

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 9/2/20.

*Docket Numbers:* ER20–2651–000.

*Applicants:* Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., Otter Tail Power Company.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2020–08–12\_SA 3542 NSP–OTP–OTP T–T Deuel (J526) to be effective 8/7/2020.

*Filed Date:* 8/12/20.

*Accession Number:* 20200812–5042.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 9/2/20.

*Docket Numbers:* ER20–2652–000.

*Applicants:* Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., Otter Tail Power Company.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2020–08–12\_SA 3543 NSP–OTP–OTP (Astoria) T–T (J493 J510) to be effective 8/7/2020.

*Filed Date:* 8/12/20.

*Accession Number:* 20200812–5043.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 9/2/20.

*Docket Numbers:* ER20–2653–000.

*Applicants:* PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Amendment to ISA, SA No. 568; Queue No. A28 (amend) to be effective 12/19/2000.

*Filed Date:* 8/12/20.

*Accession Number:* 20200812–5055.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 9/2/20.

*Docket Numbers:* ER20–2654–000.

*Applicants:* Clear Power LLC.

*Description:* Baseline eTariff Filing: Clear Power Market Based Rate Baseline Filing to be effective 8/12/2020.

*Filed Date:* 8/12/20.

*Accession Number:* 20200812–5072.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 9/2/20.

*Docket Numbers:* ER20–2655–000.

*Applicants:* PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Original ISA, SA No. 5725; Queue No. AE1–039 and Cancellation of SA No. 3265 to be effective 7/13/2020.

*Filed Date:* 8/12/20.

*Accession Number:* 20200812–5115.

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Dated: August 12, 2020.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

**[Project No. 12611–014]**

#### Verdant Power, LLC; Notice Soliciting Scoping Comments

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* Subsequent Minor License.

b. *Project No.:* 12611–014.

c. *Date Filed:* December 30, 2019.

d. *Applicant:* Verdant Power, LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Roosevelt Island Tidal Energy Project (or RITE Project).

f. *Location:* On the East River in New York County, New York. The project does not occupy federal land.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791 (a)–825 (r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Ronald F. Smith, President and Chief Operating Officer, Verdant Power, LLC, P.O. Box 282, Roosevelt Island, New York, New York 10044. Phone: (703) 328–6842. Email: [rsmith@verdantpower.com](mailto:rsmith@verdantpower.com).

i. *FERC Contact:* Andy Bernick at (202) 502–8660 or [andrew.bernick@ferc.gov](mailto:andrew.bernick@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing scoping comments:* 30 days from the issuance date of this notice.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file scoping comments using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be

addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P–12611–014.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. *The existing pilot project license authorizes the following project facilities:* (a) Thirty 35-kilowatt, 5-meter-diameter axial flow turbine-generator units; (b) ten triframe mounts, each supporting three turbine-generator units; (c) 480-volt underwater cables from each triframe mount to five shoreline switchgear vaults that interconnect to a control room and interconnection points; and (d) appurtenant facilities for navigation safety and operation.

Under the current pilot project license, which expires on December 31, 2021, Verdant installed, tested, and then removed a total of five turbine-generator units. Verdant also proposes to install three turbine-generator units attached to one triframe mount in late 2020 (*i.e.*, Install B–1), under the existing pilot project license.

The proposed project would be constructed in three phases: Install B–1 (under the existing pilot license, as noted above), Install B–2 (three triframe mounts with a total of nine turbine-generator units), and Install C (one triframe mount with three turbine-generator units). The project would consist of a maximum of fifteen 35-kilowatt, 5-meter-diameter axial flow turbine-generator units with a total installed capacity of 0.525 megawatt. Each of the five triframe mounts would be connected via underwater cables to an existing control room and a proposed shoreline switchgear vault, and via an overhead transmission line (for the first two triframe mounts) and an underground transmission line (for the remaining three triframe mounts) to a point of interconnection.

The project would operate using the natural tidal currents of the East River, during both ebb and flood tidal periods. As the direction of tidal flow changes, each turbine-generator unit would rotate (or yaw) to align the rotor to the direction of flow, through a passive system caused by hydrodynamic forces on the turbine-generator unit. The annual generation is expected to be from 840 to 1,200 megawatt-hours.

m. In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested individuals an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) using the eLibrary link. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Access Room due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

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#### o. Scoping Process.

The Commission, in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, intends to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the RITE Project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The EA will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts and reasonable alternatives to the proposed action.

Commission staff does not propose to conduct any on-site scoping meetings at this time. Instead, we are soliciting comments, recommendations, and information, on the Scoping Document 1 (SD1) issued August 12, 2020.

Copies of SD1 outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the EA were distributed to the parties on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of SD1 may be viewed on the web 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, call 1-866-208-3676 or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Dated: August 12, 2020.

**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:

*Docket Numbers:* RP20-1087-000.

*Applicants:* Equitrans, L.P.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rate Capacity Release Agreement—8/8/2020 to be effective 8/8/2020.

*Filed Date:* 8/7/20.

*Accession Number:* 20200807-5062.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 8/19/20.

*Docket Numbers:* RP20-1090-000.

*Applicants:* Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: 081120 Negotiated Rates—Wells Fargo Commodities, LLC R-7810-19 to be effective 10/1/2020.

*Filed Date:* 8/11/20.

*Accession Number:* 20200811-5027.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 8/24/20.

*Docket Numbers:* RP20-1091-000.

*Applicants:* Rockies Express Pipeline LLC.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: REX 2020-08-11 Negotiated Rate Agreement to be effective 8/11/2020.

*Filed Date:* 8/11/20.

*Accession Number:* 20200811-5093.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 8/24/20.

*Docket Numbers:* RP20-1092-000.

*Applicants:* Texas Gas Transmission, LLC.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Neg Rate Agmt (Westlake 38162) to be effective 8/1/2020.

*Filed Date:* 8/11/20.

*Accession Number:* 20200811-5094.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 8/24/20.

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*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2607-015]

#### Spencer Mountain Hydropower, 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.:* 2607-015.

c. *Date Filed:* June 30, 2020.

d. *Submitted By:* Spencer Mountain Hydropower, LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Spencer Mountain Hydropower Project.

f. *Location:* On the South Fork of the Catawba River, in the Town of Spencer Mountain, in Gaston County, North Carolina. The project does not occupy federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's Regulations.

h. *Potential Applicant Contact:* Kevin Edwards, 916 Comer Road, Stoneville, NC 27048; (336) 589-6138; email—[smhydro@pht1.com](mailto:smhydro@pht1.com).

i. *FERC Contact:* Michael Spencer at (202) 502-6093, or email at [michael.spencer@ferc.gov](mailto:michael.spencer@ferc.gov).

j. Spencer Mountain Hydropower, LLC filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process, and provided public notice of its request, on June 30, 2020. In a letter dated August 12, 2020, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved Spencer Mountain Hydropower, 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. We are also initiating consultation with the North Carolina