

Description: Baseline eTariff Filing: MBR Application to be effective 9/25/2020.

Filed Date: 7/27/20.

Accession Number: 20200727-5167.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/17/20.

Docket Numbers: ER20-2516-000.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing:

Tariff Clean-Up Filing Effective 20200701 to be effective 7/1/2020.

Filed Date: 7/28/20.

Accession Number: 20200728-5046.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/18/20.

Docket Numbers: ER20-2517-000.

Applicants: Northern Colorado Interconnect, LLC.

Description: Baseline eTariff Filing: NorCol Interconnect, NorCol & NorCol II SFA to be effective 8/28/2020.

Filed Date: 7/28/20.

Accession Number: 20200728-5053.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/18/20.

Docket Numbers: ER20-2518-000.

Applicants: New England Power Pool Participants Committee, ISO New England Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: ISO-NE & NEPOOL; Revisions to ISO Information Policy Re: Defaulting Participants to be effective 10/1/2020.

Filed Date: 7/28/20.

Accession Number: 20200728-5065.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/18/20.

Docket Numbers: ER20-2519-000.

Applicants: East Line Solar, LLC.

Description: Baseline eTariff Filing: East Line Solar, LLC MBR Tariff to be effective 7/29/2020.

Filed Date: 7/28/20.

Accession Number: 20200728-5076.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/18/20.

Docket Numbers: ER20-2520-000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Original ISA, SA No. 5692; Queue No. AF1-198 to be effective 6/30/2020.

Filed Date: 7/28/20.

Accession Number: 20200728-5084.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/18/20.

Docket Numbers: ER20-2521-000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Original ISA, SA No. 5689; Queue No. AF1-193 to be effective 6/29/2020.

Filed Date: 7/28/20.

Accession Number: 20200728-5091.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/18/20.

Docket Numbers: ER20-2522-000.

Applicants: Duke Energy Florida, LLC.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: DEF—Bartow Amended and Restated NITSA SA-145 to be effective 10/1/2020.

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Accession Number: 20200728-5092.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/18/20.

Docket Numbers: ER20-2523-000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Original WMPA SA No. 5722; Queue No. AF1-210 to be effective 6/30/2020.

Filed Date: 7/28/20.

Accession Number: 20200728-5093.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/18/20.

Docket Numbers: ER20-2524-000.

Applicants: Weaver Wind, LLC.

Description: Baseline eTariff Filing: Market-Based Rate Application to be effective 9/27/2020.

Filed Date: 7/28/20.

Accession Number: 20200728-5095.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/18/20.

Docket Numbers: ER20-2525-000.

Applicants: Westlands Transmission, LLC.

Description: Baseline eTariff Filing: Rate Schedule FERC No. 1, Transmission Service Agreement to be effective 9/28/2020.

Filed Date: 7/28/20.

Accession Number: 20200728-5096.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/18/20.

Docket Numbers: ER20-2526-000.

Applicants: Weaver Wind Maine Master Tenant, LLC.

Description: Baseline eTariff Filing: Market-Based Rate Application to be effective 9/27/2020.

Filed Date: 7/28/20.

Accession Number: 20200728-5099.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/18/20.

Take notice that the Commission received the following foreign utility company status filings:

Docket Numbers: FC20-12-000.

Applicants: I Squared Capital.

Description: Self-Certification of FC of I Squared Capital.

Filed Date: 7/27/20.

Accession Number: 20200727-5139.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/17/20.

Docket Numbers: FC20-13-000.

Applicants: I Squared Capital.

Description: Self-Certification of FC of I Squared Capital.

Filed Date: 7/27/20.

Accession Number: 20200727-5144.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/17/20.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp>) by 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: July 28, 2020.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP20-481-000]

Rio Bravo Pipeline Company, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Rio Bravo Pipeline Project Amendment, 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 Rio Bravo Pipeline Project Amendment (Project Amendment) involving construction and operation of facilities by Rio Bravo Pipeline Company, LLC (RB Pipeline) in Jim Wells, Kleberg, Kenedy, Willacy, and Cameron Counties, Texas. 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 Amendment. 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 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 p.m. Eastern Time on August 27, 2020. Comments may be submitted in written form.

