

penstock that connects to Powerhouse No. 2; (6) an 83-foot-long, 26-foot-wide, 13-foot-high reinforced concrete Powerhouse No. 1 containing two horizontal Francis turbine-generator units with a combined generating capacity of 1,950 kilowatts (kW); (7) a 36-foot-long, 36-foot-wide, 25-foot-high reinforced concrete Powerhouse No. 2 containing two vertical Francis turbine-generator units with a combined generating capacity of 5,500 kW; (8) two tailrace channels discharging to the Teton River from Powerhouses No. 1 and No. 2; (9) a 1,500-foot-long, 4.16 kilovolt (kV) overhead transmission line connecting Powerhouse No. 1 to a transformer located next to Powerhouse No. 2; (10) a 2,000-foot-long, 24.9 kV overhead transmission line leading from the transformer to the interconnection point; and (11) appurtenant facilities.

The project operates in run-of-river mode and generates an average of 33,100 megawatt-hours per year. A continuous minimum flow is released below the dam according to the following schedule: 20 cubic feet per second (cfs) from July 1 to March 14 and 50 cfs from March 15 to June 30.

Fall River proposes to remove 42 acres of land from the current project boundary.

m. A copy of the application is available for review via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<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 at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY (202) 502-8659.

You may also register online at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FEROnline.aspx> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

The Commission's Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, environmental justice communities, Tribal members, and others, access publicly available information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202)502-6595, or [OPP@ferc.gov](mailto:OPP@ferc.gov).

n. Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210,

385.211, and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

When the application is ready for environmental analysis, the Commission will issue a public notice requesting comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST" or "MOTION TO INTERVENE;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

o. *Procedural schedule:* The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Issue Scoping Document 1 for

comments—January 2024

Comments on Scoping Document 1

Due—February 2024

Issue Scoping Document 2 (if

necessary)—March 2024

Issue Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis—April 2024

Dated: November 29, 2023.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14861-002]

#### FFP Project 101, LLC; Notice of Tribal Consultation Meeting

a. *Project Name and Number:* Goldendale Energy Storage Project No. 14861-002.

b. *Applicant:* FFP Project 101, LLC.

c. *Date and Time of Meeting:* Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time.

d. *Meeting Location:* Nixyáawii Governance Center (conference room L101A), 46411 Timine Way, Pendleton, Oregon.

e. *FERC Contact:* Michael Tust, (202) 502-6522, [michael.tust@ferc.gov](mailto:michael.tust@ferc.gov).

f. *Purpose of Meeting:* Commission staff will hold a meeting with representatives from the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (Umatilla Tribes) to discuss the Umatilla Tribes' concerns regarding the proposed Goldendale Energy Storage Project.

g. Intervenors in the referenced proceeding may attend the meeting; however, participation will be limited to representatives of the Umatilla Tribes and Commission staff. If Umatilla Tribal representatives decide to disclose information about a specific location which could create a risk or harm to an archaeological site or Native American cultural resource, attendees other than Tribal representatives and Commission staff will be excused for that portion of the meeting and can return to the meeting after such information is disclosed. A summary of the meeting will be placed in the public record of this proceeding. As appropriate, the meeting summary will include both a public, redacted version that excludes any information about the specific location of the archeological site or Native American cultural resource and an unredacted privileged version. Intervenors planning to attend the meeting should notify Michael Tust at (202) 502-6522 or [michael.tust@ferc.gov](mailto:michael.tust@ferc.gov) by Friday, December 8, 2023.

Dated: November 29, 2023.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Southwestern Power Administration

#### Sam Rayburn Dam Power Rate

**AGENCY:** Southwestern Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rate.

**SUMMARY:** Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern) proposes to revise the existing Sam Rayburn Dam Rate Schedule to increase annual revenues by approximately 21.10% from \$4,563,792 to \$5,526,588 effective May 1, 2024, through September 30, 2028. Interested persons may review the proposed rate and supporting studies on Southwestern's website, request to participate in a

public forum, and submit comments. Southwestern will evaluate all comments received in this process.

