DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[DOcket No. EL18–152–000]

Louisiana Public Service Commission v. System Energy Resources, Inc.; Entergy Services, Inc.; Notice of Complaint

Take notice that on May 18, 2018, pursuant to sections 206, 306, and 309 of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 824e, 825e, and 825h and Rule 206 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.206, Louisiana Public Service Commission (Complainant) filed a formal complaint against System Energy Resources, Inc. and Entergy Services, Inc. (Respondents) alleging that the costs of Sale-Leaseback renewal agreements for the Grand Gulf nuclear unit are imprudent, constitute a double collection in violation of the Commission ratemaking requirements and the filed rate, and are unjust and unreasonable, as more fully explained in the complaint.

The Complainant certifies that copies of the complaint were served on contacts for Respondent.

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 and 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. The Respondents’ answer and all interventions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. The Respondents’ answer, motions to intervene, and protests must be served on the Complainant.

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.

This filing is accessible on-line at http://www.ferc.gov, using the “eLibrary” link and is available for review in the Commission’s Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC. There is an “eSubscription” link on the website 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 June 7, 2018.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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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: RP18–826–000.
Applicants: Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: New Service Agreements-2 to be effective 6/1/2018.
Filed Date: 5/18/18.
Accession Number: 20180518–5011.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 5/30/18.
Applicants: Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Update Non-Conforming List—2 to be effective 6/1/2018.
Filed Date: 5/18/18.
Accession Number: 20180518–5012.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 5/30/18.
Applicants: Equitrans, L.P.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Outages of Electronic Communication Equipment to be effective 6/18/2018.
Filed Date: 5/18/18.
Accession Number: 20180518–5071.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 5/30/18.
Applicants: Kern River Gas Transmission Company.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: 2018 LADWP Amendments to be effective 6/17/2018.
Filed Date: 5/18/18.
Accession Number: 20180518–5074.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 5/30/18.
Docket Numbers: RP18–830–000.
Applicants: Dominion Energy Carolina Gas Transmission.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: DECG—Calculation of Interest on Cash Deposits to be effective 6/17/2018.

Filed Date: 5/18/18.
Accession Number: 20180518–5118.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 5/30/18.
Docket Numbers: RP18–831–000.
Applicants: Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: TCO Spotlight Negotiated Rate Agreement to be effective 5/18/2018.
Filed Date: 5/18/18.
Accession Number: 20180518–5135.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 5/30/18.

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 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

2021 Resource Pool, Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program—Eastern Division

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of procedures and call for 2021 Resource Pool applications.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), Western Area Power Administration (WAPA), a Federal power marketing administration of DOE, is publishing procedures and calling for applications from new preference entities interested in an allocation of Federal power. WAPA published its 2021 Power Marketing Initiative (2021 PMI) for the Upper Great Plains Customer Service Region (UGPR) in the Federal Register on November 16, 2011. The 2021 PMI specifies the terms and conditions under which WAPA will market power from the Pick-Sloan...
Missouri Basin Program—Eastern Division (P–SMBP—ED) beginning January 1, 2021, continuing through December 31, 2050. The 2021 PMI established resource pools for 2021, 2031, and 2041. Each resource pool is comprised of up to 1 percent (approximately 20 megawatts) of the long-term marketable resource of the P–SMBP—ED. Therefore, as required by the 2021 PMI, WAPA is issuing a call for applications for UGPR’s 2021 Resource Pool. New preference entities interested in applying for an allocation of pool resources must meet the General Eligibility Criteria to applicants. WAPA’s UGPR must submit a formal application using the Applicant Profile Data (APD) form and must meet the General Eligibility Criteria, General Allocation Criteria, and General Contract Principles.

