

FERC-537—Continued

[Gas pipeline certificates: Construction, acquisition, and abandonment]

	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden and cost per response ²	Total annual burden hours and total annual cost	Cost per respondent
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1) ³
18 CFR 284.11 (NGPA Section 311 Construction—Annual Reports).	83	⁵ 1.01	84	50 hrs.; \$3,950 ..	4,200 hrs.; \$331,800.	3,998
18 CFR 284.8	178	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
18 CFR 284.13(e) and 284.126(a) (Interstate and Intrastate Bypass Notice).	2	1	2	30 hrs.; \$2,370 ..	60 hrs.; \$4,740 ..	2,370
18 CFR 284.221 (Blanket Certificates) ⁶ .	5	⁷ 1.4	7	100 hrs.; \$7,900	700 hrs.; \$55,300.	11,060
18 CFR 224 (Hinshaw Blanket Certificates).	2	1	2	75 hrs.; \$5,925 ..	150 hrs.; \$11,850.	5,925
18 CFR 157.5–.11; 157.13–.20 (Non-facility Certificate or Abandonment Applications).	3	1	3	75 hrs.; \$5,925 ..	225 hrs.; \$17,775.	5,925
Total	⁸ 335	50,935 hrs.; \$4,023,865.

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;

(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.

² The estimates for cost per response are derived using the following formula: Average Burden Hours per Response * \$79.00/hour = Average cost/response. The figure is the 2018 FERC average hourly cost (for wages and benefits) of \$79.00 (and an average annual salary of \$164,820/year). Commission staff is using the FERC average salary because we consider any reporting requirements completed in response to the FERC-537 to be compensated at rates similar to the work of FERC employees.

³ Each of the figures in this column are rounded to the nearest dollar.

⁴ This figure was derived from 135 responses + 129 respondents = 1.046 or ~1.05 responses/respondent.

⁵ This figure was derived from 84 responses + 83 respondents = 1.012 or ~1.01 responses/respondent.

⁶ One-time filings, new tariff and rate design proposal, or request for exemptions.

⁷ This figure was derived from 7 responses + 5 respondents = 1.4 responses/respondent.

⁸ The 335 responses are derived from 214 individual respondents.

Dated: May 14, 2018.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project Nos. 2897–048, 2932–047, 2941–043, 2931–042, 2942–051]

Notice of Applications Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests, Ready for Environmental Analysis, and Soliciting Comments, Terms and Conditions, Recommendations, and Prescriptions; S.D. Warren Company

Take notice that the following hydroelectric applications have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Applications:* Surrender of License; Amendment of Licenses.

b. *Project Nos.:* 2897–048 (Surrender); 2932–047, 2941–043, 2931–042, 2942–051 (Amendments).

c. *Date Filed:* March 23, 2018.

d. *Applicant:* S.D. Warren Company.

e. *Name of Projects:* Saccarappa Hydroelectric Project (Surrender); Mallison Falls, Little Falls, Gambo, and Dundee Hydroelectric Projects (Amendments).

f. *Location:* On the Presumpscot River in Westbrook, Cumberland County, Maine.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Barry Stemm, Engineering Manager, Sappi North America, P.O. Box 5000, Westbrook, ME 04098, (207) 856–4584, and Briana K. O'Regan, Esq., Assistant General Counsel, Sappi North America, 179 John Roberts Road, South Portland, ME 04106, (207) 854–7070.

i. *FERC Contact:* Dr. Jennifer Ambler, (202) 502–8586, or jennifer.ambler@ferc.gov.

j. Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests, comments, terms and conditions, recommendations, and prescriptions: 30 Days from the issuance date of this notice.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene and protests, comments, terms and conditions, recommendations, and prescriptions 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, (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket numbers P–2897–048,

P-2932-047, P-2941-043, P-2931-042, and/or P-2942-051, as appropriate.