**DATES:** A consultation and comment period will begin December 5, 2023 and end March 4, 2024. Written comments are due on or before March 4, 2024. If requested, a public information and comment forum (Forum) will be held on January 17, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. to no later than 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST). The Forum will be conducted via Microsoft Teams. Persons desiring to attend the Forum should notify Southwestern by January 10, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. CST, so that a list of Forum participants can be prepared. Persons desiring to speak at the Forum should specify this in their notification to Southwestern; others may speak if time permits. If Southwestern does not receive a request for a Forum, the Forum will not be held.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be submitted to: Fritha Ohlson, Senior Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, Office of Corporate Operations, Southwestern Power Administration, U.S. Department of Energy, One West Third Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103 or emailed to [swparates@swpa.gov](mailto:swparates@swpa.gov). The Forum for the increase in annual revenue for Sam Rayburn Dam will be by Microsoft Teams. Please register your intent to attend, including name, address, phone number, and email address, with Southwestern's Division of Resources and Rates, [swparates@swpa.gov](mailto:swparates@swpa.gov), to receive updates on the meeting status of the Forum.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ashley Corker, Director, Division of Resources and Rates, Southwestern Power Administration, U.S. Department of Energy, One West Third Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103, (918) 595-6682, [ashley.corker@swpa.gov](mailto:ashley.corker@swpa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 17, 2015, in Rate Order No. SWPA-69, the Deputy Secretary of Energy placed into effect the current Sam Rayburn Dam rate schedule (SRD-15) on an interim basis for the period January 1, 2016 to September 30, 2019. FERC confirmed and approved SRD-15 on a final basis on June 30, 2016 for a period ending September 30, 2019. On September 22, 2019, in Rate Order No. SWPA-75, the Assistant Secretary for Electricity extended SRD-15 for two years, for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2021. On August 30, 2021, in Rate Order No. SWPA-78, the Administrator, Southwestern, extended SRD-15 for two years, for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023. On September 20, 2023, the Administrator, Southwestern,

extended SRD-15 on a temporary basis through September 30, 2024, unless superseded.

Guidelines for preparation of power repayment studies are included in DOE Order No. RA 6120.2 entitled Power Marketing Administration Financial Reporting. Following these guidelines, Southwestern prepared a 2023 Current Power Repayment Study using the existing Sam Rayburn Dam Rate Schedule. This study indicates that Southwestern's legal requirement to repay the investment in the power generating facility for power and energy marketed by Southwestern will not be met without an increase in revenues. The need for increased revenues is primarily due to increased operations and maintenance costs and increased cost associated with investments and replacements in the Corps hydroelectric generating facility. Southwestern prepared a 2023 Revised Power Repayment Study to address the revenue shortfall and inform development of the proposed rate schedule. The 2023 Revised Power Repayment Study indicates that the proposed Rate Schedule will increase annual revenues approximately 21.10% from \$4,563,792 to \$5,526,588 and be effective from May 1, 2024, through September 30, 2028.

Southwestern will continue to perform its Power Repayment Studies annually, and if the results of any future Power Repayment Studies indicate the need for a change in revenues, Southwestern will proceed with appropriate action at that time.

### Public Participation

Procedures for public participation in power and transmission rate adjustments of the Power Marketing Administrations are found at title 10, part 903, subpart A of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR part 903). The proposed action is a major rate adjustment, as defined by 10 CFR 903.2(d). In accordance with 10 CFR 903.14, the public consultation and comment period is 90 days. In accordance with 10 CFR 903.15(a) and 903.16(a), Southwestern will hold a Forum for this proposed rate adjustment if requested. Southwestern will review and consider all timely public comments at the conclusion of the consultation and comment period and adjust the proposal as appropriate. The Sam Rayburn Dam Rate Schedule will then be approved on an interim basis.

### Legal Authority

By Delegation Order No. S1-DEL-RATES-2016, effective November 19, 2016, the Secretary of Energy delegated:

(1) the authority to develop power and transmission rates to Southwestern's Administrator; (2) the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Deputy Secretary of Energy; and (3) the authority to confirm, approve, and place into effect on a final basis, or to remand or disapprove such rates, to FERC. By Delegation Order No. S1-DEL-S3-2023, effective April 10, 2023, the Secretary of Energy also delegated the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Under Secretary for Infrastructure. By Redelegation Order No. S3-DEL-SWPA1-2023, effective April 10, 2023, the Under Secretary for Infrastructure redelegated the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Administrator, Southwestern.

