

- “Increased exports of natural gas will improve the U.S. balance of trade and result in a wealth transfer into the United States.”²⁶⁶

- “Overall [U.S.] GDP improves as LNG exports increase for all scenarios with the same U.S. natural gas supply condition.”²⁶⁷

- “There is no support for the concern that LNG exports would come at the expense of domestic natural gas consumption.”²⁶⁸

- “[A] large share of the increase in LNG exports is supported by an increase in domestic natural gas production.”²⁶⁹

- “Natural gas intensive [industries] continue to grow robustly at higher levels of LNG exports, albeit at slightly lower rates of increase than they would at lower levels.”²⁷⁰

We have evaluated the public comments submitted in response to the 2018 Study. None of the eight comments opposing the 2018 Study have provided sufficient evidence to rebut or otherwise undermine these findings.

Specifically, the opposing comments criticize aspects of the models, assumptions, and design of the 2018 Study. As discussed above, however, EIA’s most recent projections in AEO 2018 continue to show market conditions that will accommodate increased exports of natural gas. When compared to prior AEO Reference cases (including AEO 2017’s Reference case used in the 2018 Study), the AEO 2018 Reference case projects increases in domestic natural gas production—well in excess of what is required to meet projected increases in domestic consumption. Accordingly, DOE/FE finds that the 2018 LNG Export Study is fundamentally sound and supports the proposition that exports of LNG from the lower-48 states, in volumes up to and including 52.8 Bcf/d of natural gas, will not be inconsistent with the public interest.²⁷¹

As stated above, DOE will consider each application as required under the NGA and NEPA based on the administrative record compiled in each individual proceeding.

Signed in Washington, DC, on December 20, 2018.

Steven E. Winberg,

Assistant Secretary, Office of Fossil Energy.

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²⁶⁶ *Id.* at 64.

²⁶⁷ *Id.* at 67.

²⁶⁸ *Id.* at 77.

²⁶⁹ *Id.* at 77.

²⁷⁰ *Id.* at 70.

²⁷¹ 2018 LNG Export Study at 63 & Appx F.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL19–16–000]

Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC; Notice of Institution of Section 206 Proceeding and Refund Effective Date

On December 20, 2018, the Commission issued an order in Docket No. EL19–16–000, pursuant to section 206 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 824e (2012), instituting an investigation into whether the transmission formula rate of Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC may be unjust, unreasonable, or unduly discriminatory or preferential. *Int’l Transmission Co., et al.*, 165 FERC 61,236 (2018).

The refund effective date in Docket No. EL19–16–000, established pursuant to section 206(b) of the FPA, will be the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Any interested person desiring to be heard in Docket No. EL19–16–000 must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate, with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.214, within 21 days of the date of issuance of the order.

Dated: December 20, 2018.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #2

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

Docket Numbers: ER10–1276–008; ER10–1287–007; ER10–1292–007; ER10–1303–007; ER10–1319–009; ER10–1353–009.

Applicants: Consumers Energy Company, CMS Energy Resource Management Company, Grayling Generating Station Limited Partnership, Genesee Power Station Limited Partnership, CMS Generation Michigan Power, LLC, Dearborn Industrial Generation, L.L.C.

Description: Supplement to May 31, 2018 Notice of Non-Material Change-In-

Status of Consumer Energy Company, et al.

Filed Date: 12/20/18.

Accession Number: 20181220–5208.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/10/19.

Docket Numbers: ER10–2390–004.

Applicants: Bicent (California)

Malburg LLC.

Description: Updated Market Power Analysis for the Southwest Region of Bicent (California) Malburg LLC.

Filed Date: 12/20/18.

Accession Number: 20181220–5190.

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

Docket Numbers: ER12–1946–012; ER10–1333–012; ER13–2387–006; ER15–190–009; ER17–543–006; ER18–1343 003.

Applicants: Duke Energy Beckjord, LLC, Duke Energy Florida, LLC, Duke Energy Commercial Enterprises, Inc., Duke Energy Renewable Services, LLC, Duke Energy SAM, LLC, Carolina Solar Power, LLC.