DATES: Applications must be received by 4 p.m., MDT, on July 30, 2018. WAPA will accept applications through its online APD form, by email, or by U.S. mail (or its equivalent). Applications sent by U.S. mail will be accepted if postmarked at least 3 days before July 30, 2018, and received no later than July 31, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Submit an application online at https://www.wapa.gov/regions/UGP/PowerMarketing/Pages/2021-resource-pool.aspx or access and print the APD form located at https://www.wapa.gov/regions/UGP/PowerMarketing/Pages/2021-resource-pool.aspx and email it as an attachment to UGP2021resourcepool@wapa.gov. If submitting a paper application, please mail it to Mr. Jody Sundsted, Senior Vice President and Upper Great Plains Regional Manager, Upper Great Plains Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, 2900 4th Avenue North, Billings, MT 59101–1266.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Nancy Senitte, Public Utilities Specialist, Upper Great Plains Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, 2900 4th Avenue North, Billings, MT 59101–1266.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 2021 PMI (76 FR 71015, November 16, 2011) extended the then current Marketing Plan Principles with amendments to establish how UGPR will market its power resources beginning January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2050. As part of the 2021 PMI, WAPA will provide for resource pools of up to 1 percent of the marketable resource under contract at the time, beginning in the contract term (January 1, 2021) and again every 10 years (January 1, 2021, and January 1, 2041). These resources are made available for eligible new preference entities. The procedures used to determine new preference customer eligibility in all three resource pools under the 2021 PMI are carried forward from the Post-2010 Resource Pool as published in the Federal Register (74 FR 20697, May 5, 2009). Specifically these procedures are the General Eligibility Criteria, General Allocation Criteria, and General Contract Principles.

After evaluating applications, if WAPA determines there is an eligible new preference entity, WAPA will publish a notice of Proposed Allocations in the Federal Register. The public will have an opportunity to comment on the Proposed Allocations. After reviewing the comments, WAPA will publish a notice of Final Allocations in the Federal Register. If there are no qualified applicants under the 2021 Resource Pool, WAPA will publish a notice in the Federal Register to conclude the 2021 Resource Pool.

2021 Resource Pool Allocation Procedures and Call for Applications

I. Amount of Pool Resources

WAPA will allocate up to 1 percent (approximately 20 megawatts) of the P–SMBP—ED long-term firm hydroelectric resource available as of January 1, 2021, as firm power to eligible new preference customers. Firm power means capacity and associated energy allocated by WAPA and subject to the terms and conditions specified in the WAPA electric service contract.

II. General Eligibility Criteria

WAPA will apply the following General Eligibility Criteria to applicants seeking an allocation of firm power under the 2021 Resource Pool Allocation Procedures.

A. All qualified applicants must be preference entities as defined by section 9(c) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (43 U.S.C. 485h(c)), as amended and supplemented.

B. All qualified applicants must be located within the currently established P–SMBP—ED marketing area.

C. All qualified applicants must not be currently receiving benefits, directly or indirectly, from a current P–SMBP—ED firm power allocation or other firm Federal power commitment. Qualified Native American applicants, who did not receive an allocation from the Post-2000, Post-2005, or Post-2010 Resource Pools, are not subject to this requirement.

D. Qualified utility and non-utility applicants must be able to use the firm power directly or be able to sell it directly to retail customers.

E. Qualified utility applicants that desire to purchase power from WAPA for resale to consumers, including cooperatives, municipalities, public utility districts, and public power districts must have met utility status by January 1, 2018. Utility status means the entity has responsibility to meet load growth, has a distribution system, and is ready, willing, and able to purchase Federal power from WAPA on a wholesale basis.


III. General Allocation Criteria

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actual load experienced in calendar year 2017. WAPA has the right to use estimated load values for calendar year 2017 should actual load data not be available. WAPA will adjust inconsistent estimates during the allocation process. 

E. Allocations made to qualified utility and non-utility applicants will be based on the actual loads experienced in calendar year 2017. WAPA will apply the 2021 PMI criteria to these loads.

F. Energy provided with firm power will be based upon the customer’s monthly system load pattern.

G. Any electric service contract offered to a new customer shall be executed by the customer within 6 months of a contract offer by WAPA, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by WAPA.

H. The resource pool will be dissolved subsequent to the closing date of the last qualified applicant to execute their respective firm electric service contract. Firm power not under contract will be used in accordance with the 2021 PMI.

I. The minimum allocation shall be 100 kilowatts (kW).

J. The maximum allocation for qualified utility and non-utility applicants shall be 5,000 kW.

K. Contract rates of delivery shall be subject to adjustment in the future as provided for in the Program.

L. If unanticipated obstacles to the delivery of hydropower benefits to Native American tribes arise, WAPA retains the right to provide the economic benefits of its resources directly to these tribes.

