

servicing, or during flight from the cockpit. The system includes the fuze, closure ring, FZU-63 initiator, and power cable. The hardware is UNCLASSIFIED.

4. AIM-120 Telemetry Kits Non-Development Item/Airborne Instrument Units (NDI/AIU) hardware are UNCLASSIFIED. The NDU/AIU includes a telemetry transmitter, a flight termination system, a C-band beacon and upper S-band capability to include antenna. The NDI/AIU will be used for Singapore's participation in Continental United States (CONUS) based exercises and shall not be released, transferred, or exported to Singapore. All data shall only be collected, transmitted or reviewed by qualified U.S. personnel.

5. The High-Bandwidth Compact Telemetry Modules (HCTM) and Telemetry Cable Kits hardware are UNCLASSIFIED. HCTM are used for Joint Direct Attack Munition integration, developmental, or operational testing; and will be used for Singapore's participation in Continental United States (CONUS) based exercises and shall not be released, transferred, or exported to Singapore. All data shall only be collected, transmitted or reviewed by qualified U.S. personnel.

6. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures that might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

7. A determination has been made that Singapore can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This proposed sale is necessary to further the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

8. All defense articles and services listed on this transmittal are authorized for release and export to the Government of Singapore.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL18-43-000]

Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order; Alabama Power Company, Georgia Power Company, Gulf Power Company, Mississippi Power Company

Take notice that on November 28, 2017, pursuant to Rule 207 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.207, Southern Company Services, Inc., acting as agent for Alabama Power Company, Georgia Power Company, Gulf Power Company, and Mississippi Power Company (collectively, Southern Companies), filed a petition for declaratory order and request to hold proceedings in abeyance. The filing seeks clarification regarding whether Southern Companies' Open Access Transmission Tariff provides the flexibility to allow for a ratemaking adjustment so as to avoid a potential violation of normalization requirements, and the filing is made contingent upon, and requests that this proceeding be held in abeyance pending the receipt of, a Private Letter Ruling being sought from the Internal Revenue Service regarding the potential normalization violation.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest in this proceeding must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. 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. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Petitioners.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above proceeding are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on December 28, 2017.

Dated: December 5, 2017.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC18-1-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-598); Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, FERC-598 (Self-Certification for Entities Seeking Exempt Wholesale Generator Status or Foreign Utility Company Status).

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due February 9, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC18-1-000) by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's Web site:* <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.

- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Instructions: All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp>. For user assistance, contact FERC Online Support by email at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502-8659 for TTY.

Docket: Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Brown may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, telephone at (202) 502-8663, and fax at (202) 273-0873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC-598, Self-Certification for Entities Seeking Exempt Wholesale Generator Status or Foreign Utility Company Status.

OMB Control No.: 1902-0166.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-598 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

Abstract: The Commission uses the data in the FERC-598 information collection to implement the statutory provisions of Title XII, subtitle F of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPA 2005).¹

EPA 2005 repealed the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 (PUHCA 1935),² and adopted in its place the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005 (PUHCA 2005).³ While providing for the Commission's

regulation of holding companies, PUHCA 2005 also provided an exemption from such regulation for those holding companies that are subject to Commission regulation as holding companies solely due to their holding exempt wholesale generators (EWG) and foreign utility companies (FUCO).⁴ To carry out this statutory directive, the Commission amended its regulations (in Order No. 667⁵) to, among other things, add procedures for not only defining what entities would qualify as EWGs and FUCOs, but also the self-certification by entities seeking EWG and FUCO status, coupled with the self-certification of the exemption of their holding companies, in turn, from Commission regulation.⁶ This self-certification for EWGs and FUCOs is similar to the process available to entities that seek qualifying facility status.⁷

An EWG is defined as "any person engaged directly, or indirectly through one or more affiliates . . . and exclusively in the business of owning or operating, or both owning and operating, all or part of one or more eligible facilities and selling electric energy at wholesale."⁸ A FUCO is defined as "any company that owns or operates facilities that are not located in any state and that are used for the generation, transmission, or distribution of electric energy for sale or the distribution at retail of natural or manufactured gas for heat, light, or power, if such company: (1) Derives no part of its income, directly or indirectly, from the generation, transmission, or distribution of electric energy for sale or

the distribution at retail of natural or manufactured gas for heat, light, or power, within the United States; and (2) [n]either the company nor any of its subsidiary companies is a public-utility company operating in the United States."⁹

An EWG, FUCO, or its representative seeking to self-certify its status as an EWG or FUCO must file with the Commission a notice of self-certification (FERC-598) demonstrating that it satisfies the definition of EWG or FUCO. In the case of EWGs, the person filing a notice of self-certification must also file a copy of the notice of self-certification with the state regulatory authority of the state in which the facility is located and that person must also represent to the Commission in its submission that it has filed a copy of the notice with the appropriate state regulatory authority.¹⁰

Submission of the information collected by FERC-598 is necessary for the Commission to carry out its responsibilities under section 1266(a) of EPA 2005.¹¹ The Commission implements its responsibilities through the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 18, Part 366. These filing requirements are mandatory for entities seeking to self-certify their EWG or FUCO status, in order to, in turn, exempt their holding companies from Commission regulation.

