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Dated: June 29, 2023.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER23-22-001, EL22-41-000]

#### Puget Sound Energy, Inc.; Notice of Conference Call

On Tuesday, July 11, 2023, Commission staff will hold a conference call with Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (Puget Sound) beginning at 3 p.m. (Eastern Time). The purpose of the conference call is to discuss Puget Sound's formula rate protocols. The discussion during the conference call will be limited to this matter.

All interested parties are invited to listen by phone. The conference call will not be webcasted or transcribed. However, an audio listen-only line will be provided. Those wishing to access the listen-only line must email Jonathan Taylor at *jonathan.taylor@ferc.gov* by 5 p.m. (Eastern Time) on Friday, July 7, 2023, with your name, email, and phone number, in order to receive the call-in information before the conference call. Please use the following text for the subject line, "ER23-22-001 and EL22-41-000 listen-only line registration."

Commission conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations, please send an email to *accessibility@ferc.gov* or call toll free 1 (866) 208-3372 (voice) or (202) 208-1659 (TTY), or send a FAX to (202) 208-2106 with the required accommodations.

For additional information, please contact Jonathan Taylor at (202) 502-6649 or *jonathan.taylor@ferc.gov*.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas & Oil Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

#### Filings Instituting Proceedings

*Docket Numbers:* RP23-852-000.

*Applicants:* Natural Gas Pipeline

Company of America LLC.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing:

Negotiated Rate Agreement Filing—Macquarie #154222 to be effective 7/1/2023.

*Filed Date:* 6/28/23.

*Accession Number:* 20230628-5078.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 7/10/23.

*Docket Numbers:* RP23-853-000.

*Applicants:* WTG Hugoton, LP.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Annual Fuel Retention Percentage Filing 2023-2024 to be effective 8/1/2023.

*Filed Date:* 6/28/23.

*Accession Number:* 20230628-5167.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 7/10/23.

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.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp>) by querying the docket number.

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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL23-78-000]

#### Big Plain Solar, LLC; Notice of Institution of Section 206 Proceeding and Refund Effective Date

On June 28, 2023, the Commission issued an order in Docket No. EL23-78-000, pursuant to section 206 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 824e, instituting an investigation into whether Big Plain Solar, LLC's proposed Rate Schedule<sup>1</sup> is unjust, unreasonable, unduly, discriminatory, or preferential, or otherwise unlawful. *Big Plain Solar, LLC*, 183 FERC ¶ 61,224 (2023).

The refund effective date in Docket No. EL23-78-000, 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. EL23-78-000 must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate, with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.214 (2022), within 21 days of the date of issuance of the order.

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://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. 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

<sup>1</sup> Big Plain Solar, LLC, Rate Schedule Tariff, FERC Electric Tariff, Reactive Power Compensation (0.0.0).

by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TYY, (202) 502-8659.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1930-090]

#### **Southern California Edison Company; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document (Pad), Commencement of Pre-Filing Process, and Scoping; Request for Comments on the Pad and Scoping Document, and Identification of Issues and Associated Study Requests**

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application for a New License and Commencing Pre-filing Process.

b. *Project No.:* 1930-090.

c. *Dated Filed:* May 5, 2023.

d. *Submitted By:* Southern California Edison Company (SCE).

e. *Name of Project:* Kern River No. 1 Hydroelectric Project (Kern 1 Project).

f. *Location:* The Kern 1 Project is located on the lower Kern River on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada, approximately 15 miles east of the City of Bakersfield in Kern County, California. The existing FERC project boundary occupies federal lands within the Sequoia National Forest which is under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Forest Service.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR part 5 of the Commission’s Regulations.

h. *Applicant Contact:* David Moore, Kern River No. 1 Relicensing Project Manager, Southern California Edison Company, 1515 Walnut Grove Avenue, Rosemead, CA 91770; (626) 302-9741; [david.moore@sce.com](mailto:david.moore@sce.com).

i. *FERC Contact:* Jessica Fefer at (202) 502-6631 or email at [jessica.fefer@ferc.gov](mailto:jessica.fefer@ferc.gov).

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. *With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with:* (a) the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR part 402 and (b) the State Historic Preservation Office, as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. With this notice, we are designating SCE as the Commission’s non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation, pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

m. SCE filed with the Commission a Pre-Application Document (PAD), including a proposed process plan and schedule, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission’s regulations.

n. A copy of the PAD may be viewed on the Commission’s website (<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 at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call

toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TYY, (202) 502-8659.

You may register online at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOnline.aspx> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to these or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

o. With this notice, we are soliciting comments on the PAD and Commission staff’s Scoping Document 1 (SD1), as well as study requests. All comments on the PAD and SD1, and study requests should be sent to the address above in paragraph h. In addition, all comments on the PAD and SD1, study requests, requests for cooperating agency status, and all communications to and from staff related to the merits of the potential application must be filed with the Commission.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file all documents 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.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). 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-1930-090.

All filings with the Commission must bear the appropriate heading: “Comments on Pre-Application Document,” “Study Requests,” “Comments on Scoping Document 1,” “Request for Cooperating Agency Status,” or “Communications to and from Commission Staff.” Any individual or entity interested in submitting study requests, commenting on the PAD or SD1, and any agency requesting cooperating status must do so by September 5, 2023.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure provide that if a filing deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday, holiday, or other day when the Commission is closed for business, the filing deadline does not end until the close of business on the next business day. 18 CFR 385.2007(a)(2)