

(3) Management and Organization

What are effective models for management of Centers of the proposed scale and scope? How should Centers be managed to promote the desired synergy of their participants and disciplines?

What extent of co-location is optimal, or necessary, for a QIS Center to be effective and coherent?

(4) Assessment and Criteria for Success

What kinds of metrics or criteria would be useful in measuring the success of a QIS Center and its impact on the field? What metrics or criteria should be used to assess the extent to which the proposed Centers are using an effective co-design approach that integrates the stages from scientific discovery to use-inspired research and incorporates feedbacks between them?

(5) National Impact and Contribution to/Alignment With NQI (and) Unique DOE Role and Contribution

How can these QIS Centers contribute to advancement of the field in ways that are not possible with other existing or envisioned centers (supported by DOE, other Federal agencies, or non-Federal sources)? How do they complement and build on existing research programs and facilities supported by ASCR, BES, and HEP?

(6) Other

What are key obstacles, impediments, or bottlenecks to progress by and success of interdisciplinary QIS Centers? Are there other factors, issues, or opportunities, not addressed by the questions above, which should be considered in the establishment of QIS Centers by DOE SC?

Comments containing references, studies, research, and other empirical data that are not widely published should include copies of the referenced materials. Note that comments will be made publicly available as submitted. Any information that may be confidential and exempt by law from public disclosure should be submitted as described below.

Confidential Business Information: Pursuant to 10 CFR 1004.11, any person submitting information he or she believes to be confidential and exempt by law from public disclosure should submit via email: One copy of the document marked "confidential" including all the information believed to be confidential, and one copy of the document marked "non-confidential" with the information believed to be confidential deleted. DOE will make its own determination about the confidential status of the information and treat it according to its

determination. 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 confidentiality, (5) an explanation of the competitive injury to the submitting person which 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 May 14, 2019.

J. Stephen Binkley,

Deputy Director for Science Programs, Office of Science.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Agency Information Collection Extension**

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Submission for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) has submitted an information collection request to the OMB for extension under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection requests a three-year extension of its Better Buildings Challenge; Better Buildings Alliance; Better Buildings, Better Plants Voluntary Pledge Program, OMB Control Number 1910-5141. The proposed collection will be used to report the progress of participants in the DOE Better Buildings programs, including the Better Buildings Challenge, Better Buildings, Better Plants program, and the Better Buildings Alliance. These voluntary programs are intended to drive greater energy efficiency in the commercial and industrial marketplace to create savings and jobs. This will be accomplished by highlighting the ways participants overcome market barriers and persistent obstacles with replicable, marketplace solutions. These programs will showcase real solutions and partner with industry leaders to better

understand policy and technical opportunities.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection must be received on or before June 19, 2019. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, please advise the OMB Desk Officer of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 395-4718.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to the DOE Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, 735 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

And to Andre de Fontaine, EE-5A/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20585, or by fax at (202) 586-9234 or by email at andre.defontaine@ee.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Andre de Fontaine, EE-5A/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20585, or by fax at 202-586-9234 or by email at andre.defontaine@ee.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains: (1) *OMB No.:* 1910-5141; (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Better Buildings Challenge; Better Buildings Alliance; Better Buildings, Better Plants Voluntary Pledge Program; (3) *Type of Request:* Renewal, with changes; (4) *Purpose:* This Information Collection Request applies to three Department of Energy (DOE) voluntary leadership initiatives that fall under the Better Buildings Initiative: (A) The Better Buildings Challenge; (B) the Better Buildings, Better Plants Program; and (C) the Better Buildings Alliance. New information is being collected to provide partners with two new recognition opportunities. Additionally, other pre-existing collection forms are being amended for clarity and to reduce burden on respondents. Finally, the total number of respondents for individual program areas is being adjusted to align with practical experience and to account for the fact that certain one-time reporting requirements have already been satisfied by a majority of the participants.; (5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 830; (6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 857; (7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 2292.25.; (8)

Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: \$99,552.

Statutory Authority: Section 421 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17081); Section 911 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, as amended (42 U.S.C. 16191).

Signed in Washington, DC, on May 13, 2019.

Maria Vargas,

Director, Better Buildings Challenge, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

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

Docket Numbers: ER17-2059-002.

Applicants: Puget Sound Energy, Inc., Brea Generation LLC, Brea Power II, LLC.

