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By direction of the Commission.

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

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM11-6-000]

#### Billing Procedures for Annual Charges for Recompensing the United States for the Use, Occupancy, and Enjoyment of Federal Lands; Notice of Statement of Annual Charges for the Use of Government Lands for Fiscal Year 2016

By this notice, the Commission states that in accordance to the Final Rule issued on January 17, 2013<sup>1</sup> the federal lands fee schedule of per-acre rates have been calculated for Fiscal Years (FY) 2016 through 2020. Pursuant to the Final Rule, the Commission recalculates the federal lands fee schedule every five years by using the per-acre land values published in the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) Census. The Commission established the FY 2016 through FY 2020 federal lands fee schedule based on data published in the 2012 NASS Census. In addition, the Commission determines a state-specific reduction that removes the value of irrigated lands on a state-by-state basis, plus a seven percent reduction to remove the value of buildings. An encumbrance factor of 50

percent along with a rate of return of 5.77 percent are calculated with the per-acre land values less the state-specific reduction to derive at the individual state/county per-acre federal land rates assessed to hydropower projects.

The FY 2016 federal lands fee schedule rates have significantly increased in comparison to the FY 2015 federal lands fee schedule rates issued on January 8, 2015 for a number of hydropower projects located in multiple states/counties. In particular, hydropower projects located in the Kenai Peninsula Area of Alaska land rates increased by 71 percent in comparison to land rates assessed in FY 2015. The FY 2016 increase of per-acre land rates was mainly attributed to the increase of per-acre land and building values published in the 2012 NASS Census. The per-acre land value for land in the Kenai Peninsula Area was increased from \$1,328 in the 2007 NASS Census to \$2,423 in the 2012 NASS Census. This increase along with factoring in the state-specific reduction, the 50 percent encumbrance factor, and the 5.77 percent rate of return ultimately resulted in a 71 percent increase of per-acre land rates assessed to hydropower projects located in the Kenai Peninsula Area. In addition, per-acre land values for San Bernardino County located in California, Boulder and Clear Creek Counties located in Colorado, and Blaine County located in Idaho all significantly increased as a result of the 2012 published NASS Census.

Conversely, the FY 2016 federal lands fee schedule rates have significantly decreased in comparison to the FY 2015 federal lands fee schedule rates issued on January 8, 2015 for a number of hydropower projects located in other locations as a result of the decreased per-acre land values published in the 2012 NASS Census. Specifically hydropower projects occupying federal lands in Alpine, Lake, and Riverside Counties located in California, Aleutian Islands Area located in Alaska, and Grays Harbor County located in Washington will receive as much as a 37 percent decrease in comparison to the federal lands annual charges issued in FY 2015.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Steven Bromberek at (202) 502-8001 or Norman Richardson at (202) 502-6219.

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

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice Revising Post-Technical Conference Comment Schedule

	Docket Nos.
PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. ...	ER15-2562-000, ER15-2563-000, EL15-18-001.
Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. v. PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. Linden VFT, LLC v. PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.	EL15-67-000.
Delaware Public Service Commission and Maryland Public Service Commission v. PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.	EL15-95-000.
PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. ... PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. ...	ER14-972-003. ER14-1485-005, Not Consolidated.

In an order dated November 24, 2015,<sup>1</sup> the Commission found that the assignment of cost allocation for the projects in the filings and complaints listed in the caption using PJM's solution-based distribution factor (DFAX) cost allocation method had not been shown to be just and reasonable and may be unjust, unreasonable, or unduly discriminatory or preferential. The Commission directed its staff to establish a technical conference to explore both whether there is a definable category of reliability projects within PJM for which the solution-based DFAX cost allocation method may not be just and reasonable, such as projects addressing reliability violations that are not related to flow on the planned transmission facility, and whether an alternative just and reasonable *ex ante* cost allocation method could be established for any such category of projects.

The technical conference was held on January 12, 2016. At the technical conference, staff indicated that it would establish a schedule for post-technical conference comments after reviewing the technical conference transcript. On February 9, 2016 a technical conference transcript was placed in the above-referenced dockets, and a post-technical conference comment schedule was established. On February 18, 2016, an errata transcript of the February 9, 2016 transcript was placed in the dockets. The schedule for post-technical conference comments is revised accordingly.

Post-technical conference comments, not to exceed 20 pages, are due on or before March 9, 2016.

<sup>1</sup> *Annual Charges for Use of Government Lands, Final Rule*, Order No. 774, 78 FR 5256 (January 25, 2013), 142 FERC Stats & Regs. ¶ 61,045 (2013).

<sup>1</sup> *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C., et al.*, 153 FERC ¶ 61,245 (2015).

For more information about this technical conference, please contact [PJMDFAxconfDL@ferc.gov](mailto:PJMDFAXconfDL@ferc.gov); or Sarah McKinley, 202-502-8368, [sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov](mailto:sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov), regarding logistical issues.

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**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL16-27-000]

#### West-Wide Must-Offer Requirements; Notice of Institution of Section 206 Proceeding and Refund Effective Date

On February 18, 2016, the Commission issued an order in Docket No. EL16-27-000, pursuant to section 206 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 824e (2012), instituting an investigation into the justness and reasonableness of the must-offer obligation imposed in the Western Electricity Coordinating Council<sup>1</sup> during the California energy crisis of 2000-2001. *West-Wide Must-Offer Requirements*, 154 *FERC* ¶ 61,110 (2016).

The refund effective date in Docket No. EL16-27-000, established pursuant to section 206(b) of the FPA, will be the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: February 18, 2016.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ID-7848]

#### Belliveau, Robert G.; Notice of Filing

Take notice that on February 17, 2016, Robert G. Belliveau submitted for filing, an application for authority to hold interlocking positions, pursuant to section 305(b) of the Federal Power Act (FPA)<sup>1</sup> and Part 45.8 (2015) of the Federal Energy Regulatory

Commission's (Commission)<sup>2</sup> Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 9, 2016.

Dated: February 18, 2016.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2894-010]

#### Flambeau Hydro, LLC; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, and Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process.

b. *Project No.:* 2894-010.

c. *Date Filed:* December 30, 2016.

d. Submitted By: Flambeau Hydro, LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Black Brook Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Apple River in the town of Black Brook near the City of Amery, in Polk County, Wisconsin. No federal lands are occupied by the project works or located within the project boundary.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's regulations.

h. *Potential Applicant Contact:* Jason P. Kreuzscher, Vice President, Operations, Renewable World Energies, LLC, 100 S. State Street, P.O. Box 264, Neshkoro, WI 54960; phone: (855) 994-9376, ext 102.

i. *FERC Contact:* Laura Washington at (202) 502-6072; or email at [Laura.Washington@ferc.gov](mailto:Laura.Washington@ferc.gov).

j. Flambeau Hydro, LLC filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on December 30, 2015. Flambeau Hydro, LLC provided public notice of its request on December 23, 2015. In a letter dated February 18, 2016, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved Flambeau Hydro, LLC's request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.

k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, Part 402. We are also initiating consultation the Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historical 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 Flambeau Hydro, LLC as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation, pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and section

<sup>1</sup> Formerly the Western Systems Coordinating Council.

<sup>1</sup> 16 U.S.C. 825d(b) (2012).

<sup>2</sup> 18 CFR part 45 (2015).