the EIS to provide special expertise on environmental issues related to this project.

Consultations 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, we are using this notice to initiate consultation with the applicable State Historic Preservation Office(s), 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. We will define the project-specific Area of Potential Effects (APE) in consultation with the SHPO(s) as the project develops. On natural gas facility projects, the APE at a minimum encompasses all areas subject to ground disturbance (examples include construction right-of-way, contractor/pipe storage yards, compressor stations, and access roads). Our EIS for this project will document our findings on the impacts on historic properties and summarize the status of consultations under section 106.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the planned facilities and the environmental information provided by Columbia. This preliminary list of issues may change based on your comments and our analysis.

- Removal of forested areas;
- Impacts on endangered and threatened species that are not covered under Columbia’s Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan;
- Changes to existing land uses; and
- Safety of landowners during the operation of the proposed pipeline.

Environmental Mailing List

The environmental mailing list 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. We will update the environmental mailing list as the analysis proceeds to ensure that we send the information related to this environmental review to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the planned project.

Copies of the completed draft EIS will be sent to the environmental mailing list for public review and comment. If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the document instead of the CD version or would like to remove your name from the mailing list, please return the attached Information Request (appendix 3).

Becoming an Intervenor

Once Columbia files its application with the Commission, you may want to become an “intervenor” which is an official party to the Commission’s proceeding. Intervenors play a more formal role in the process and are able to file briefs, appear at hearings, and be heard by the courts if they choose to appeal the Commission’s final ruling. An intervenor formally participates in the proceeding by filing a request to intervene. Motions to intervene are more fully described at http://www.ferc.gov/resources/guides/how-to-intervene.asp. Instructions for becoming an intervenor are in the “Document-less Intervention Guide” under the “e-filing” link on the Commission’s Web site. Please note that the Commission will not accept requests for intervenor status at this time. You must wait until the Commission receives a formal application for the project.

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 Web site (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on “General Search” and enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (i.e., PF15–31–000). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp.

Finally, public meetings or site visits will be posted on the Commission’s calendar located at www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx along with other related information.

Dated: November 18, 2015.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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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 corporate filings:

Docket Numbers: EC16–38–000. Applicants: The Potomac Edison Company. Description: Application of The Potomac Edison Company for Authorization pursuant to Section 203 of the Federal Power Act, and Requests for Waivers of Certain Filing Requirements, Shortened Notice Period, and Expedited Consideration. Filed Date: 11/20/15. Accession Number: 20151120–5315. Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/11/15. Take notice that the Commission received the following exempt wholesale generator filings:

Docket Numbers: EG16–23–000. Applicants: Golden Hills Interconnection, LLC. Description: Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status of Golden Hills Interconnection, LLC. Filed Date: 11/20/15. Accession Number: 20151120–5233. Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/11/15. Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

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

Docket Numbers: ER12–1296–001.
Applicants: ResCom Energy LLC.
Description: Notice of Material Change in Status of ResCom Energy LLC.

Docket Numbers: ER12–1257–002.
Applicants: Iron Energy LLC.
Description: Notice of Material Change in Status of Iron Energy LLC.

Applicants: Xcel Energy Southwest Transmission Company, LLC.
Description: Response to September 22, 2015 Deficiency Letter of Xcel Energy Southwest Transmission Company, LLC.

Applicants: Xcel Energy Transmission Development Company, LLC.
Description: Response to September 22, 2015 Deficiency Letter of Xcel Energy Transmission Development Company, LLC.

Docket Numbers: ES16–4–000.
Applicants: AEP Generating Company.
Description: Amendment to October 30, 2015 Application Under Section 204 of the Federal Power Act for Authorization of AEP Generating Company to Issue Securities.

Applicants: BioUrja Power, LLC.
Description: Supplement to OATT Att K-Appx and OA.

Applicants: Southern California Edison Company.
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing:
Letter Agreement Desert Stateline Project to be effective 11/20/2015.

Docket Numbers: ERT12–1355–003.
Applicants: Odell Wind Farm, LLC.
Description: Tariff Amendment: Amendment to Market-Based Rate Tariff to be effective 12/31/9998.

Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing:
Revisions to OATT Att K-Appx and OA Sched 1 re Hourly Offers, EL15–73–000 to be effective 12/31/9998.

Applicants: Shelby County Energy Center, LLC.
Description: Tariff Amendment: Amendment to Market-Based Rate Tariff to be effective 12/31/9998.

Docket Numbers: ERT16–368–000.
Applicants: Shelby County Energy Center, LLC.
Description: Baseline eTariff Filing:
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 5:00 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: November 23, 2015.
Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
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