

all active pipelines, facilities, and appurtenances at the Greenwood and North Greenwood Storage Fields. According to Columbia, the abandonment of these facilities would reduce future integrity risks at the fields and the overall safety risk to its system.

On May 5, 2023, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's environmental document for the Project.

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the Project and the planned schedule for the completion of the environmental review.¹

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA—October 27, 2023
90-day Federal Authorization Decision
Deadline²—January 25, 2024

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

Project Description

Columbia proposes to abandon its Greenwood and North Greenwood Storage Fields, including all active associated pipelines, facilities, and appurtenances, in Steuben County, New York. The Project would consist of the abandonment of eight wells, three miles of storage lines, one compressor station, and associated appurtenances. Abandonment of the proposed facilities would temporarily disturb about 25.8 acres of land. This includes about 15.5 acres of existing easements, 3.8 acres of existing access roads, 3.6 acres of existing facility space, and 2.8 acres of temporary workspaces.

Background

On May 15, 2023, the Commission issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Greenwood and North Greenwood*

Storage Fields Abandonment Project (Notice of Scoping). The Notice of Scoping was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. In response to the Notice of Scoping, the Commission received comments from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. The primary issues raised by the commenter are facilities abandonment procedures, air quality, threatened and endangered species, and state permits. All substantive comments will be addressed in the EA.

Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This service provides automatic notification of filings made to subscribed dockets, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to register for eSubscription.

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). 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.*, CP23-214), 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. 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.

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.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL23-70-000]

Bluegrass Solar, LLC; Notice of Institution of Section 206 Proceeding and Refund Effective Date

On June 13, 2023, the Commission issued an order in Docket No. EL23-70-000, pursuant to section 206 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 824e, instituting an investigation into whether Bluegrass Solar, LLC's Rate Schedule¹ is unjust, unreasonable, unduly, discriminatory, or preferential, or otherwise unlawful. *Bluegrass Solar, LLC*, 183 FERC ¶ 61,177 (2023).

The refund effective date in Docket No. EL23-70-000, established pursuant to section 206(b) of the FPA, will be the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Any interested person desiring to be heard in Docket No. EL23-70-000 must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate, with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.214 (2022), within 21 days of the date of issuance of the order.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document 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. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference 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 or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests

¹ 40 CFR 1501.10 (2020)

² The Commission's deadline applies to the decisions of other federal agencies, and state agencies acting under federally delegated authority, that are responsible for federal authorizations, permits, and other approvals necessary for proposed projects under the Natural Gas Act. Per 18 CFR 157.22(a), the Commission's deadline for other agency's decisions applies unless a schedule is otherwise established by federal law.

¹ Bluegrass Solar, LLC, Rate Schedule Tariff, Rate Schedule FERC No. 1, Reactive Power Compensation (3.0.0).

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.

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Salt Lake City Area Integrated Projects and Colorado River Storage Project—Rate Order No. WAPA-206

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of proposed firm power fixed rate and transmission services, ancillary services, and sale of surplus products formula rates.

SUMMARY: The Colorado River Storage Project (CRSP) Management Center (MC) of the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) proposes a new Salt Lake City Area Integrated Projects (SLCA/IP) firm power rate and updated effective dates for existing CRSP transmission, joint dispatch transmission, ancillary services, and sale of surplus products formula rates. The current firm power rate expires December 31, 2023. The CRSP transmission services, ancillary services, and surplus products rates that expire September 30, 2025, and the CRSP joint dispatch transmission service rate that expires September 30, 2024, are included in Rate Order No. WAPA-206

to make all the rate schedules effective for the same timeframe. The firm power service rate is proposed to remain the same. No material changes are proposed to the other rate schedules aside from updating the effective dates.

DATES: A consultation and comment period will begin June 22, 2023 and ends September 1, 2023. CRSP MC will present a detailed explanation of the proposed rates and other modifications at public information forums on the following dates and times:

1. Public information forum July 19, 2023, 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time (MDT). This meeting will be conducted in Salt Lake City, UT, along with a WebEx.

