

Improving the Utility of the Consent Order with Supplementary Information. The COC will work with the NNM CAB Risk Evaluation and Management Committee to review the risk-based approaches used to determine the prioritization of cleanup actions, as well as the “relative risk ranking” of the campaigns, targets, and milestones by the NNM CAB, to be recommended for use by the DOE EM Los Alamos Field Office (EM-LA) both within and outside of those activities covered by the Consent Order.

*Purpose of the Risk Evaluation and Management Committee (REMC):* The REMC provides external citizen-based oversight and recommendations to the DOE EM-LA on human and ecological health risk resulting from historical, current, and future hazardous and radioactive legacy waste operations at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). The REMC will, to the extent feasible, stay informed of DOE EM-LA and LANL’s environmental restoration and long-term environmental stewardship programs and plans. The REMC will also work with the NNM CAB COC to provide DOE EM-LA and LANL with the public’s desires in determining cleanup priorities. The REMC will prepare recommendations that represent to the best of committee’s knowledge and ability to determine, the public’s position on human and ecological health risk issues pertaining to direct radiation or contaminant exposure to soils, air, surface and groundwater quality, or the agricultural and ecological environment.

#### Tentative Agenda

- Call to Order
- Welcome and Introductions
- Roll Call and Meeting Protocols
- Approval of Agenda and Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2020
- Old Business
  - Review of Revisions to NNM CAB Bylaws
  - Other Items
- New Business
- Presentations on Waste Management Processes at LANL During COVID-19 Pandemic
- Board Member Discussion on NNM CAB Recommendations
- Update from Deputy Designated Federal Officer
- Public Comment Period
- Adjourn

*Public Participation:* The online virtual meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committees either before or within five days after the meeting by sending them to Menice Santistevan at the aforementioned email address. The

Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make public comments will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

*Minutes:* Minutes will be available by writing or calling Menice Santistevan at the address or telephone number listed above. Minutes and other Board documents are on the internet at: <http://energy.gov/em/nmcb/meeting-materials>.

Signed in Washington, DC, on March 12, 2021.

**LaTanya Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15030-000]

#### Desert Pumped Storage, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On April 27, 2020, Desert Pumped Storage LLC, filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the SilverKing 2 Energy Storage Project (SilverKing 2 Project or project), a closed-loop pumped storage project to be located in Gila County, Arizona. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners’ express permission.

The proposed project would consist of the following: (1) A new 33-foot-high dam with a total crest length of 9,780 feet, creating a 2,047 acre-foot upper reservoir with a maximum surface elevation of 1,499 feet above mean sea level; (2) two 3,329-foot-long, 10-foot-diameter steel penstocks that would connect the upper and lower reservoirs after passing through the powerhouse; (3) a new powerhouse to be located close to the afterbay with an approximate elevation of 1,210 feet above mean sea level with four 25-megawatt generator units with a total installed generation capacity of 100

megawatts and associated switchgear and controls; (4) an approximately 100-foot-long, 14-foot-diameter tailrace low pressure draft tube between the powerhouse and the lower reservoir; (5) a new 98-foot-high dam with a total crest length of 3,273 feet, creating a 1,846 acre-foot lower reservoir, with a maximum surface elevation of 1,210 feet above mean sea level that will utilize an existing waste rock dump of an open pit mine; (6) a new 200 mega-volt ampere (MVA) substation located adjacent to the lower reservoir; (7) an approximately 500-foot-long new 230-kilovolt transmission line from the new substation to the existing transmission lines owned by Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District; and (8) appurtenant facilities. The estimated average annual generation of the SilverKing 2 Project would be 400 gigawatt-hours.

*Applicant Contact:* Dr. Michael Werner, Desert Pumped Storage LLC, 7425 East Columbia Drive, Spokane, Washington 99212; phone: (509) 280-7486.

*FERC Contact:* Khatoon Melick, (202) 502-8433, [khatoon.melick@ferc.gov](mailto:khatoon.melick@ferc.gov).