Further details on how to submit comments are provided in the *Public Participation* section of this notice.

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 written comments during the preparation of the EA.

If you sent comments on this project to the Commission *before* the opening of this docket on June 16, 2020, you will need to file those comments in Docket No. CP20-481-000 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 Amendment, the Natural Gas Act conveys the right of eminent domain to the company. 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.

RB Pipeline 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) under the natural gas *Landowner Topics* link.

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. Go to <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to register for eSubscription.

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 Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to *FERC Online*. Using *eComment* is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can file your comments electronically by using the *eFiling* feature, which is located on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to *FERC Online*. With *eFiling*, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New *eFiling* users must first create an account by clicking on *eRegister*. You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; a comment on a particular project is considered a Comment on a Filing; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the Commission. Be sure to reference the project docket number (CP20-481-000) on your letter. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

Please note this is not your only public input opportunity; please refer to the review process flow chart in appendix 1.¹

¹ The appendices referenced in this notice will not appear in the **Federal Register**. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at www.ferc.gov using the link called eLibrary or from the

Summary of the Proposed Project

RB Pipeline proposes to modify the facilities approved in the Commission's *Order Granting Authorizations under Sections 3 and 7 of the Natural Gas Act* (Order) issued on November 22, 2019. The Rio Bravo Pipeline, as authorized, consists of a 2.4-mile-long, 42-inch-diameter pipeline, including 0.8 mile of dual pipeline (referred to as the Header System) in Kleber and Jim Wells Counties; 135.5 miles of parallel 42-inch-diameter pipelines originating in Kleberg County and terminating at Rio Grande LNG, LLC's Rio Grande liquefied natural gas (LNG) Terminal in Cameron County (referred to as Pipelines 1 and 2); four metering sites along the Header System; two interconnect booster compressor stations, each with a metering site; three compressor stations (one at the Rio Grande LNG Terminal); and other associated utilities, systems, and facilities, all in Texas.

As part of the Project Amendment, RB Pipeline proposes the following pipeline facility modifications:

- Decrease the maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) of the 2.4-mile-long Header System pipeline from 1,480 pounds per square inch gauge (psig) to 1,200 psig;
- construct an extension of 0.2 mile of mainline pipeline for each Pipeline 1 and 2 for a total of 135.7 miles each;
- increase the diameter of Pipeline 1 from 42 inches to 48 inches and increase the MAOP of both pipelines from 1,480 psig to 1,825 psig (Pipeline 2 will remain a 42-inch-diameter pipeline); and
- increase the transportation capacity of Pipeline 1 from 2.25 billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/d) to 2.6 Bcf/d, and decrease the transportation capacity of Pipeline 2 from 2.25 Bcf/d to 1.9 Bcf/d, resulting in the total authorized capacity of 4.5 Bcf/d remaining unchanged.

The Project Amendment also includes modifications to the following aboveground facilities that are authorized (but as yet unbuilt) along the Rio Bravo Pipeline right-of-way:

- Eliminate Compressor Station 2 in Kenedy County;
- eliminate Compressor Station 3 within the Rio Grande LNG Terminal in Cameron County, except for a meter and other ancillary facilities within the LNG Terminal;
- eliminate all facilities associated with Booster Stations 1 and 2, including

related meter stations, in Kenedy County; and

- increase the horsepower (hp) at Compressor Station 1 from 180,000 hp to 282,000 hp by switching from six 30,000-hp natural gas compressor units to four 43,000-hp natural gas compressor units and two 55,000-hp compressor units.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 2.

