

DDRA Measure 3: The percentage of DDRA fellows who found employment that utilized their language and area studies skills within eight years of receiving their award.

DDRA Measure 4: Efficiency Measure—The cost per DDRA fellow who found employment that utilized their language and area studies skills within eight years.

The information provided by grantees in their performance reports submitted via the International Resource Information System (IRIS) will be the source of data for these measures. Reporting screens for institutions and fellows may be viewed at http://iris.ed.gov/iris/pdfs/DDRA_director.pdf, and http://iris.ed.gov/iris/pdfs/DDRA_fellow.pdf.

VII. Other Information

Accessible Format: On request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format. The Department will provide the requestor with an accessible format that may include Rich Text Format (RTF) or text format (txt), a thumb drive, an MP3 file, braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc, or other accessible format.

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Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Intent Regarding the Future Release of Guidance and Application for the Hydroelectric Efficiency Improvement Incentives

AGENCY: Grid Deployment Office, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of intent (NOI).

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) Grid Deployment Office (GDO) intends to release the final guidance and open the 2023 application period for the Hydroelectric Efficiency Improvement Incentives as authorized through the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPA 2005) and amended by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) of 2021, in the second quarter of calendar year 2023. This notice provides preliminary information regarding the GDO's Hydroelectric Efficiency Improvement Incentives Program, including application requirements and processes that will be further described in the guidance accompanying the upcoming solicitation. All the information contained in this notice is subject to change.

ADDRESSES: The future application period announcement will be published in the **Federal Register** and guidance will be made available via the GDO website <https://www.energy.gov/gdo/section-243-hydroelectric-efficiency-improvement-incentives-program>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions may be addressed to Ms. Luciana Ciocci, U.S. Department of Energy, Grid Deployment Office, 1000 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC, 20585, (202) 480–5768 or by email at hydroelectricincentives@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the coming weeks, the Grid Deployment Office intends to open the 2023 application period for section 243 of EPA 2005, Hydroelectric Efficiency Improvement Incentives, as amended by section 40332 IIJA of 2021, Public Law 117–58.¹ At that time, GDO will also make available an accompanying guidance document that will describe the application process and the information necessary for the Secretary of Energy to make incentive payments to owners and authorized operators of qualified hydroelectric facilities at existing dams to be used to make capital improvements in the facilities that are directly related to improving the efficiency of such facilities by at least three percent pursuant to section 243 of EPA 2005.² GDO previously released a

request for information (RFI) and held a public webinar related to section 243 incentive. See 87 FR 40515 (Jul. 7, 2022). The information gathered through the RFI and webinar were used to support the development of the guidance.

The guidance will describe the application process and the information necessary for the Secretary of Energy to make incentive payments to owners and authorized operators of qualified hydroelectric facilities pursuant to section 243 of EPA 2005, Hydroelectric Efficiency Improvement Incentives. Topics include, eligibility requirements, general application requirements and process, procedures for processing applications, allocation of funding for eligible projects in the event of oversubscription, and funding restrictions.

Under the statute, the incentive payments include the following limitations: an incentive payment shall not exceed 30 percent of the costs of the applicable capital improvement(s); and no more than one incentive payment may be made to a single qualified hydroelectric facility in any fiscal year that shall not exceed \$5,000,000.³

GDO intends to open the 2023 application period by publishing a notice in the **Federal Register**, in the coming weeks, and releasing the guidance online, which will be located at <https://www.energy.gov/gdo/section-243-hydroelectric-efficiency-improvement-incentives-program>. GDO anticipates utilizing the Clean Energy Infrastructure Funding Opportunity eXCHANGE for submission of applications once the application period is opened. The Clean Energy Infrastructure Funding Opportunity eXCHANGE is located at <https://infrastructure-exchange.energy.gov/>.

A public webinar will be held in the weeks following the release of the guidance and 2023 solicitation to provide clarity on the guidance document, as necessary. The webinar will be held in a question and answer format with registration details available at <https://www.energy.gov/gdo/section-243-hydroelectric-efficiency-improvement-incentives-program> in the near future.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on February 6, 2023, by Maria Duaine Robinson, Director of the Grid Deployment Office, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is

¹ Public Law 117–58, div. D, title III, § 40332(a).

² 42 U.S.C. 15882(a).

³ 42 U.S.C. 15882(b).

maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC on February 7, 2023.

Treena V. Garrett,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

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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: RP23-422-000.
Applicants: Ruby Pipeline, L.L.C.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: RP 2023-02-03 Administrative Changes to be effective 3/6/2023.

Filed Date: 2/3/23.

Accession Number: 20230203-5147.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/15/23.

Docket Numbers: RP23-423-000.

Applicants: Iroquois Gas

Transmission System, L.P.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: 2.3.23 Negotiated Rates—Freeport Commodities LLC R-7250-45 to be effective 2/3/2023.

Filed Date: 2/3/23.

Accession Number: 20230203-5164.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/15/23.

Docket Numbers: RP23-424-000.

Applicants: Iroquois Gas

Transmission System, L.P.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: 2.3.23 Negotiated Rates—Macquarie Energy LLC R-4090-26 to be effective 2/3/2023.

Filed Date: 2/3/23.

Accession Number: 20230203-5167.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/15/23.

Docket Numbers: RP23-425-000.

Applicants: Iroquois Gas

Transmission System, L.P.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: 2.3.23 Negotiated Rates—Citadel Energy Marketing LLC R-7705-14 to be effective 2/3/2023.

Filed Date: 2/3/23.

Accession Number: 20230203-5169.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/15/23.

Docket Numbers: RP23-426-000.

Applicants: Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: 2.3.23 Negotiated Rates—Castleton Commodities Merchant Trading L.P. R-4010-35 to be effective 2/3/2023.

Filed Date: 2/3/23.

Accession Number: 20230203-5170.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/15/23.

Docket Numbers: RP23-427-000.

Applicants: Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: 2.3.23 Negotiated Rates—Castleton Commodities Merchant Trading L.P. R-4010-36 to be effective 2/3/2023.

Filed Date: 2/3/23.

Accession Number: 20230203-5171.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/15/23.

Docket Numbers: RP23-428-000.

Applicants: Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: 2.3.23 Negotiated Rates—Uniper Global Commodities North America LLC R-7650-05 to be effective 2/3/2023.

Filed Date: 2/3/23.

Accession Number: 20230203-5189.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/15/23.

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.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercensearch.asp>) by querying the docket number.

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: February 6, 2023.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2639-028]

Northern States Power Company—Wisconsin; Notice Soliciting Scoping Comments

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.

b. *Project No.:* P-2639-028.

c. *Date filed:* November 30, 2021.

d. *Applicant:* Northern States Power Company—Wisconsin.

e. *Name of Project:* Cornell Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The existing project is located on the Lower Chippewa River in the township of Cornell, Chippewa County, Wisconsin.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791 (a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Donald R. Hartinger, Director, Hydro Plants, 1414 W Hamilton Avenue, P.O. Box 8; Eau Claire, WI 54701; donald.r.hartinger@xcelenergy.com; (612) 321-3063.

i. *FERC Contact:* Michael Davis at (202) 502-8339; or michael.davis@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing scoping comments:* March 8, 2023.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file scoping comments 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 number P-2639-028.

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