Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2015–09–14, SA 2839 ATX1–AIC Construction Agreement (Kansas Substation) to be effective 9/14/2015.

Filed Date: 9/14/15.

Accession Number: 20150914–5088.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/5/15.

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

Docket Numbers: RR15–18–000.


Description: Petition of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation for Approval of Amendments to Exhibit B to the Delegation Agreement with SERC Reliability Corporation—Amendments to SERC Bylaws.

Filed Date: 9/14/15.

Accession Number: 20150914–5122.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/5/15.

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 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: September 14, 2015.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Southwestern Power Administration

Robert D. Willis Power Rate

AGENCY: Southwestern Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of public review and comment.

SUMMARY: The Acting Administrator, Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern), has prepared Current and Revised 2015 Power Repayment Studies for the Robert D. Willis project which show the need for an increase in annual revenues to meet cost recovery criteria. Such increased revenues are needed primarily to cover the costs associated with increased operations and maintenance costs, increased interest expense plus increased costs associated with investments and replacements in the hydroelectric generating facilities. The Acting Administrator of Southwestern has developed a proposed Robert D. Willis Rate Schedule, which is supported by power repayment studies, to recover the required revenues. The Revised 2015 Power Repayment Study indicates that the proposed Rate Schedule would increase annual revenues approximately 8.6 percent from $1,181,496 to $1,282,836 effective January 1, 2016 through September 30, 2019.

DATES: The consultation and comment period will end on November 9, 2015. If requested, a combined Public Information and Comment Forum (Forum) will be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma at 9:00 a.m. on October 28, 2015. Persons desiring the Forum to be held must send a written request for such Forum to the Senior Vice President, Chief Operating Officer (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT) by October 16, 2015. If no request is received, the Forum will not be held.

ADDRESSES: If requested, the Forum will be held in Southwestern’s offices, Room 1460, Williams Center Tower I, One West Third Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marshall Boyken, Senior Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, Office of Corporate Operations, Southwestern Power Administration, U.S. Department of Energy, One West Third Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103, (918) 595–6646, marshall.boyken@swpa.gov.


Southwestern markets power from 24 multi-purpose reservoir projects with hydroelectric power facilities constructed and operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). These projects are located in the states of Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas. Southwestern’s marketing area includes these states plus Kansas and Louisiana. The costs associated with the hydropower facilities of 22 of the 24 projects are repaid via revenues received under the Integrated System rates, as are the costs associated with Southwestern’s transmission facilities that consist of 1,380 miles of high-voltage transmission lines, 25 substations, and 46 microwave and VHF radio sites. Costs associated with the Sam Rayburn and Robert D. Willis Dams, two Corps projects that are isolated hydraulically, electrically, and financially from the Integrated System, are repaid by separate rate schedules.

Guidelines for preparation of power repayment studies are included in DOE Order No. RA 6120.2 entitled Power Marketing Administration Financial Reporting. Following DOE guidelines, Southwestern prepared a 2015 Current Power Repayment Study using the existing Robert D. Willis Rate Schedule.1 This study indicates that Southwestern’s legal requirement to repay the investment in the power generating facility for power and energy marketed by Southwestern will not be met without an increase in revenues. The need for increased revenues is primarily due to increased operations and maintenance costs, increased interest expense plus increased costs associated with investments and replacements in the Corps hydroelectric generating facilities. The 2015 Revised Power Repayment Study shows that additional annual revenues of $101,340 (an 8.6 percent increase), beginning January 1, 2016, are needed to satisfy repayment criteria.

Due to concerns expressed by Southwestern’s customers during the development of the 2015 Power Repayment Studies regarding implementation of the proposed increase just a few months after fully implementing the existing rate schedule which consisted of a 10.2 percent revenue increase, Southwestern is proposing to increase revenue in two steps over a two-year period. Because Southwestern’s current rates are sufficient to recover all average operation and maintenance expenses during the next two years, the ability to meet both annual and long-term repayment criteria is satisfied by increasing revenues in two steps over the period.

The first step of the rate increase, beginning January 1, 2016, would incorporate one half of the required revenue or 4.3 percent ($50,670). The second step of the rate increase, beginning January 1, 2017 and ending on September 30, 2019, would incorporate the remaining revenue

1 FERC, on June 3, 2015, confirmed and approved the existing Robert D. Willis rate schedule for the period January 1, 2015 through September 30, 2018. See 151 FERC ¶ 61,156.
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Southwestern Power Administration

Sam Rayburn Dam Power Rate

AGENCY: Southwestern Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of public review and comment.

SUMMARY: The Acting Administrator, Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern), has prepared Current and Revised 2015 Power Repayment Studies for the Sam Rayburn Dam project which show the need for an increase in annual revenues to meet cost recovery criteria. Such increased revenues are needed primarily to cover the costs associated with increased operations and maintenance costs and increased interest expense associated with investments and replacements in the hydropower generating facilities. The Acting Administrator has determined that Southwestern has developed a proposed Sam Rayburn Dam Rate Schedule, which is supported by power repayment studies, to recover the required revenues. The Revised 2015 Power Repayment Study indicates that the proposed Rate Schedule would increase annual revenues approximately 7.9 percent from $4,230,120 to $4,563,792 effective January 1, 2016 through September 30, 2019.

DATES: The consultation and comment period will end on November 9, 2015. If requested, a combined Public Information and Comment Forum (Forum) will be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma at 9:00 a.m. on October 22, 2015. Persons desiring the Forum to be held must send a written request for such Forum to the Senior Vice President, Chief Operating Officer (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT) by October 16, 2015. If no request is received, the Forum will not be held.

ADDRESSES: If requested, the Forum will be held in Southwestern’s offices, Room 1460, Williams Center Tower I, One West Third Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103. (918) 595–6646, swparates@swpa.gov.

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