

000 requesting authorization pursuant to Section 3(a) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) to construct and operate liquefied natural gas (LNG) export facilities. On the same day, Driftwood Pipeline, LLC (Driftwood Pipeline) filed an application in Docket No. CP17–118–000, requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to Section 7(c) of the NGA to construct, operate, and maintain certain natural gas pipeline facilities. The combined projects, collectively referred to as the Driftwood LNG Project, would provide gas and processing to produce up to 26 million tonnes per annum of LNG for export.

On April 11, 2017, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) issued its Notice of Application for the project. Among other things, that notice alerted other agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on the request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Driftwood LNG Project. This instant notice identifies the FERC staff's planned schedule for completion of the final EIS for the project, which is based on an issuance of the draft EIS in June 2018.

#### **Schedule for Environmental Review**

Issuance of Notice of Availability of the final EIS (October 12, 2018)  
90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline (January 10, 2019)

If a schedule change becomes necessary for the final EIS, an additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the project's progress.

#### **Project Description**

Driftwood LNG's proposed facilities would include five LNG liquefaction plants, three LNG storage tanks, and three marine berths capable of accommodating LNG carriers of up to 216,000 cubic meters each. Driftwood LNG's proposed facilities would occupy approximately 720 acres of an 800-acre site on the west bank of the Calcasieu River between river mile markers 22 and 23 in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana. The Driftwood Pipeline would consist of: About 74 miles of 48-inch-diameter pipeline, 10.6 miles of 42-inch-diameter pipeline, and 11.3 miles of 36-inch-diameter pipeline; one 3.4-mile-long, 30-inch-diameter lateral pipeline collocated with the main pipeline; three compressor stations providing a total of approximately 275,000 horsepower of compression; 15 meter stations; 6 pig

launchers and receivers; and 17 mainline valves. These facilities would be located in Calcasieu, Jefferson Davis, Acadia, and Evangeline Parishes, Louisiana.

#### **Background**

On June 6, 2016, the Commission staff granted Driftwood LNG's and Driftwood Pipeline's request to use the FERC's Pre-filing environmental review process. On October 3, 2016, the Commission issued a *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Planned Driftwood LNG Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Meetings* (NOI) in Docket No. PF16–6–000. The NOI was issued during the pre-filing review of the project, and was sent to federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; affected landowners; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes and regional organizations; commentors and other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. Major issues raised during scoping include impact on landowners, vegetation and protected species, visual and noise resources, roadway and marine traffic, and safety.

The U.S Coast Guard, U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Department of Transportation, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS.

#### **Additional Information**

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EIS and to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to [www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp).

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (866) 208–FERC or on the FERC website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)). Using the eLibrary link, select General Search from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and Docket Number excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, CP17–117 or CP17–118), and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at (866) 208–3676, TTY (202) 502–8659, or at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). The eLibrary link on the FERC website also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission,

such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

Dated: December 22, 2017.

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

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. EL18–53–000]

#### **Calpine Corporation and LS Power Associates, L.P. v. ISO New England Inc.; Notice of Complaint**

Take notice that on December 21, 2017, pursuant to sections 206 and 306 of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 824(e), 825e, and Rule 206 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.206, Calpine Corporation and LS Power Associates, L.P. (Complainants) filed a formal complaint against ISO New England Inc. (ISO–NE or Respondent) alleging that ISO–NE's Transmission, Markets & Services Tariff (Tariff) is unjust and unreasonable because it requires ISO–NE to treat a new resource that has chosen to lock-in its price under the new entry pricing provisions of the Tariff as effectively having submitted offers into subsequent Forward Capacity Auctions priced at zero, even in circumstances where the development of such resource has been delayed so that it is not expected to be available for the relevant Capacity Commitment Period, all as more fully explained in the complaint.

Complainants certify that copies of the complaint were served on the contacts for ISO–NE, as listed on the Commission's list of Corporate Officials.

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, 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 Respondent's answer and all interventions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. The Respondent's answer, motions to intervene, and protests must be served on the Complainants.

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 electronic review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in 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](mailto: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 January 4, 2018.

Dated: December 22, 2017.

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

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 3342-020]

#### **Briar Hydro Associates, 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.:* 3342-020.

c. *Date Filed:* October 27, 2017.

d. *Submitted By:* Briar Hydro Associates, LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Penacook Lower Falls Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Contoocook River, in Merrimack County, New Hampshire. No federal lands are occupied by the project works or located within the project boundary.

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

h. *Potential Applicant Contact:* Andrew J. Locke, Essex Hydro Associates, LLC, 55 Union Street, Boston, MA 02108; (617) 357-0032; or email—[alocke@essexhydro.com](mailto:alocke@essexhydro.com).

i. *FERC Contact:* Jeanne Edwards at (202) 502-6181; or email at [jeanne.edwards@ferc.gov](mailto:jeanne.edwards@ferc.gov).

j. Briar Hydro Associates, LLC filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on October 27, 2017. Briar Hydro Associates, LLC provided public notice of its request on November 14, 2017. In a letter dated December 22, 2017, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved Briar Hydro Associates, 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; and NOAA Fisheries under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.920. We are also initiating consultation with the New Hampshire State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. Briar Hydro Associates, LLC filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

m. A copy of the PAD is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website (<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 Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.

n. The licensee states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a new license for Project No. 3342. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.8, 16.9, and 16.10 each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by October 31, 2020.

o. Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: December 22, 2017.

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

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14835-001]

#### **Notice of Surrender of Preliminary Permit; Merchant Hydro Developers, LLC**

Take notice that Merchant Hydro Developers, LLC, permittee for the proposed Susan Russ Memorial Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project, has requested that its preliminary permit be terminated. The permit was issued on June 6, 2017, and would have expired on May 31, 2020.<sup>1</sup> The project would have been located near the town of Manhattan in Tioga County, Pennsylvania.

The preliminary permit for Project No. 14835 will remain in effect until the close of business, January 26, 2018. But, if the Commission is closed on this day, then the permit remains in effect until the close of business on the next day in which the Commission is open.<sup>2</sup> New applications for this site may not be submitted until after the permit surrender is effective.

Dated: December 27, 2017.

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

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### **Combined Notice of Filings #1**

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric corporate filings:

*Docket Numbers:* EC18-40-000.

*Applicants:* Public Service Company of Oklahoma, Southwestern Electric Power Company, States Edge Wind I LLC.

*Description:* Joint Application for Authorization of Transaction Under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act and Requests for Waivers of Filing Requirements, et al. of Public Service Company of Oklahoma, et al.

<sup>1</sup> 159 FERC 62,245 (2017).

<sup>2</sup> 18 CFR 385.2007(a)(2) (2017).