

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.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the “eFile” link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. 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.

Dated: January 13, 2021.

**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 rate filings:

*Docket Numbers:* ER21-483-001.  
*Applicants:* Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

*Description:* Tariff Amendment: 3620R1 Kansas City Board of Public Utilities NITSA NOA to be effective 9/1/2020.

*Filed Date:* 1/13/21.  
*Accession Number:* 20210113-5119.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/3/21.

*Docket Numbers:* ER16-632-010.

*Applicants:* Blythe Solar II, LLC.

*Description:* Notice of Change in Status of Blythe Solar II, LLC.

*Filed Date:* 1/12/21.  
*Accession Number:* 20210112-5188.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/2/21.

*Docket Numbers:* ER21-534-001.  
*Applicants:* Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

*Description:* Tariff Amendment: 1978R9 Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. NITSA NOA—Toronto to be effective 9/1/2020.

*Filed Date:* 1/13/21.  
*Accession Number:* 20210113-5016.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/3/21.  
*Docket Numbers:* ER21-543-001.

*Applicants:* Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

*Description:* Tariff Amendment: 2066R9 Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. NITSA NOA—Muscotah to be effective 9/1/2020.

*Filed Date:* 1/13/21.  
*Accession Number:* 20210113-5020.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/3/21.

*Docket Numbers:* ER21-544-001.

*Applicants:* Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

*Description:* Tariff Amendment: 2491R8 Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. NITSA NOA—Scranton to be effective 9/1/2020.

*Filed Date:* 1/13/21.  
*Accession Number:* 20210113-5030.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/3/21.

*Docket Numbers:* ER21-868-000.

*Applicants:* Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: DEC-Lockhart NITSA SA No. 407 to be effective 1/1/2021.

*Filed Date:* 1/12/21.  
*Accession Number:* 20210112-5168.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/2/21.

*Docket Numbers:* ER21-869-000.

*Applicants:* Michigan Electric

Transmission Company, LLC.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Filing of a Joint Use Pole Agreement to be effective 3/15/2021.

*Filed Date:* 1/12/21.  
*Accession Number:* 20210112-5169.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/2/21.

*Docket Numbers:* ER21-870-000.

*Applicants:* Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: DEC-NCEMC Reimbursement Agreement RS No. 564 to be effective 3/14/2021.

*Filed Date:* 1/12/21.  
*Accession Number:* 20210112-5179.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/2/21.

*Docket Numbers:* ER21-871-000.

*Applicants:* Northern Indiana Public Service Company LLC, Indiana Crossroads Wind Farm LLC.

*Description:* Request for Authorization to Undertake Affiliate Sales of Northern Indiana Public Service Company LLC, et al.

*Filed Date:* 1/12/21.  
*Accession Number:* 20210112-5185.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/2/21.

*Docket Numbers:* ER21-872-000.

*Applicants:* Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: 3758 East River Electric & City of Pierre, SD Inter Agr to be effective 12/31/9998.

*Filed Date:* 1/13/21.  
*Accession Number:* 20210113-5000.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/3/21.

*Docket Numbers:* ER21-873-000.

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

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Amendment to ISA, SA #3836; Queue #Z1-050; Request for Expedited Comment Period to be effective 4/30/2014.

*Filed Date:* 1/13/21.  
*Accession Number:* 20210113-5047.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/3/21.

*Docket Numbers:* ER21-874-000.

*Applicants:* Louisville Gas and Electric Company.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: LGE and KU Amended and Restated BREC IA to be effective 12/31/2020.

*Filed Date:* 1/13/21.  
*Accession Number:* 20210113-5062.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/3/21.

*Docket Numbers:* ER21-875-000.

*Applicants:* Kentucky Utilities

Company.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: LGE and KU Amended and Restated BREC IA KU Concurrence to be effective 12/31/2020.

*Filed Date:* 1/13/21.  
*Accession Number:* 20210113-5070.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/3/21.

*Docket Numbers:* ER21-876-000.