Land Requirements for Construction

The Rio Bravo Pipeline system, as authorized, will affect about 2,501.2 acres during construction; and about 1,330 acres of land would be retained for permanent use during operation. The Project Amendment would modify those totals to affect 2,457.8 acres during construction and 1,286.7 acres during operation; the reduction in land requirements would be due in large part to the elimination of Compressor Station 2 and Booster Stations 1 and 2.

The EA Process

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the Project Amendment under these general headings:

- geology and soils;
- water resources and wetlands;
- vegetation and wildlife;
- threatened and endangered species;
- cultural resources;
- socioeconomics;
- land use;
- air quality and noise;
- public safety; and
- cumulative impacts.

Commission staff will also evaluate reasonable alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

The EA will present Commission staff's independent analysis of the issues. The EA will be available in electronic format in the public record through eLibrary² and the Commission's natural gas environmental documents web page (<https://www.ferc.gov/industries-data/natural-gas/environment/environmental-documents>). If eSubscribed, you will receive instant email notification when the EA is issued. The EA may be issued for an allotted public comment period. Commission staff will consider all comments on the EA before making recommendations to the Commission. To ensure Commission staff have the

opportunity to address your comments, please carefully follow the instructions in the Public Participation section, beginning on page 2.

With this notice, the Commission is asking agencies with jurisdiction by law and/or special expertise with respect to the environmental issues of this project to formally cooperate in the preparation of the EA.³ Agencies that would like to request cooperating agency status should follow the instructions for filing comments provided under the Public Participation section of this notice.

Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

In accordance with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's implementing regulations for section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Commission is using this notice to initiate consultation with the applicable State Historic Preservation Office, and to solicit their views and those of other government agencies, interested Indian tribes, and the public on the project's potential effects on historic properties.⁴ The EA for this project will document findings on the impacts on historic properties and summarize the status of consultations under section 106.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

Commission staff have already identified several issues that deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by RB Pipeline. This preliminary list of environmental issues may change based on your comments and our analysis:

- alternative systems analysis;
- visual resources;
- pipeline safety associated with the increased diameter and capacity of Pipelines 1 and 2;
- air quality impacts associated with the pipeline and aboveground facilities;
- noise impacts associated with pipeline construction and operation;
- cumulative impacts; and
- climate change.

³ The Council on Environmental Quality regulations addressing cooperating agency responsibilities are at Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1501.6.

⁴ The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulations are at Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 800. Those regulations define historic properties as any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Environmental Mailing List

The environmental mailing list for the Project Amendment includes federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American Tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. This list also includes all affected landowners (as defined in the Commission's regulations) who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within certain distances of aboveground facilities, and anyone who submits comments on the project and includes a mailing address with their comments. Commission staff will update the environmental mailing list as the analysis proceeds to ensure that Commission notices related to this environmental review are sent to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project.

If the Commission issues the EA for an allotted public comment period, a *Notice of Availability* of the EA will be sent to the environmental mailing list and will provide instructions to access the electronic document on the FERC's website (www.ferc.gov). If you need to make changes to your name/address, or if you would like to remove your name from the mailing list, please return the attached "Mailing List Update Form" (appendix 3).

Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208-FERC, or on the FERC website at www.ferc.gov using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on General Search and enter the docket number in the Docket Number field, excluding the last three digits (i.e., CP20-481). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

Public sessions or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at <https://www.ferc.gov/news-events/events> along with other related information.

² For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice.

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Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 77-298; Project No. 77-285]

NOI Parties; Notice Soliciting Scoping Comments

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

a. *Type of Application:* Major, new license.

b. *Project Nos.:* P-77-298; P-77-285.

c. *Date filed:* June 28, 2019.

d. *Applicant:* NOI Parties (the NOI Parties are proxies for a new Regional Entity that ultimately would be the license applicant for the project. The Regional Entity has not yet been formed under California law, but once formed, the Regional Entity would supplant the NOI Parties in this Integrated Licensing Process [ILP] proceeding. The NOI Parties are Mendocino County Inland Water Agency and Power Commission; Sonoma County Water Agency; California Trout, Inc.; County of Humboldt, California; and the Round Valley Indian Tribes).

e. *Name of Project:* Potter Valley Project.

f. *Location:* On the Eel and East Fork Russian Rivers in Lake and Mendocino Counties, California, about 15 miles northeast of the City of Ukiah. The existing 9.959-megawatt (MW) Potter Valley Project occupies lands owned by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (2,328 acres), National Forest System Lands administered by the United States Forest Service, Mendocino National Forest (1,146 acres), and privately-owned lands (41 acres).

