

Deliverability Service to be effective 9/1/2017.

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Accession Number: 20170714–5005.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, July 26, 2017.

Docket Numbers: RP17–901–000.

Applicants: Equitrans, L.P.

Description: Equitrans, L.P. submits tariff filing per 154.204: 10–1–2016 Formula-Based Negotiated Rates to be effective 10/1/2016.

Filed Date: 07/14/2017.

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Docket Numbers: RP17–902–000.

Applicants: Alliance Pipeline L.P.

Description: Alliance Pipeline L.P. submits tariff filing per 154.204: Fuel Gas Imbalance Management to be effective 9/1/2017.

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Dated: July 17, 2017.

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 rate filings:

Docket Numbers: ER16–1914–001.

Applicants: Patua Acquisition Company, LLC.

Description: Notice of Non-Material Change in Status of Patua Acquisition Company, LLC.

Filed Date: 7/17/17.

Accession Number: 20170717–5130.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/7/17.

Docket Numbers: ER17–1636–003.

Applicants: Great River Hydro, LLC.

Description: Notice of Non-Material Change in Status of Great River Hydro, LLC.

Filed Date: 7/17/17.

Accession Number: 20170717–5124.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/7/17.

Docket Numbers: ER17–2101–000.

Applicants: Deseret Generation & Transmission Co-operative, Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: OATT Attachment 7/8 Sec. 17.3 Amend. to be effective 9/15/2017.

Filed Date: 7/17/17.

Accession Number: 20170717–5041.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/7/17.

Docket Numbers: ER17–2102–000.

Applicants: Midcontinent

Independent System Operator, Inc., Union Electric Company.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2017–07–17_SA 3032 Ameren-City of Hannibal Construction Agreement to be effective 6/29/2017.

Filed Date: 7/17/17.

Accession Number: 20170717–5051.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/7/17.

Docket Numbers: ER17–2103–000.

Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., MidAmerican Energy Company, ITC Midwest LLC.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2017–07–17_SA 3031_MEC-ITCM Hills-Montezuma FCA to be effective 9/16/2017.

Filed Date: 7/17/17.

Accession Number: 20170717–5077.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/7/17.

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Dated: July 18, 2017.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD17–1–000]

Billing Procedures for Annual Charges for the Costs of Other Federal Agencies for Administering Part I of the Federal Power Act; Notice Reporting Costs for Other Federal Agencies' Administrative Annual Charges for Fiscal Year 2016

1. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is required to determine the reasonableness of costs incurred by other Federal agencies (OFAs)¹ in connection with their participation in the Commission's proceedings under the Federal Power Act (FPA) Part I² when those agencies seek to include such costs in the administrative charges licensees must pay to reimburse the United States for the cost of administering Part I.³ The Commission's *Order on Remand and Acting on Appeals of Annual Charge Bills*⁴ determined which costs are eligible to be included in the administrative annual charges and it established a process for Commission review of future OFA cost submittals. This order established a process whereby the Commission would annually request each OFA to submit cost data, using a form⁵ specifically designed for this purpose. In addition, the order established requirements for detailed cost accounting reports and other documented analyses, which explain the cost assumptions contained in the OFAs' submissions.

2. The Commission has completed its review of the forms and supporting documentation submitted by the U.S.

¹ The OFAs include: the U.S. Department of the Interior (Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of the Solicitor, Office of Environmental Policy & Compliance, Office of Hearings and Appeals and Office of Policy Analysis); the U.S. Department of Agriculture (U.S. Forest Service); the U.S. Department of Commerce (National Marine Fisheries Service); and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

² 16 U.S.C. 794–823d (2012).

³ See *id.* 803(e)(1) and 42 U.S.C. 7178.

⁴ 107 FERC ¶ 61,277, *order on reh'g*, 109 FERC ¶ 61,040 (2004).

⁵ Other Federal Agency Cost Submission Form, available at <https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/forms.asp#ofa>.

