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For more information about this technical conference, please contact Mark Byrd, 202-502-8071, mark.byrd@ferc.gov. For information related to logistics, please contact Sarah McKinley, 202-502-8368, sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov.

Dated: April 10, 2020.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

Storage as a Transmission-Only Asset (SATO) in MISO Technical Conference—Webex Teleconference

Monday, May 4, 2020, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m. Evaluation and Selection Criteria for SATOA

- Identified Transmission System performance requirement
- Unique Characteristics or Circumstances
- Functioning as SATOA Compared to Market Participant

10:30 a.m.–10:45 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Evaluation and Selection Criteria for SATOA (continued)

- Traditional Transmission Project compared to SATOA
- SATOA Evaluation Criteria
- Communication of Decision Approving a SATOA

11:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m. SATOA Market Activities and Market Impacts

- Meaning of “Functional Control”
- Impact of SATOA Activity on Wholesale Market
- Information Regarding Market Participant

12:45 p.m.–1:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m.–2:15 p.m. Cost Recovery for SATOAs

- Formula Rate Structure

2:15 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Impact on the Generator Interconnection Queue

- Assessing the Impact of a SATOA on Newly Interconnecting Generating Resources
- Assessment of Delays and Mitigation

3:30 p.m.–3:45 p.m. Break

3:45 p.m.–4:15 p.m. Operating Guides

- Information in Operating Guides

4:15 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Miscellaneous

- Emergency Conditions
- Reliability Impacts

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL20-41-000]

XO Energy LLC, XO Energy MA, LP, XO Energy MA2, LP v. PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.; Notice of Complaint

Take notice that on April 8, 2020, pursuant to sections 206 and 306 of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 824e, 825e and Rule 206 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.206, XO Energy LLC, XO Energy MA, LP and XO Energy MA2, LP (Complainants) filed a formal complaint against PJM Interconnection, L.L.C., (PJM or Respondent), alleging that the PJM Financial Transmission Right forfeiture rule, including its current implementation, is unjust and unreasonable, all as more fully explained in the complaint.

The Complainants certifies that copies of the complaint were served on the contacts listed for Respondent in the Commission’s list of Corporate Officials.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. The Respondent’s answer and all interventions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. The Respondent’s answer, motions to intervene, and protests must be served on the Complainants.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the “eFiling” link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file

electronically may mail similar pleadings to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. Hand delivered submissions in docketed proceedings should be delivered to Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission’s Home Page (<http://ferc.gov>) using the “eLibrary” link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission’s Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on May 1, 2020.

Dated: April 10, 2020.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2934-029]

New York State Electric & Gas Corporation; Notice of Settlement Agreement

Take notice that the following settlement agreement has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* Settlement Agreement.

b. *Project No.:* 2934-029.

c. *Date Filed:* April 8, 2020.

d. *Applicant:* New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG).

e. *Name of Project:* Upper Mechanicville Hydroelectric Project (Project).

f. *Location:* On the Hudson River, in Saratoga and Rensselaer Counties, New York. The project does not occupy any federal land.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Rule 602 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.602.

h. *Applicant Contact:* David W. Dick, Manager, NYSEG and RG&E Hydro Engineering, 1300 Scottsville Road, Rochester, NY 14624; (585) 724-8535; david_dick@rge.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Jody Callihan, (202) 502-8278 or jody.callihan@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments:* Comments on the Settlement Agreement are due on Thursday, April 30, 2020. Reply comments are due on Monday, May 11, 2020.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file 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, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

The Commission's Rules of Practice 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. NYSEG filed an Offer of Settlement (Settlement Agreement) on behalf of itself, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (New York DEC), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and New York State Council of Trout Unlimited. The Settlement Agreement includes protection, mitigation, and enhancement measures addressing impoundment elevations and allowable fluctuations, a seasonal minimum flow, fish passage and protection for American eel, and by reference, management plans for northern long-eared bat (Appendix A), bald eagles (Appendix B), and invasive species (Appendix D). NYSEG requests that the measures in the Settlement Agreement be incorporated as license conditions, without modification, in any new license issued for the project. The signatories to the Settlement Agreement also request a 50-year license term for the project.

l. A copy of the Settlement Agreement is available for review 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. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP20-52-000]

WBI Energy Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review of the North Bakken Expansion Project

On February 14, 2020, WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. (WBI Energy) filed an application in Docket No. CP20-52-000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to construct and operate certain natural gas facilities in Burke, McKenzie, Mountrail, and Williams Counties, North Dakota. The proposed project is known as the North Bakken Expansion Project (Project), and would provide incremental firm transportation capacity from natural gas processing plants to a proposed interconnect with Northern Border Pipeline Company in McKenzie County, North Dakota.

On February 26, 2020, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Project. This instant notice identifies the FERC staff's planned schedule for the completion of the EA for the Project.

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA—September 4, 2020
90-day Federal Authorization Decision
Deadline—December 3, 2020

If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the Project's progress.

Project Description

WBI Energy proposes to construct and operate five sections of new natural gas pipeline, a new compressor station, and modifications to an existing compressor station (totaling 92.5 miles of pipeline and 26,250 horsepower of compression), all in North Dakota. The Project would provide about 350 million standard cubic feet of natural gas per day to the Midwest via Northern Border Pipeline Company's existing mainline.

The Project includes: (i) 61.9 Miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline from WBI Energy's Tioga Compressor Station in Williams County to the proposed Elkhorn Creek Compressor Station in McKenzie County; (ii) 0.3 mile of 24-inch-diameter pipeline from the proposed Elkhorn Creek Compressor Station to a new interconnect with Northern Border Pipeline Company; (iii) 20.4 miles of 12-inch-diameter pipeline looping along WBI Energy's Line Section 25 in Mountrail and Burke Counties¹; (iv) 9.4 miles of 12-inch-diameter pipeline looping along WBI Energy's Line Section 30 in Williams County; (v) 0.5 mile of 20-inch-diameter receipt lateral to the Tioga Compressor Station; (vi) uprating WBI Energy's Line Section 25; (vii) installing 22,500 additional horsepower at the existing Tioga Compressor Station; (viii) constructing a new 3,750 horsepower compressor station, the Elkhorn Creek Compressor Station, in McKenzie County; and (ix) and other associated appurtenances.

Background

On July 3, 2019, the Commission staff granted WBI Energy's request to use the FERC's pre-filing environmental review process and assigned the Project Docket No. PF19-7-000. On September 13, 2019, the Commission issued a *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Planned North Bakken Expansion Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Session* (NOI). The NOI was issued during the pre-filing review of the Project and was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries.

¹ A pipeline loop is a segment of pipe constructed parallel to an existing pipeline to increase capacity.