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. Description of Project Facilities:

The Saccarappa Project (P-2897-048) consists of two 10- to 12-foot-high concrete diversion dams, referred to as eastern and western spillways, separated by an island, a headgate structure, a concrete-lined forebay, and a powerhouse containing three turbine-generator units with a total rated generating capacity of 1,350 kilowatts (kW). The project also includes a 345-foot-long tailrace channel and two bypass reaches measuring 475 and 390 feet long extending from the respective spillway to the downstream end of the tailrace channel.

The Mallison Falls Project (P-2932-047) includes a 358-foot-long, 14-foot-high concrete, masonry and cut granite diversion dam, a headgate structure, an intake power canal, and a powerhouse containing two turbine-generator units with a total rated generating capacity of 800 kW. The Mallison Falls Dam creates an 8-acre impoundment. The project has a 675-foot-long bypass reach between the dam and the powerhouse tailwaters.

The Little Falls Project (P-2941-043) includes a 310-foot-long, 14-foot-high L-shaped concrete and masonry dam that creates a 29-acre impoundment extending 1.7 miles to the tailwaters of the Gambo Project, and a powerhouse integral with the dam, containing four turbine-generator units with a total rated generating capacity of 1,000 kW. The project has a 300-foot-long bypass reach between the upper section of the dam and the powerhouse tailwaters.

The Gambo Project (P-2931-042) includes a 300-foot-long, 24-foot-high concrete dam, a headgate structure, an intake and power canal, and a powerhouse containing four turbine-generator units with a total rated generating capacity of 1,900 kW. The Gambo Dam creates a 151-acre impoundment. The project has a 300-foot-long bypass reach between the dam and the powerhouse tailwaters.

The Dundee Project (P-2942-051) includes a 1,492-foot-long, 50-foot-high concrete dam that creates a 197-acre impoundment, extending 1.7 miles upstream to the tailwaters of the North

Gorham Project (P-2519), and a powerhouse integral with the dam, containing three turbine-generator units with a total rated generating capacity of 2,400 kW. The Dundee Project also includes a 1,075-foot-long tailrace channel, which creates a bypass reach.

l. Description of Requests:

For the Saccarappa Project (P-2897-048):

The licensee filed an application to surrender its license for the Saccarappa Project. The licensee proposes to: (1) Remove the existing powerhouse and other ancillary structures; (2) remove the eastern and western spillways; (3) partially fill the existing tailrace; (4) construct a double Denil fishway within the filled tailrace area to provide fish passage over the lower falls; (5) alter and repair the tailrace guard wall to support the operation of the Denil; (6) construct a fish counting facility at the exit of the Denil; and (7) modify the bedrock in the eastern and western channels to facilitate nature-like fish passage over both the eastern and western sections of the upper falls.

For the Mallison Falls (P-2932-047), Little Falls (P-2941-043), Gambo (P-2931-042), and Dundee (P-2942-051) Projects:

Concurrent with the request to surrender the license for the Saccarappa Project as described above, the licensee proposes to amend its upstream project licenses for the Mallison Falls, Little Falls, Gambo, and Dundee Projects to: (1) Amend the Mallison Falls Project license (the next upstream project from Saccarappa) to include the new Denil fish passage facilities built at the Saccarappa Dam site; (2) extend by ten years, until 2053, the license expiration dates for its four upstream projects (Mallison Falls, Little Falls, Gambo, and Dundee Projects); and (3) remove all fish passage requirements from the Gambo and Dundee licenses.

The proposed actions reflect conditions agreed to by parties to a Settlement Agreement executed on November 15, 2016, as amended on March 7, 2018, between the licensee and the U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Maine Department of Marine Resources; Conservation Law Foundation; Friends of the Presumpscot River; and City of Westbrook, Maine.

These applications have been accepted for filing and are now ready for environmental analysis.

m. This filing may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may

also 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, call 1-866-208-3676 or email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction in the Commission's Public Reference Room located at 888 First Street NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371.

n. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

o. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene:* Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, and .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments 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 comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

p. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents:* Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title COMMENTS, PROTEST, MOTION TO INTERVENE, RECOMMENDATIONS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS, or PRESCRIPTIONS, as applicable; (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. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). All comments, motions to intervene, or protests should relate to the licensee's requests that are the subject of this notice. 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. 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. A copy of all

other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

q. *Agency Comments:* Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described proceeding. If any agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments.