IV. General Contract Principles

WAPA will apply the following General Contract Principles to all applicants receiving an allocation of firm power under the 2021 Resource Pool Allocation Procedures.

A. WAPA shall reserve the right to reduce a customer’s summer season contract rate of delivery by up to 5 percent for new project pumping requirements, by giving a minimum of 5 years’ written notice in advance of such action.

B. WAPA, at its discretion and sole determination, reserves the right to adjust the contract rate of delivery on 5 years’ written notice in response to changes in hyrology and river operations. Any such adjustments shall only take place after a public process by WAPA.

C. Each allottee is ultimately responsible for obtaining its own third-party delivery arrangement, if necessary. WAPA may assist the allottee in obtaining third-party transmission arrangements for the delivery of firm power allocated under these procedures to new customers.

D. Contracts entered into under the 2021 Resource Pool Allocation Procedures shall provide for WAPA to furnish firm electric service effective from January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2050.

E. Contracts entered into as a result of these procedures shall incorporate WAPA’s standard provisions for power sales contracts, integrated resource planning, and the General Power Contract Provisions.

V. Applications for Firm Power

Through this Federal Register notice, WAPA formally requests applications from new qualified preference entities interested in purchasing power from UGR from January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2050. All applicants must submit applications using the APD form. WAPA has a uniform basis upon which to evaluate the applications. To be considered, applicants must meet the General Eligibility Criteria, General Allocation Criteria, and General Contract Criteria, and must submit a completed APD application form by the deadline specified in the DATES section. To ensure full consideration is given to all applicants, WAPA will not consider applications submitted before publication of this Federal Register notice or after the deadline specified in the DATES section.

Applicant Profile Data Application

Applications may be completed online on WAPA’s web page at https://www.wapa.gov/regions/UGP/PowerMarketing/Pages/2021-resource-pool.aspx or submitted by email or mail, as described in the ADDRESSES section. The APD form is available on WAPA’s web page or by request to the person listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section. It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure the application is submitted in a timely manner so WAPA receives the application before the dates and times stated in the DATES section.

Applicants must provide all information requested or the most reasonable available estimate on the APD form. Please indicate if the requested information is not applicable. WAPA is not responsible for errors in data or missing pages. The information in the APD form should be answered as if prepared by the entity/organization seeking the allocation of Federal power.

The information collected under this process will not be part of a system of records covered by the Privacy Act and may be available under the Freedom of Information Act. If you are submitting any confidential or business sensitive information, please mark such information before submitting your application.

WAPA’s Consideration of Applications

When WAPA receives the APD, WAPA will verify the applicant meets the General Eligibility Criteria, and the application contains all items requested in the APD.

WAPA may request, in writing, additional information from any applicant whose APD is determined to be deficient. The applicant shall have 15 days from the postmark date on WAPA’s request to provide the information. In the event an applicant fails to provide all information to WAPA, the application will not be considered.

If WAPA determines the applicant does not meet the General Eligibility Criteria, WAPA will send a letter explaining why the applicant did not qualify.

If the applicant has met the General Eligibility Criteria, WAPA will determine the amount of firm power, if any, to allocate pursuant to the General Allocation Criteria. After the publication of final allocations in the Federal Register, WAPA will send a draft contract to the applicant for review which identifies the terms and conditions of the offer and the amount of firm power allocated to the applicant.

All firm power shall be allocated according to the procedures in the General Allocation Criteria.

WAPA reserves the right to determine the amount of firm power to allocate to an applicant, as justified by the applicant in its APD.

Recordkeeping Requirement

If WAPA accepts an application and the applicant receives an allocation of Federal power, the applicant must keep all information related to the APD for a period of 3 years after signing a contract for Federal power. There is no recordkeeping requirement for unsuccessful applicants who do not receive an allocation of Federal power.

As noted in Section VII of this notice, WAPA has obtained Office of Management and Budget Clearance Number 1910–5136 for collection of the above information. The APD is collected to enable WAPA to properly perform its function of marketing limited amounts of Federal hydropower. The data supplied will be used by WAPA to evaluate who will receive an allocation of Federal power.
VI. Authorities

UGPR’s 2021 PMI, published in the Federal Register (76 FR 71015, November 16, 2011), was established pursuant to the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101–7352); the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902 (ch. 1093, 32 Stat. 388) as amended and supplemented by subsequent enactments, particularly section 9(c) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (43 U.S.C. 465h(c)); and other acts specifically applicable to the projects involved. This action falls within the 2021 PMI and, thus, is covered by the same authority.