### Availability of Information

The 2023 Sam Rayburn Dam Power Repayment Studies and the proposed Sam Rayburn Dam Rate Schedule are available on Southwestern's website at: <https://www.energy.gov/swpa/rate-schedule-actions>. At the conclusion of the consultation and comment period, Southwestern will post all comments received at the same website location. If a Forum is held, the transcript of the Forum and any other documents introduced during the Forum will also be made available on Southwestern's website.

### Environmental Impact

Southwestern is in the process of determining whether an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement should be prepared or if this action can be categorically excluded from those requirements.<sup>1</sup>

### Determination Under Executive Order 12866

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

### Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on November 28, 2023, by Mike Wech, Administrator for Southwestern Power Administration, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document, with the original signature and date, is

<sup>1</sup> In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508); and DOE NEPA Implementing Procedures and Guidelines (10 CFR part 1021).

maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of DOE. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on November 30, 2023.

**Treena V. Garrett,**

*Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2003-0004; FRL-11580-01-OCSPP]

### Access to Confidential Business Information by Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS)

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA has authorized its contractor Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) (a Division of the American Chemical Society) of Columbus, OH to access information which has been submitted to EPA under all Sections of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be Confidential Business Information (CBI).

**DATES:** Access to the confidential data will occur no sooner than December 12, 2023.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

*For technical information contact:* Colby Lintner or Adam Schworer, Program Management and Operations Division (7407M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 564-8182; email address: [lintner.colby@epa.gov](mailto:lintner.colby@epa.gov) or (202) 564-4767; [schworer.adam@epa.gov](mailto:schworer.adam@epa.gov).

*For general information contact:* The TSCA-Hotline, ABVI-Goodwill, 422 South Clinton Ave., Rochester, NY 14620; telephone number: (202) 554-1404; email address: [TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov](mailto:TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

## I. General Information

### A. Does this action apply to me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to all who manufacture, process, or distribute industrial chemicals. Because other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action.

### B. How can I get copies of this document and other related information?

The docket for this action, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2003-0004, is available at <https://www.regulations.gov> or at the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics Docket (OPPT Docket), Environmental Protection Agency Docket Center (EPA/DC), West William Jefferson Clinton Bldg., Rm. 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC. The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the OPPT Docket is (202) 566-0280. For the latest status information on EPA/DC services and docket access, visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

## II. What action is the Agency taking?

Under contract number 68HERC24C0037, contractor CAS located at 2540 Olentangy River RD, P.O. Box 3012, Columbus, OH 43210-0012 will provide technical support in the area of chemical identification, chemical characterization, and chemical nomenclature for new chemical review and for the updating and maintenance of the Inventory. In accordance with 40 CFR 2.306(j), EPA has determined that under EPA contract number 68HERC24C0037, CAS will require access to CBI submitted under all Sections of TSCA to perform successfully the duties specified under the contract. CAS personnel will be given access to information claimed or determined to be CBI information submitted to EPA under all sections of TSCA.

EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of information under all Sections of TSCA that EPA will provide CAS access to these CBI materials on a need-to-know basis only. All access to TSCA CBI under this contract will take place at EPA Headquarters and CAS, site located at 2540 Olentangy River Rd., Columbus, Ohio in accordance with EPA's *TSCA CBI Protection Manual* and the Rules of Behavior for Virtual

Desktop Access to OPPT Materials, including TSCA CBI.

Access to TSCA data, including CBI, will continue until October 31, 2028. If the contract is extended, this access will also continue for the duration of the extended contract without further notice.

CAS' personnel will be required to sign nondisclosure agreements and will be briefed on specific security procedures for TSCA CBI.

*Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*

Dated: November 29, 2023.

**Pamela Myrick,**

*Director, Project Management and Operations Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2023-0098; FRL-10582-07-OCSPP]

### Certain New Chemicals or Significant New Uses; Statements of Findings for October 2023

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) requires EPA to publish in the **Federal Register** a statement of its findings after its review of certain TSCA submissions when EPA makes a finding that a new chemical substance or significant new use is not likely to present an unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment. Such statements apply to premanufacture notices (PMNs), microbial commercial activity notices (MCANs), and significant new use notices (SNUNs) submitted to EPA under TSCA. This document presents statements of findings made by EPA on such submissions during the period from October 1, 2023, to October 31, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** The docket for this action, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2023-0098, is available online at <https://www.regulations.gov> or in-person at the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics Docket (OPPT Docket), Environmental Protection Agency Docket Center (EPA/DC), West William Jefferson Clinton Bldg., Rm. 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC. The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public