Department of the Interior (Interior), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (Agriculture), and the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) for fiscal year (FY) 2016. This notice reports the costs the Commission included in its administrative annual charges for FY 2017.

Scope of Eligible Costs

3. The basis for eligible costs that should be included in the OFAs' administrative annual charges is prescribed by the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Circular A-25—*User Charges* and the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board's Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards (SFFAS) Number 4—*Managerial Cost Accounting Concepts and Standards for the Federal Government*. Circular A-25 establishes Federal policy regarding fees assessed for government services and provides specific information on the scope and type of activities subject to user charges. SFFAS Number 4 provides a conceptual framework for federal agencies to determine the full costs of government goods and services.

4. Circular A-25 provides for user charges to be assessed against recipients of special benefits derived from Federal activities beyond those received by the general public.⁶ With regard to

licensees, the special benefit derived from federal activities is the license to operate a hydropower project. The guidance provides for the assessment of sufficient user charges to recover the *full* costs of services associated with these special benefits.⁷ SFFAS Number 4 defines full costs as the costs of resources consumed by a specific governmental unit that contribute directly or indirectly to a provided service.⁸ Thus, pursuant to OMB requirements and authoritative accounting guidance, the Commission must base its OFA administrative annual charge on all direct and indirect costs incurred by agencies in administering Part I of the FPA. The special form the Commission designed for this purpose, the Other Federal Agency Cost Submission Form, captures the full range of costs recoverable under the FPA and the referenced accounting guidance.⁹

Commission Review of OFA Cost Submittals

5. The Commission received cost forms and other supporting documentation from the Departments of the Interior, Agriculture, and Commerce. The Commission completed a review of each OFA's cost submission forms and supporting reports. In its examination of the OFAs' cost data, the

Commission considered each agency's ability to demonstrate a system or process which effectively captured, isolated, and reported FPA Part I costs as required by the Other Federal Agency Cost Submission Form.

6. The Commission held a Technical Conference on April 6, 2017 to report its initial findings to licensees and OFAs. Representatives for several licensees and most of the OFAs attended the conference. Following the technical conference, a transcript was posted, and licensees had the opportunity to submit comments to the Commission regarding its initial review.

7. Idaho Falls Group (Idaho Falls) filed written comments,¹⁰ stating its general support of the Commission's analysis but raising questions regarding certain various individual cost submissions. These issues are addressed in the Appendix to this notice.

8. After additional review, full consideration of the comments presented, and in accordance with the previously cited guidance, the Commission accepted as reasonable any costs reported via the cost submission forms that were clearly documented in the OFAs' accompanying reports and/or analyses. These documented costs will be included in the administrative annual charges for FY 2017.

Summary of Reported & Accepted Costs for Fiscal Year 2016

	Municipal		Non-Municipal		TOTAL	
	Reported	Accepted	Reported	Accepted	Reported	Accepted
Department of Interior						
Bureau of Indian Affairs	132,741	132,132	344,502	342,859	477,243	474,991
Bureau of Land Management	84,217	84,560	827	301	85,044	84,861
Bureau of Reclamation	1,618	1,618	43,432	43,432	45,050	45,050
National Park Service	396,101	397,587	383,724	382,238	779,825	779,825
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	851,646	851,585	1,011,653	1,008,621	1,863,299	1,860,206
U.S. Geological Survey					-	-
Office of the Solicitor	7,285	7,285	265,434	263,572	272,719	270,857
Office of Environmental Policy & Compliance	13,398	13,263	184,821	182,964	198,219	196,227
Office of Hearings and Appeals	3,534	3,534	21,769	21,769	25,303	25,303
Office of Policy Analysis	-	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Agriculture						
U.S. Forest Service	590,388	391,169	1,387,229	1,140,664	1,977,617	1,531,833
Department of Commerce						
National Marine Fisheries Service	988,392	1,001,321	433,335	413,454	1,421,727	1,414,775
TOTAL	3,069,320	2,884,054	4,076,726	3,799,874	7,146,046	6,683,928

9. Figure 1 summarizes the total reported costs incurred by Interior, Agriculture, and Commerce with respect to their participation in administering Part I of the FPA. Additionally, Figure 1 summarizes the reported costs that the Commission determined were clearly documented and accepted for inclusion

in its FY 2017 administrative annual charges.