Description: Notice of Change in Status of the Duke MBR Sellers.

Filed Date: 12/20/18.

Accession Number: 20181220–5192.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/10/19.

Docket Numbers: ER18–920–001.

Applicants: Marco DM Holdings, L.L.C.

Description: Triennial Market Power Update for the Southwest Power Pool Region of Marco DM Holdings, L.L.C.

Filed Date: 12/20/18.

Accession Number: 20181220–5218.

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

Docket Numbers: ER18–1646–001.

Applicants: Electric Energy, Inc.

Description: eTariff filing per 1450: Amended Show Cause Response to be effective 3/21/2018.

Filed Date: 12/20/18.

Accession Number: 20181220–5125.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/10/19.

Docket Numbers: ER19–132–001.

Applicants: Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, New York Independent System Operator, Inc.

Description: Compliance filing: NMPC Compliance: Depreciation Rates to be effective 4/1/2018.

Filed Date: 12/20/18.

Accession Number: 20181220–5127.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/10/19.

Docket Numbers: ER19–329–001.

Applicants: AEP Texas Inc.

Description: Tariff Amendment: AEPTX-Shakes Solar Interconnection Agreement First Amend & Restated to be effective 12/14/2018.

Filed Date: 12/20/18.

Accession Number: 20181220–5106.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/10/19.

Docket Numbers: ER19–627–000.

Applicants: Florida Power & Light Company.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: FPL-FMPA Revision to Transmission Service Agreement No. 274 to be effective 12/17/2018.

Filed Date: 12/20/18.

Accession Number: 20181220-5126.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/10/19.

Docket Numbers: ER19-628-000.

Applicants: Community Wind North 9 LLC.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Category 1 Seller Status Notification & Revised MBR Tariff to be effective 12/21/2018.

Filed Date: 12/20/18.

Accession Number: 20181220-5172.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/10/19.

Docket Numbers: ER19-629-000.

Applicants: Community Wind North 10 LLC.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Category 1 Seller Status Notification & Revised MBR Tariff to be effective 12/21/2018.

Filed Date: 12/20/18.

Accession Number: 20181220-5188.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/10/19.

Docket Numbers: ER19-630-000.

Applicants: Community Wind North 11 LLC

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Category 1 Seller Status Notification & Revised MBR Tariff to be effective 12/21/2018.

Filed Date: 12/20/18.

Accession Number: 20181220-5206.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/10/19.

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 20, 2018.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP19-13-000]

Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Yorktown M&R Replacement & Reliability Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Yorktown M&R Replacement & Reliability Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC (Algonquin) in Westchester County, New York. The Commission will use this EA in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies about issues regarding the project. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from its action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires the Commission to discover concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as "scoping." The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this notice, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before 5:00 pm Eastern Time on January 22, 2019.

You can make a difference by submitting your specific comments or concerns about the project. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the EA. Commission staff will consider all filed comments during the preparation of the EA.

If you sent comments on this project to the Commission before the opening of this docket on November 5, 2018, you will need to file those comments in

Docket No. CP19-13-000 to ensure they are considered as part of this proceeding.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives should notify their constituents of this proposed project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, a pipeline company representative may contact you about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable easement agreement. You are not required to enter into an agreement. However, if the Commission approves the project, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if you and the company do not reach an easement agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in court. In such instances, compensation would be determined by a judge in accordance with state law.

Algonquin provided landowners with a fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is also available for viewing on the FERC website (www.ferc.gov) at <https://www.ferc.gov/resources/guides/gas/gas.pdf>.

Public Participation

The Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which makes it easy to stay informed of all issuances and submittals regarding the dockets/projects to which you subscribe. These instant email notifications are the fastest way to receive notification and provide a link to the document files which can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings. To sign up go to www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has staff available to assist you at (866) 208-3676 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded.

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the *eComment* feature, which is located on the