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

h. *Applicant Contacts:* Grant Davis, General Manager, Sonoma County Water Agency, 404 Aviation Boulevard, Santa Rosa, CA 95403, (707) 547-1900, Grant.Davis@scwa.ca.gov; Janet Pauli, Chair, Mendocino County Inland Water and Power Commission, P.O. Box 1247, Ukiah, CA 95482, (707) 743-1173, pauli@mendoiawpc.com; Curtis Knight, Executive Director, California Trout, 360 Pine Street, 4th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94104, (415) 392-8887, cknight@caltrout.org; and Hank Seemann, Deputy Director—Environmental

Services, Humboldt County Public Works Department, 1106 Second Street, Eureka, CA 95501, (707) 268-2680, hseemann@co.humboldt.ca.us.

i. *FERC Contact:* Quinn Emmering, quinn.emmering@ferc.gov, 202-502-6382.

j. *Cooperating agencies:* Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item o below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. See 94 FERC 61,076 (2001).

k. Please note that on April 6, 2017, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) initiated the Commission's Integrated Licensing Process (ILP) to relicense the Potter Valley Project by filing, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6, a Notice of Intent (NOI) and Pre-Application Document (PAD), which included a proposed process plan and schedule. However, on January 25, 2019, PG&E filed a notice of withdrawal indicating that it was discontinuing its efforts to relicense the project, which became effective on February 11, 2019. As a result, on March 1, 2019, the Commission issued a Notice Soliciting Applications for interested applicants to file NOIs, PADs, and requests to complete the pre-filing stages of the relicensing process.

On June 28, 2019, the NOI Parties filed a NOI to seek a new license for the project and that it incorporates by reference PG&E's PAD as part of the project record as all the general information on the existing project is the same. On August 1, 2019, the Commission issued a public notice of the NOI Parties' intent to continue the ILP initiated by PG&E and file a final license application by April 14, 2022. On May 13, 2020, the NOI Parties filed a Feasibility Study Report, which includes information on the proposed Regional Entity to operate and maintain the project and its proposed changes to project facilities and operations from what PG&E originally proposed. Therefore, in addition to the Feasibility Study Report and NOI, participants should also refer to PG&E's PAD for general information about existing project facilities, project operations, and environmental resources in the project area.

l. *Deadline for filing scoping comments:* August 27, 2020.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file scoping comments using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOnline.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. 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). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-77-298.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all interveners 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 intervener files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, it must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

m. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. The Potter Valley Project stores winter runoff from the upper Eel River Basin and annually diverts an average of approximately 60,000 acre-feet of Eel River water into the Russian River to generate hydroelectric power, provide water to local water users, and meet regulatory streamflow requirements for the Eel River and East Branch Russian River.

Existing project facilities include: (1) Lake Pillsbury, a 2,275-acre storage reservoir with a current storage capacity of 76,876 acre-feet at normal maximum water surface elevation (NMWSE) of 1,828.3 feet impounded by Scott Dam on the Eel River; (2) Scott Dam, a 130-foot-high, 805-foot-long, concrete gravity dam with an ogee-shaped, overflow spillway structure with five 32-foot-wide, 10-foot-high, radial gates, and 26 10-foot-high, 7.5- to 10-foot-wide, steel slide gates; (3) a 72-inch-diameter, riveted-steel outlet pipe passing through Scott Dam at invert