Summary Findings of Commission's Costs Review

10. As presented in Figure 1, the Commission determined that \$6,683,928 of the \$7,146,046 in total reported costs

were reasonable and clearly documented in the OFAs' accompanying reports and/or analyses. Based on this finding, 6% of the total reported cost was determined to be unreasonable. The Commission noted the most significant issue with the documentation provided by the OFAs

⁶ OMB Circular A-25 6.

⁷ OMB Circular A-25 6.a.2.

⁸ SFFAS Number 4 ¶ 7.

⁹ To avoid the possibility of confusion that has occurred in prior years as to whether costs were being entered twice as Other Direct Costs and Overhead, the form excluded Other Direct Costs.

¹⁰ See Letter from Charles R. Sensiba, Van Ness Feldman, to the Honorable Kimberly D. Bose, FERC, Docket No. AD17-1-000 (filed May 15, 2017).

was the lack of supporting documentation to substantiate costs reported on the "Other Federal Agency Cost Submission Form."

11. The cost reports that the Commission determined were clearly documented and supported could be traced to detailed cost-accounting reports, which reconciled to data provided from agency financial systems or other pertinent source documentation. A further breakdown of these costs is included in the Appendix to this notice, along with an explanation of how the Commission determined their reasonableness.

Points of Contact

12. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Norman Richardson at (202) 502-6219 or Raven Rodriguez at (202) 502-6276.

Dated: July 18, 2017.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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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 Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP17-896-000.
Applicants: Northern Natural Gas Company.

Description: Northern Natural Gas Company submits tariff filing per 154.204: 20170711 Remove Ft. Buford to be effective 8/11/2017.

Filed Date: 07/11/2017.

Accession Number: 20170711-5099.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, July 24, 2017.

Docket Numbers: RP17-897-000.
Applicants: Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC.

Description: Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC submits tariff filing per 154.204: Negotiated Rate and Non-Conforming—Narragansett—510985 to be effective 7/17/2017.

Filed Date: 07/12/2017.

Accession Number: 20170712-5196.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, July 24, 2017.

Docket Numbers: RP17-899-000.
Applicants: OXY USA Inc., Occidental Energy Marketing, Inc., Hess Corporation.

Description: Joint Petition for Temporary Waiver of Capacity Release of OXY USA Inc., et al.

Filed Date: 07/12/2017.

Accession Number: 20170712-5203.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, July 19, 2017.

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Dated: July 13, 2017.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.

Deputy Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 3511-023]

Lower Saranac 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.:* 3511-023.

c. *Date Filed:* May 31, 2017.

d. *Submitted By:* Lower Saranac Hydro, LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Groveville Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On Fishkill Creek near the city of Beacon, New York. 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:* Mr. Kevin M. Webb, Hydro Licensing Manager, Lower Saranac Hydro, LLC, 100 Brickstone Square, Suite 300, Andover, MA 01810; (978) 935-6039; email: kevin.webb@enel.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Chris Millard at (202) 502-8256; or email at christopher.millard@ferc.gov.

j. Lower Saranac Hydro, LLC filed a request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on May 31, 2017 and provided public notice of the request on June 7, 2017. In a letter dated July 18, 2017, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved Lower Saranac 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/or NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, Part 402; and NOAA Fisheries under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.920. We are also initiating consultation with the New York State Historic Preservation Officer, 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 Lower Saranac 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 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

m. Lower Saranac Hydro, LLC filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

n. A copy of the PAD is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site (<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 Online Support at FERCONlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.

o. The licensee states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a new license for Project No. 3511-023. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.8, 16.9, and 16.10, each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license.