Applicants: Lone Valley Solar Park I LLC.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Revised MBR Tariff to be effective 4/13/2018.

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Docket Numbers: ER18–1349–000.
Applicants: Lone Valley Solar Park I LLC.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Revised MBR Tariff to be effective 4/13/2018.

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Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 5/3/18.
Docket Numbers: ER18–1350–000.

Description: Tariff Cancellation: Notice of Cancellation of Reimbursement Agreement with Granite Reliable Power to be effective 11/1/2017.

Filed Date: 4/12/18.
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Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 5/3/18.
Docket Numbers: ER18–1351–000.
Applicants: Virginia Electric and Power Company, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: VEPCO submits revisions to OATT, Attachment H–16A re: Depreciation Rate to be effective 6/15/2018.

Filed Date: 4/12/18.
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Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2018–04–011 Congestion Revenue Rights Auction Efficiency Track 1A Amendment to be effective 7/1/2018.

Filed Date: 4/11/18.
Accession Number: 20180411–5167.
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Docket Numbers: ER18–1345–000.
Applicants: High Prairie Wind Farm II, LLC.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Revised MBR Tariff to be effective 4/13/2018.

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Docket Numbers: ER18–1346–000.
Applicants: Pioneer Prairie Wind Farm I, LLC.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Revised MBR Tariff to be effective 4/13/2018.

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Accession Number: 20180412–5065.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 5/3/18.
Docket Numbers: ER18–1347–000.
Applicants: Rail Splitter Wind Farm, LLC.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Revised MBR Tariff to be effective 4/13/2018.

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Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 5/3/18.
Docket Numbers: ER18–1348–000.
Bear Swamp Pumped Storage Development

The existing Bear Swamp Pumped Storage Development consists of the following existing facilities: (1) A 118-acre upper reservoir with a gross storage capacity of 8,300 acre-feet at the normal full water surface elevation of approximately 1,600 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 (NGVD), which is contained by existing topography and 4 dikes: (a) An approximately 1,300-foot-long, 155-foot-high curved, earth and rock-fill dike (North Dike); (b) an approximately 350-foot-long, 23-foot-high earth and rock-fill dike extending from the eastside of the North Dike (North Dike Extension); (c) an approximately 2,880-foot-long, 140-foot-high earth and rock-fill dike (South Dike); and (d) an approximately 750-foot-long, 50-foot-high earth and rock-fill dike (East Dike); (2) a 420-foot long emergency spillway to the east of the North Dike Extension; (3) an 88-foot-long, 1.5- to 4-foot-wide, 4-foot-high submerged weir with three 5-foot-wide, 3-foot-high concrete stoplog gates; (4) a 40-foot-diameter concrete inlet/outlet structure located at the bottom of the upper reservoir to the west of the North Dike; (5) an approximately 1,430-foot-long tunnel system that includes: (a) A 75-foot-long concrete-lined section that tapers from 40 feet to 25 feet in diameter; (b) an approximately 965-foot-long, 25-foot-diameter concrete-lined section; (c) a 15-foot-long concrete-lined section that bifurcates from a single 25-foot-diameter section to two 20-foot-diameter penstock sections; (d) two 25-foot-long concrete-lined penstock sections that taper from 20 feet to 17.5 feet in diameter; (e) two 322-foot-long, 17.5-foot-diameter concrete-lined penstock sections; (f) two 20-foot-long concrete-lined penstock sections that taper from 17.5 feet to 11 feet in diameter; and (g) two 8.5-foot-long, 11-foot-diameter, steel-lined penstock sections; (6) a 227-foot-long, 79-foot-wide, 182-foot-high underground powerhouse containing two reversible Francis pump turbine-generator units with a total authorized capacity of 666 MW; (7) two 504-foot-long, 22-foot-wide, 29.5-foot-high concrete-lined draft tube tunnels; (8) a lower reservoir inlet/outlet structure with four 15-foot-wide, 20-foot-high bays, each equipped with 16-foot-wide, 20.6-foot-high steel slide gates; (9) four 15-foot-wide, 26.7-foot-tall steel trashracks with 6-inch bar spacing; (10) two 13.8-kilovolt (kV) motor-generator lead electrical lines, one approximately 890 feet long (east lead) and one approximately 900 feet long (west lead); (11) a 600-foot-long, 15-foot-wide, 23-foot-high access tunnel for the generator lead lines; (12) two 13.8/230-kV step-up transformers; (13) two 230-kV above-ground transmission lines, one approximately 4,075 feet long (south line) and one approximately 4,960 feet long (north line) which terminate at a non-project switchyard owned by National Grid; (14) a 700-foot-long, 25-foot-wide, 29-foot-high tunnel for the access road; and (15) appurtenant facilities.