Dated: May 11, 2018.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD18-12-000; Docket No. EL17-45-000; Docket No. ER18-370-000]

Notice Inviting Post-Technical Conference Comments; Transmission Planning Within the California Independent System Operator Corporation; California Public Utilities Commission, Northern California Power Agency, City and County of San Francisco, State Water Contractors, Transmission Agency of Northern California v. Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Southern California Edison Company

On May 1, 2018, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) staff convened a technical conference to discuss the processes used by participating transmission owners (PTOs) in the California Independent System Operator Corporation (CAISO) to determine which transmission-related maintenance and compliance activities/facilities, including, but not limited to, transmission-related capital additions, are subject to the CAISO Transmission Planning Process (TPP).

All interested persons are invited to file post-technical conference comments on the topics relating to the processes used by PTOs to determine which activities/facilities are subject to the CAISO TPP as discussed during the technical conference, including the questions listed in the Supplemental Notice issued in this proceeding on April 10, 2018. Commission staff is particularly interested in comments on the following topics:

1. Technical conference participants used the terms asset management and

asset management program during the technical conference. Please provide a definition for those terms when they are used to address or administer transmission capability.

2. Describe the criteria, standards, or industry best practices that the PTOs use in their asset management programs or activities.

3. Technical conference participants used the terms “incremental” and “incidental” at the technical conference. Provide a definition for those terms when they are used to describe any increases to transmission capability that result from the use of new technology when replacing one-for-one assets.

4. Explain how any incremental or incidental increases to transmission capacity are accounted for by each PTO in relation to “asset management” activities, and how these increases in transmission capacity are communicated to CAISO.

5. Technical conference participants used the terms “expansion” and “enhancement” at the technical conference. Provide the definitions of those terms when they are used to describe certain changes to the configuration of the CAISO transmission system resulting from “asset management” activities that are subject to the CAISO TPP.

6. Do CAISO’s tariff or BPMs provide guidance and clarity to CAISO PTOs regarding what transmission-related maintenance and compliance activities/facilities must be considered and reviewed through CAISO’s TPP? If so, please list the relevant sections.

7. How does each CAISO PTO decide whether to pursue reliability related transmission-related maintenance and compliance activities/facilities that are not required by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC), or other regulatory entities? What criteria or parameters are used by each CAISO PTO to make this decision? Where are such criteria or parameters documented or otherwise made available?

8. Is there a difference between (a) the process through which each CAISO PTO pursues solutions to transmission-related maintenance and compliance activities/facilities that arise from NERC and WECC reliability standards or reliability standards established by other regulatory entities, and (b) the process through which each CAISO PTO pursues solutions to other transmission-related maintenance and compliance activities/facilities? If so, please explain (1) the difference between the two processes and (2) elaborate on the reasons for the differences.

9. What benefits and/or concerns, if any, would arise from introducing greater transparency and more opportunities for stakeholder input into each CAISO PTO’s asset management process in the early stages of the assessment, ranking, and selection of particular “asset management” projects? To the extent that you support additional opportunities for stakeholder input, please describe the ideal format and/or frequency of such opportunities.

Commenters need not respond to all topics or questions asked. Commenters may reference materials previously filed in the above-captioned dockets, including the technical conference transcript, but are encouraged to avoid repetition or replication of previous material. Initial comments must be submitted on or before May 31, 2018, and reply comments must be submitted on or before June 15, 2018. Initial comments should not exceed 15 pages and reply comments should not exceed 10 pages.

For further information, please contact individuals identified for each topic:

Technical Information, Laura Switzer, Office of Energy Markets Regulation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-6231, laura.switzer@ferc.gov.

Legal Information for Docket Nos. AD18-12-000 and EL17-45-000, Linda Kizuka, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8773, linda.kizuka@ferc.gov.

Legal Information for Docket Nos. AD18-12-000 and ER18-370-000, Susanna Ehrlich, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-6260, susanna.ehrlich@ferc.gov.

Dated: May 15, 2018.

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 Numbers: RP10-1398-006.