VII. Regulatory Procedure Requirements

Environmental Compliance

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321–4347), Council on Environmental Quality NEPA implementing regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), and DOE NEPA implementing regulations (10 CFR part 1021), WAPA completed a Categorical Exclusion (CX). This NEPA review identified and analyzed environmental effects related to the 2021 PMI. This action falls within the 2021 PMI and, thus, is covered by the CX.

Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501, et seq.), WAPA has received approval from the Office of Management and Budget for the collection of customer information in this notice, under Control Number 1910–5136. Public reporting burden for the certification is estimated to average 8 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to a Federal collection of information unless it displays a valid Office of Management and Budget control number.

Determination Under Executive Order 12866

WAPA has an exemption from centralized regulatory review under Executive Order 12866; accordingly, no clearance of this Federal Register notice by the Office of Management and Budget is required.


Mark A. Gabriel,
Administrator.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

FRL–9976–72—Region 6

Clean Air Act Operating Permit Program; Petitions for Objection to State Operating Permit for ExxonMobil Corporation, ExxonMobil Baytown Refinery, Harris County, Texas

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of final Order on Petition for objection to Clean Air Act title V operating permit.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator signed an Order dated April 2, 2018, granting in part and denying in part a Petition dated September 26, 2016 from the Environmental Integrity Project, Sierra Club, and Air Alliance Houston. The Petition requested that the EPA object to a Clean Air Act (CAA) title V operating permit issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to ExxonMobil Corporation (ExxonMobil) for its Baytown Refinery located in Harris County, Texas.

ADDRESS: The EPA requests that you contact the individual listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section to view copies of the final Order, the Petition, and other supporting information. You may view copies of the final Order, the Petition, and other supporting information at the EPA Region 6 Office, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202–2733. You may view the hard copies Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., excluding federal holidays. If you wish to examine these documents, you should make an appointment at least 24 hours before the visiting day. Additionally, the final Order and Petition are available electronically at: https://www.epa.gov/title-v-operating-permits/title-v-petition-database.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Aimee Wilson, EPA Region 6, (214) 665–7596, wilson.aimee@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CAA affords EPA a 45-day period to review and object to, as appropriate, operating permits proposed by state permitting authorities under title V of the CAA. Section 505(b)(2) of the CAA authorizes any person to petition the EPA Administrator to object to a title V operating permit within 60 days after the expiration of the EPA’s 45-day review period if the EPA has not objected on its own initiative. Petitions must be based only on objections to the permit that were raised with reasonable specificity during the public comment period provided by the state, unless the petitioner demonstrates that it was impracticable to raise these issues during the comment period or unless the grounds for the issue arose after this period.

The EPA received the Petition from the Environmental Integrity Project, Sierra Club, and Air Alliance Houston dated September 26, 2016, requesting that the EPA object to the issuance of operating permit no. O1229, issued by TCEQ to ExxonMobil Baytown Refinery in Harris County, Texas. The Petition claims that: (1) The proposed permit incorporates confidential applicable requirements, (2) TCEQ did not have the authority to create a federally-enforceable PAL permit at the time PAL7 was issued, (3) the proposed permit fails to require ExxonMobil to obtain a SIP-compliant authorization for their flexible permit, (4) the proposed permits’ incorporation by reference of minor NSR authorizations fails to assure compliance, (5) the proposed permit fails to require monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting sufficient to assure compliance with applicable requirements, and (6) the proposed permit fails to require monitoring that assures compliance with emission limits and caps for tanks and wastewater treatment plants.

On April 2, 2018, the EPA Administrator issued an Order granting in part and denying in part the Petition. The Order explains the basis for EPA’s decision.

Sections 307(b) and 505(b)(2) of the CAA provide that a petitioner may request judicial review of those portions of an order that deny issues in a petition. Any petition for review shall be filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit no later than July 30, 2018.


David Gray,
Acting Deputy Regional Administrator, Region 6.