2. CRSP MC will accept oral and written comments at a public comment forum on the following date and time: August 15, 2023, 12:00 p.m. to no later than 2:00 p.m. MDT. This meeting will be conducted via WebEx.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests for information about Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) actions concerning the proposed rates submitted by WAPA to FERC for approval should be sent to: Rodney Bailey, CRSP Manager, Colorado River Storage Project Management Center, Western Area Power Administration, 1800 South Rio Grande Avenue, Montrose, CO 81401, or email: *CRSPMC-rate-adj@wapa.gov*. CRSP MC will post information about the proposed rates and written comments received to its website at: www.wapa.gov/regions/CRSP/rates/Pages/rate-order-206.aspx.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tony Henriquez, Rates Specialist, Colorado River Storage Project Management Center, Western Area Power Administration, 970-240-6546, or email: *CRSPMC-rate-adj@wapa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 12, 2022, FERC approved and confirmed Rate Schedule SLIP-F12 for Firm Power Service under Rate Order No. WAPA-199 on a final basis through December 31, 2023.¹ On March 18, 2022, FERC approved and confirmed Rate Schedule SP-NFJDT for Joint Dispatch Transmission Service under Rate Order No. WAPA-195 on a final basis through September 30, 2024.² On December 17, 2020, FERC approved and confirmed the following rate schedules under Rate Order No. WAPA-190 on a final basis

through September 30, 2025.³ These rate schedules are: SLIP-F11 for Firm Power Service (later superseded by SLIP-F12), SP-NW5 for Network Integration Transmission Service, SP-PTP9 for Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service, SP-NFT8 for Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service, SP-UU2 for Unreserved Use Penalties, SP-E15 for Energy and Generation Imbalance, SP-SSR5 for Operating Reserves—Spinning and Supplemental Reserve Services, and SP-SS1 for Sale of Surplus Products. The proposed firm power rate is a fixed rate. The proposed transmission, ancillary services, and surplus products rates continue the formula-based methodology that includes an annual update to the financial and load data in the applicable rate formulas. The inputs into the formulas and resulting charges under the rates will be annually updated on October 1 thereafter. CRSP MC intends the proposed rates to go into effect January 1, 2024, and remain in effect until December 31, 2028, or until WAPA supersedes or changes the rates through another public rate process pursuant to 10 CFR part 903, whichever occurs first.

The proposed rates will provide sufficient revenue to recover annual operation, maintenance, and replacement expenses, interest expense, irrigation assistance, and capital repayment requirements while ensuring repayment of the project within the cost recovery criteria set forth in Department of Energy (DOE) Order RA 6120.2. For more information on the proposed rates, including the Cost Recovery Charge component, please see the customer rate brochure (brochure) located on CRSP MC’s website at: www.wapa.gov/regions/CRSP/rates/Pages/rate-order-206.aspx.

The Comment and Consultation period is shorter than 90 days and will end on September 1, 2023. In accordance with 10 CFR 903.14(a), WAPA has shortened the comment period to less than 90 days for good cause. This timeframe is necessary to implement a new rate effective January 1, 2024. There also was a delay in processing this **Federal Register** Notice resulting from the unexpected loss of key rates personnel.

SLCA/IP Firm Power Rate

Under the current Rate Schedule SLIP-12, the energy rate is 12.36 mills per kilowatt hour (mills/kWh) and the capacity rate is \$5.25 per kilowatt month (\$/kWmonth). The composite

¹ Order Confirming and Approving Rate Schedule on a Final Basis, FERC Docket No. EF 22-1-000 (179 FERC ¶ 62,085 (2022)).

² Order Confirming and Approving Rate Schedule on a Final Basis, FERC Docket No. EF 21-7-000 (178 FERC ¶ 62,154 (2022)).

³ Order Confirming and Approving Rate Schedules on a Final Basis, FERC Docket No. EF 20-7-000 (173 FERC ¶ 61,230 (2020)).