DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL09-24-000]

Petition for Waiver of National Grid USA; Notice of Filing

January 6, 2009.

Take notice that on December 17, 2008, pursuant to Rule 207(a)(5) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, National Grid USA hereby submits this petition for waiver of certain of the Commission's pricing rules for affiliate transactions established in Order Nos. 707 and 707—A.

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. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

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 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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Comment Date: 5 pm Eastern Time on January 14, 2009.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ID-5947-000]

Schwirtz, Mark W.; Notice of Filing

January 5, 2009.

Take notice that on December 31, 2008, Mark W. Schwirtz submitted for filing, an application for authority to hold interlocking positions, pursuant to section 305(b) of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 825d(b)(2008), Part 45 of Title 18 of the Code of Federal Regulations, 18 CFR Part 45 (2008), and Commission Order No. 664 (2005).

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Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on January 21, 2009.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EF09-4021-000]

Southwestern Power Administration; Notice of Filing

January 6, 2009.

Take notice that on December 22, 2008, the Acting Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy, pursuant to the authority vested by the Department of Energy's Delegation Order Nos. 00-001.00C and 00-037.00, and by sections 302(a) and 301(b), 402(e), 641, 642, 643, and 644 of the Department of Energy Organization Act (Pub. L. 95–91), submitted for confirmation and approval on a final basis, Rate Order SWPA-60, which increases the power rate for Sam Rayburn Dam pursuant to Rate Schedule ŠRD-08, Wholesale Rates for Hydropower and Energy Sold to Sam Rayburn Dam Electric Cooperative, Inc., (Contract No. DE-PM75-92SW00215), effective January 1, 2009 through September 30, 2012.

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. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

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(866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on January 21, 2009.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project Nos. 12958-001; 12962-001]

Symbiotics, LLC; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, Commencement of Licensing Proceeding, and Scoping; Request for Comments on the Pad and Scoping Document, and Identification of Issues and Associated Study Requests

January 5, 2009.

- a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application for an Original License and Commencing Licensing Proceeding.
- b. *Project Nos.:* 12958–001 and 12962–001.
 - c. Dated Filed: October 31, 2008.
 - d. Submitted By: Symbiotics, LLC.
- e. *Name of Project:* Uniontown Hydroelectric Project and Newburgh Hydroelectric Project.
- f. Location: Both projects would be located on the Ohio River at existing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers locks and dams. The Uniontown Project would be located at the John T. Myers Locks and Dam, in Union County, Kentucky and Posey County, Indiana. The Newburgh Project would be located at the Newburgh Locks and Dam, in Henderson County, Kentucky and Warrick County, Indiana.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR Part 5 of the Commission's Regulations.
- h. *Potential Applicant Contact:* Brent L. Smith, COO, P.O. Box 535, Rigby, Idaho 83442.
- i. FERC Contact: Jennifer Adams at (202) 502–8087 or e-mail at jennifer.adams@ferc.gov.
- j. We are asking federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with us in the preparation of the environmental document. Agencies who would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing comments described in paragraph o below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the

preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. *See*, 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with: (a) 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 (b) the State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by Section 106, National Historical Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. Symbiotics, 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 Web site (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

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address in paragraph h.

Register online at http://ferc.gov/ esubscribenow.htm to be notified via email of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. With this notice, we are soliciting comments on the PAD and Scoping Document 1 (SD1), as well as study requests. All comments on the PAD and SD1, and study requests should be sent to the address above in paragraph h. In addition, all comments on the PAD and SD1, study requests, requests for cooperating agency status, and all communications to and from Commission staff related to the merits of the potential application (original and eight copies) must be filed with the Commission at the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. All filings with the Commission must include on the first page, the project name(s) (Uniontown Hydroelectric Project and/or Newburgh Hydroelectric Project) and number(s) (No. 12958-001 and/or No. 12962-001), and bear the heading "Comments on Pre-Application Document," "Study Requests, "Comments on Scoping Document 1," "Request for Cooperating Agency

Status," or "Communications to and from Commission Staff." Any individual or entity interested in submitting study requests, commenting on the PAD or SD1, and any agency requesting cooperating status must do so by March 2, 2009.

Comments on the PAD and SD1, study requests, requests for cooperating agency status, and other permissible forms of communications with the Commission may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (http://www.ferc.gov) under the "e-filing" link.

p. Although our current intent is to prepare an environmental assessment (EA), there is the possibility that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be required. Nevertheless, this meeting will satisfy the NEPA scoping requirements, irrespective of whether an EA or EIS is issued by the Commission.

Scoping Meetings

Commission staff will hold two scoping meetings in the vicinity of the project at the time and place noted below. The daytime meeting will focus on resource agency, Indian tribes, and non-governmental organization concerns, while the evening meeting is primarily for receiving input from the public. We invite all interested individuals, organizations, and agencies to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist staff in identifying particular study needs, as well as the scope of environmental issues to be addressed in the environmental document. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

Daytime Scoping Meeting

Date: Friday, January 30, 2009.
Time: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. (CST).
Location: Browning Events Room.
Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library,
200 South East Martin Luther King
Boulevard, Evansville, Indiana 47713.

Evening Scoping Meeting

Date: Thursday, January 29, 2009. Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. (CST). Location: Browning Events Room, Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library, 200 South East Martin Luther King Boulevard, Evansville, Indiana 47713.

Scoping Document 1 (SD1), which outlines the subject areas to be addressed in the environmental document, was mailed to the individuals and entities on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of SD1 will be available at the scoping meetings, or may be viewed on the Web