Description: Informational update to November 15, 2018 Notice of Non-Material Change in Status of Puget Sound Energy, Inc., et al.

Filed Date: 5/1/19.

Accession Number: 20190501-5456.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 5/22/19.

Docket Numbers: ER18-2337-001.

Applicants: Blackstone Wind Farm, LLC.

Description: Report Filing: Refund Report Filing to be effective N/A.

Filed Date: 5/14/19.

Accession Number: 20190514-5003.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 6/4/19.

Docket Numbers: ER19-81-000.

Applicants: Athens Energy, LLC.

Description: Errata to April 26, 2019 Athens Energy, LLC tariff filing (Attachment 1).

Filed Date: 5/8/19.

Accession Number: 20190508-5117.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 5/29/19.

Docket Numbers: ER19-1515-000.

Applicants: FirstEnergy Service Company, American Transmission Systems, Incorporated, Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC, West Penn Power Company.

Description: Supplement to April 2, 2019 Application for Incentive Rates for PJM RTEP Generator Deactivation Project, et al. of FirstEnergy Service Company on behalf of its affected affiliates.

Filed Date: 5/13/19.

Accession Number: 20190513-5203.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 5/20/19.

Docket Numbers: ER19-1828-000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Amendment to ISA, SA No. 5224; Queue No. AB2-060 to be effective 10/3/2018.

Filed Date: 5/13/19.

Accession Number: 20190513-5186.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 6/3/19.

Docket Numbers: ER19-1829-000.

Applicants: Central Maine Power Company.

Description: Tariff Cancellation: Notice of Termination of Small Generator Interconnection Agr. with Wight Brook to be effective 4/17/2019.

Filed Date: 5/13/19.

Accession Number: 20190513-5188.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 6/3/19.

Docket Numbers: ER19-1830-000.

Applicants: Public Service Company of Colorado.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 20190514 Joint Dispatch Agreement Addition of Colorado Springs Utilities to be effective 7/15/2019.

Filed Date: 5/14/19.

Accession Number: 20190514-5000.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 6/4/19.

Docket Numbers: ER19-1831-000.

Applicants: Public Service Company of Colorado.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 20190514 Nature of Joint Dispatch Addition of Colorado Springs Utilities to be effective 7/15/2019.

Filed Date: 5/14/19.

Accession Number: 20190514-5001.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 6/4/19.

Docket Numbers: ER19-1832-000.

Applicants: Vermont Transco LLC.

Description: Petition for Limited Waiver of Tariff Provisions, et al. of Vermont Transco LLC.

Filed Date: 5/13/19.

Accession Number: 20190513-5204.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 5/20/19.

Docket Numbers: ER19-1833-000.

Applicants: El Paso Electric Company.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Rate Schedule No. 119 EPE Newman Engineering & Procurement Agreement to be effective 5/15/2019.

Filed Date: 5/14/19.

Accession Number: 20190514-5040.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 6/4/19.

Docket Numbers: ER19-1834-000.

Applicants: Pypha Energy LLC.

Description: Notice of Cancellation of Market-Based Rate Tariff of Pypha Energy LLC.

Filed Date: 5/14/19.

Accession Number: 20190514-5042.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 6/4/19.

Docket Numbers: ER19-1835-000.

Applicants: Public Service Company of Oklahoma.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: PSO-AEPOTC-OGE Maple Rd Delivery Point Agreement to be effective 4/19/2019.

Filed Date: 5/14/19.

Accession Number: 20190514-5048.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 6/4/19.

Docket Numbers: ER19-1836-000.

Applicants: AEP Texas Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: AEPTX-Formosa Utility Venture IA 1st Amend & Restated to be effective 4/30/2019.

Filed Date: 5/14/19.

Accession Number: 20190514-5054.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 6/4/19.

Docket Numbers: ER19-1837-000.

Applicants: California Independent System Operator Corporation.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2019-05-14 Traff Clarifications Amendment to be effective 8/12/2019.

Filed Date: 5/14/19.

Accession Number: 20190514-5056.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 6/4/19.

Docket Numbers: ER19-1838-000.

Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2019-15-14 SA 3161 Termination of ATC-WPL Project Commitment Agrmt (Edgerton) to be effective 5/15/2019.

Filed Date: 5/14/19.

Accession Number: 20190514-5068.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 6/4/19.

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: May 14, 2019.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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