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications 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](mailto: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-15030-000.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the “eLibrary” link of Commission’s website at <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/elibrary/overview>. Enter the docket number (P-15030) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD10-12-012]

#### Increasing Market and Planning Efficiency Through Improved Software; Notice of Technical Conference: Increasing Real-Time and Day-Ahead Market Efficiency Through Improved Software

Take notice that Commission staff will convene a technical conference on June 22, 23, and 24, 2021 to discuss opportunities for increasing real-time and day-ahead market efficiency of the bulk power system through improved software. A detailed agenda with the list and times for the selected speakers will be published on the Commission’s website<sup>1</sup> after May 28, 2021.

This conference will bring together and encourage discussion between experts from diverse backgrounds. Examples include electric power system operators, software developers, and professionals from government, research centers, and academia. The conference will bring these experts together for the purposes of stimulating discussion, sharing information, and identifying fruitful avenues for research concerning improved software for increasing efficiency and reliability of the bulk power system.

This conference will build on discussions at prior conferences in this proceeding by focusing on topics identified as important to market efficiency in prior conferences. Broadly, such topics fall into the following categories:

(1) Improvements to the representation within market models of physical constraints that are either not currently modeled or are currently modeled using mathematical

approximations (e.g., voltage and reactive power constraints, stability constraints, fuel delivery constraints, and constraints related to contingencies);

(2) Representations of uncertainty to better maximize economic efficiency (expected market surplus) and lead to better understanding events of that could impact the reliability of the bulk power system (e.g., stochastic modeling, or other improved modeling approaches to energy and reserve dispatch and system planning that efficiently manage uncertainty);

(3) Software related to grid-enhancing technologies (e.g., optimal transmission switching, transmission flow control, advanced transmission line ratings, distributed energy resources, and software for forecasting and enhancing visibility into changing system conditions);

(4) Improvements in markets’ ability to identify, use, and/or enable capabilities in the existing systems in ways that improve bulk power system economic efficiency and reliability (e.g., transmission constraint relaxation practices, multi-stage generator modeling, storage state-of-charge management, and ramp management);

(5) Improvements to the duality interpretations of the economic dispatch model, with the goal of enabling the calculation of prices which represent better equilibrium and incentives for efficient entry and exit;

(6) Limitations of current electricity market software due to its interaction with hardware, for example, parallel computing and better cache management;

(7) Other improvements in algorithms, model formulations, or hardware that may allow for increases in market efficiency and enhanced bulk power system reliability.

Within these or related topics, we encourage presentations that discuss best modeling practices, existing modeling practices that need improvement, any advances made, or related perspectives on increasing market efficiency through improved power systems modeling.

The conference will take place virtually via WebEx, with remote participation from both presenters and attendees. Further details on remote attendance and participation will be released prior to the conference.

Attendees must register through the Commission’s website on or before June 11, 2021.<sup>2</sup> WebEx connections may not

be available to those who do not register.

Speaker nominations must be submitted on or before May 7, 2021 through the Commission’s website<sup>3</sup> by providing the proposed speaker’s contact information along with a title, abstract, and list of contributing authors for the proposed presentation. Proposed presentations should be related to the topics discussed above. Speakers and presentations will be selected to ensure relevant topics and to accommodate time constraints.

The Commission will accept comments following the conference, with a deadline of July 30, 2021.

There is an “eSubscription” link on the Commission’s website that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

FERC conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations please send an email to [accessibility@ferc.gov](mailto:accessibility@ferc.gov) or call toll free (866) 208-3372 (voice) or (202) 502-8659 (TTY), or send a fax to (202) 208-2106 with the required accommodations. This notice is issued and published in accordance with 18 CFR 2.1 (2019).

For further information about these conferences, please contact:

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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:

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ferc.gov/industries-data/electric/power-sales-and-markets/increasing-efficiency-through-improved-software>.

<sup>2</sup> The attendee registration form is located at <https://ferc.webex.com/ferc/onstage/g.php?MTID=e97c1ef8334b1f4db52394fe644edfe57>. Click “Register” to be taken to the form.

<sup>3</sup> The speaker nomination form is located at <https://ferc.webex.com/ferc/onstage/g.php?MTID=e3309f9a29fe364f2f4ee1ddb3101f580>. Click “Register” to be taken to the form.