2019, deviating from the requirements of article 402. Flow would continue to be released downstream of the project. However, recreational flows in the east channel that are required by article 403 would cease because of the reduction in reservoir elevations during the drawdown. Deviations from these license requirements are necessary to complete the planned work. The licensee included with its filing a reservoir drawdown plan, as required by article 405. The licensee also included documentation of consultation with various parties, including the city of Wausau, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and the Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Office.

l. *Locations of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502–8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's website 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. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/subscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1–866–208–3676 or email [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), for TTY, call (202) 502–8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene:* Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the