Fife Brook Development

The existing Fife Brook Development consists of: (1) An 890-foot-long, 130-foot-high earthen rock-fill dam; (2) a 152-acre impoundment with a gross storage capacity of 6,900 acre-feet at a normal maximum water surface elevation of 870 feet NGVD, which also serves as the lower reservoir for the Bear Swamp Pumped Storage Development; (3) two 36-foot-wide, 40-foot-high steel Tainter spillway gates that are integral with the dam; (4) a concrete intake structure that is integral with the dam and includes an 11.2-foot-wide, 24-foot-tall trackage with 3-inch bar spacing and a 15-foot-wide, 18-foot-high headgate; (5) a 10-foot-diameter, 200-foot-long tunnel (long section) 13.8-kV transmission line that connects the turbine-generator unit to the regional grid at a non-project substation owned by Great River Hydro, LLC; and (10) appurtenant facilities.

The Bear Swamp Pumped Storage Development uses a storage capacity of 4,600 acre-feet to generate approximately 3,028 MWh of energy over a generation run time of approximately 5.3 hours. The Bear Swamp Pumped Storage Development normally generates and pumps back some or all of its useable storage capacity over a 24-hour period. The impoundment for the Fife Brook Development is the lower reservoir of the Bear Swamp Pumped Storage Development. The Fife Brook impoundment has an allowable drawdown of 40 feet to provide a useable storage capacity of 4,600 acre-feet to the upper reservoir of the Bear Swamp Pumped Storage Development for daily peaking operations. Releases from Fife Brook dam generally match the inflow from the Station No. 5 Development of Great River Hydro, LLC’s Deerfield River Project (FERC No. 2323), which discharges directly into the Fife Brook impoundment.

The project’s current license requires Bear Swamp to release a continuous minimum flow of 125 cubic feet per second (cfs) from Fife Brook dam, and to use water from the Bear Swamp Pumped Storage Development to meet the required 125 cfs minimum flow as necessary. The existing license also requires Bear Swamp to provide 106 scheduled annual releases of 700 cfs for whitewater recreation downstream of the Fife Brook dam from April 1 through October 31.

1. Locations of the Application: A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission’s website at 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, please 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 containing a 10-MW Francis turbine-generator unit; (7) a 21-foot-long steel-lined draft tube; (8) an approximately 325-foot-long, 30-inch-diameter minimum flow release pipe that is gated at its intake and bifurcates into an approximately 55-foot-long, 20-inch-diameter pipe and an approximately 55-foot-long, 24-inch-diameter pipe; (9) a partially buried (860-foot-long section) and partially above-ground (7,060-foot-long section) 13.8-kV transmission line that connects the turbine-generator unit to the regional grid at a non-project substation owned by Great River Hydro, LLC; and (10) appurtenant facilities.
related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. Procedural Schedule: Pursuant to section 5.19(d) of the Commission’s regulations, the Director, Office of Energy Projects will issue an order within 30 days of the filing date of the final license application to resolve study requests that were filed in comments on the draft license application. At this time, the application is expected to be processed according to the following preliminary Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made following the Director’s determination on the study requests, or as otherwise appropriate.

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o. Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of readiness for environmental analysis.

Dated: April 12, 2018.

 Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP18–12–000]

Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, LLC Herscher Northwest Storage Field Abandonment Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Herscher Northwest Storage Field Abandonment Project, proposed by Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America LLC (Natural) in the above-referenced docket. Natural requests authorization to abandon the Herscher Northwest Storage Field facilities with its certificated maximum inventory of 18.5 billion cubic feet (Bcf) located in Kankakee County, Illinois.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the abandonment of the Herscher Northwest Storage Field Abandonment Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Natural proposes to abandon:
• In place 19 injection/withdrawal wells by permanently plugging and capping;
• In place 16.15 miles of 4- to 16-inch-diameter associated pipeline laterals in the storage field by capping;
• In place 13 non-jurisdictional observation wells by plugging;
• In place one non-jurisdictional salt water disposal well by plugging;
• In place approximately 15.3 Bcf of non-recoverable cushion gas;
• By removal the 330-horsepower Compressor Station 202 including its building, compressor unit, concrete piers, and concrete foundation; and
• By removal all aboveground and belowground storage field auxiliary surface facilities, including, but not limited to: Well head piping, slug catchers, water gathering system, and methanol distribution systems associated with the abandoned wells; seven tap valves; a pigging facility; and two corrosion monitors along with their associated rectifiers and ground beds.

Natural also proposes to convert the P. Cook No. 1 injection/withdrawal well to an observational well for its nearby Herscher Mount Simon Storage Field; and retain the P. Cook No. G–1 well as an observation well for its nearby Herscher Galesville Storage Field.

The FERC staff mailed copies of the EA to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups; and newspapers and libraries in the project area. In addition, the EA is available for public viewing on the FERC’s website (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502–8371.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that the Commission has the opportunity to consider your comments prior to making its decision on this project, it is important that we receive your comments in Washington, DC on or before May 14, 2018.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to file your comments to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the project docket number (CP18–12–000) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert staff available to assist you at (202) 502–8258 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature on the Commission’s website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. This is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;
(2) You can also file your comments electronically using the eFiling feature on the Commission’s website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on eRegister. You must select the type of filing you are making. If you are filing a comment on a particular