*Applicants:* Kentucky Utilities

Company.

*Description:* Tariff Cancellation: Cancellation of KU Rate Schedule FERC No. 405 to be effective 12/31/2020.

*Filed Date:* 1/13/21.  
*Accession Number:* 20210113-5072.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/3/21.

*Docket Numbers:* ER21-877-000.

*Applicants:* PacifiCorp.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: BPA NITSA (OR Wind) to be effective 12/15/2020.

*Filed Date:* 1/13/21.  
*Accession Number:* 20210113-5092.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/3/21.

*Docket Numbers:* ER21-878-000.

*Applicants:* Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: E&P Agreement for Oakland Energy Storage 1, LLC to be effective 1/14/2021.

*Filed Date:* 1/13/21.  
*Accession Number:* 20210113-5114.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/3/21.

*Docket Numbers:* ER21-879-000.

*Applicants:* Public Service Company of Colorado.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2021-1-13 PSC-HLYCRS-SISA-Orchard Mesa-621-0.0.0 to be effective 1/14/2021.

*Filed Date:* 1/13/21.  
*Accession Number:* 20210113-5122.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/3/21.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://>

[elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp](http://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp)) by 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.

Dated: January 13, 2021.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OARM-2017-0752; FRL-10019-37-OMS]

### Proposed Information Collection Request; Comment Request; Background Checks for Contractor Employees (Renewal)

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency is planning to submit an information collection request (ICR), "Background Checks for Contractor Employees (Renewal)" (EPA ICR No. 2159.08, OMB Control No. 2030-0043) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. Before doing so, EPA is soliciting public comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below. This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through September 30, 2021. An Agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before March 22, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OARM-2017-0752 online using [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (our preferred

method), by email to [oei.docket@epa.gov](mailto:oei.docket@epa.gov), or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460.

EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Denise Clarke, Policy Training and Oversight Division, Office of Acquisition Solutions (3802R), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564-8414; email address: [clarke.denise@epa.gov](mailto:clarke.denise@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Supporting documents which explain in detail the information that the EPA will be collecting are available in the public docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or in person at the EPA Docket Center, WJC West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC. The telephone number for the Docket Center is 202-566-1744. For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, EPA is soliciting comments and information to enable it to: (i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (ii) evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval. At that time, EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice to announce the submission of

the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB.

**Abstract:** The EPA uses contractors to perform services throughout the nation with regard to environmental emergencies involving the release, or threatened release, of oil, radioactive materials, or hazardous chemicals that may potentially affect communities and the surrounding environment. The Agency may request contractors responding to any of these types of incidents to conduct background checks and apply Government-established suitability criteria in Title 5 CFR Administrative Personnel 731.104 *Appointments Subject to Investigation*, 732.201 *Sensitivity Level Designations and Investigative Requirements*, and 736.102 *Notice to Investigative Sources* when determining whether employees are acceptable to perform on given sites or on specific projects. In addition to emergency response contractors, EPA may require background checks for contractor personnel working in sensitive sites or sensitive projects. The background checks and application of the Government's suitability criteria must be completed prior to contract employee performance. The contractor shall maintain records associated with all background checks. Background checks cover citizenship or valid visa status, criminal convictions, weapons offenses, felony convictions, and parties prohibited from receiving federal contracts.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Respondents/affected entities:* Private Contractors.

*Respondent's obligation to respond:* Required to obtain a benefit per Title 5 CFR Administrative Personnel 731.104 *Appointments Subject to Investigation*, 732.201 *Sensitivity Level Designations and Investigative Requirements*, and 736.102 *Notice to Investigative Sources*.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 1,000 (total).

*Frequency of response:* Annual.

*Total estimated burden:* 1,000 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

*Total estimated cost:* \$208,720 (per year), includes \$0 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

*Changes in Estimates:* There is no change in the hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB.

**Kimberly Patrick,**

Director, Office of Acquisition Solutions.

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