Type of Respondents: EWGs and FUCOs.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*¹² The Commission estimates the total annual burden and cost¹³ for this information collection as follows.

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[Self-certification for entities seeking exempt wholesale generator status or foreign utility company status]

Number of respondents (EWGs and FUCOs)	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hours and cost (\$) per response	Total annual burden hours and total annual cost	Average cost per respondent (\$)
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147	1	147	6 hrs.; \$459	882 hrs.; \$67,473	\$459

Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collection of

information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the

Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility;

¹ Energy Policy Act of 2005, Public Law 109-58, 119 Stat. 594, 972 *et seq.* (2005) (codified at 42 U.S.C. 16451 *et seq.*).

² *Id.* § 1263, 119 Stat. 594, 974.

³ *Id.* § 1261, 119 Stat. 594, 972.

⁴ *Id.* § 1266(a), 119 Stat. 594, 975 (codified at 42 U.S.C. 16454(a)).

⁵ *Repeal of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 and Enactment of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005*, 70 FR 75592, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,197 (2005), *order on rehearing*, Order 667-A, 71 FR 28446, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶

31,213 (2006), *order on rehearing*, Order 667-B, 71 FR 42750, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,244 (2006), *order on rehearing*, Order 667-C, 118 FERC ¶ 61,133 (2007).

⁶ 18 CFR 366.1, 366.3(a), 366.4, 366.7.

⁷ 18 CFR 292.207.

⁸ 18 CFR 366.1.

⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰ 18 CFR 366.7.

¹¹ 42 U.S.C. 16454(a).

¹² "Burden" is the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate,

maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. For further explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, refer to Title 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

¹³ Subject matter experts found that industry employment costs (for salary plus benefits) for the FERC-598 information collection closely resemble the Commission's. FERC's 2017 average annual salary plus benefits per FTE (full-time equivalent) is \$158,754 (or \$76.50 per hour).

(2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: December 5, 2017.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 3309-020]

Marlow Hydro, LLC; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, 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.:* 3309-020.

c. *Date Filed:* October 13, 2017.

d. *Submitted By:* Marlow Hydro, LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Nash Mill Dam Project.

f. *Location:* On the Ashuelot River, near the town of Marlow, in Cheshire County, New Hampshire. No federal lands are occupied by the project works or located within the project boundary.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 5.3 and 5.5 of the Commission's regulations.

h. *Potential Applicant Contact:*

Anthony B. Rosario, 139 Henniker Street, Hillsborough, NH 03244; (603) 494-1854; email t-iem@tds.net.

i. *FERC Contact:* Patrick Crile at (202) 502-8042; or email at patrick.crile@ferc.gov.

j. Marlow Hydro, LLC filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on October 13, 2017. Marlow Hydro, LLC provided public notice of its request on October 12, 2017. In a letter dated December 5, 2017, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved Marlow 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; 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 Hampshire Division of Historical Resources, as required by section 106 of the 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 Marlow Hydro, LLC as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out consultation pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

m. Marlow 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 subsequent license for Project No. 3309. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.20 each application for a subsequent license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by November 30, 2020.

p. Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: December 5, 2017.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy 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 Number: PR18-11-000.

Applicants: Dow Pipeline Company.

Description: Tariff filing per 284.123(b)(2)+(g): DPL Rate Petition to be effective 12/1/2017;

Filed Date: 11/30/17.

Accession Number: 201711305088.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/21/17.

284.123(g) Protests Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/29/18.

Docket Number: PR18-12-000.

Applicants: Rocky Mountain Natural Gas LLC.

Description: Tariff filing per 284.123(b),(e)+(g): Revised Statement of Operating Conditions to be effective 11/1/2017;

Filed Date: 11/30/17.

Accession Number: 201711305130.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/21/17.

284.123(g) Protests Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/29/18.

Docket Numbers: RP18-232-000.

Applicants: High Island Offshore System, L.L.C.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: FT-2 Contract Amendment to be effective 11/1/2017.

Filed Date: 12/4/17.

Accession Number: 20171204-5102.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/18/17.

Docket Numbers: RP18-233-000.

Applicants: Alliance Pipeline L.P.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: December 2017 Permanent Relocations & Assignments to be effective 12/1/2017.

Filed Date: 12/4/17.

Accession Number: 20171204-5103.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/18/17.

Docket Numbers: RP18-234-000.

Applicants: Northern Border Pipeline Company.

Description: Compliance filing Settlement Compliance Period 1 Jan18-Mar18 Docket No. RP12-1093-000 to be effective 1/1/2018.

Filed Date: 12/4/17.

Accession Number: 20171204-5104.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/18/17.

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