

she answers survey questions, reads survey materials, or completes other activities as part of a survey process. A number of different techniques may be involved, including asking respondents what specific words or phrases mean, and asking respondents probing questions to determine how they estimate or calculate specific data elements on a survey form. The objective of these interviews is to identify problems of ambiguity or misunderstanding, to identify other difficulties respondents have answering questions, reduce measurement error in a survey, and assess the burden for reporting energy information.

Usability Interviews. Usability interviews are similar to cognitive interviews in which a respondent is typically asked to “think aloud” or asked “retrospective questions” as he or she reviews an electronic questionnaire, Web site and/or associated materials, or hard copy form. The objective of a usability interview is to make sure that respondents can easily and intuitively navigate electronic questionnaires, Web sites and other associated materials, or other survey instruments.

Focus Groups. Focus groups involve group sessions guided by a moderator who follows a topic guide containing questions or topics focused on a particular issue rather than adhering to a standardized questionnaire. Focus groups are useful for surfacing and exploring issues with populations of interest, e.g., a specific group of stakeholders.

(5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,000;

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 2,000;

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 2,000;

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* There are no additional costs associated with these survey methods other than the burden hours. The information is maintained in the normal course of business. The cost of burden hours to the respondents is estimated to be \$143,940 (2,000 burden hours times \$71.97 per hour), which represents a reduction of 1,006 burden hours from the prior renewal of this collection. Therefore, other than the cost of burden hours, EIA estimates that there are no additional costs for generating, maintaining and providing the information.

Statutory Authority: Section 13(b) of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974, Public Law 93–275, codified at 15 U.S.C. 772(b).

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 26, 2015.

Nanda Srinivasan,

Director, Office of Survey Development and Statistical Integration, U.S. Energy Information Administration.

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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: EC16–18–000.

Applicants: Cedar Bluff Wind, LLC, Golden Hills Wind, LLC, Golden Hills Interconnection, LLC.

Description: Application for Approval under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act and Request for Expedited Action of Cedar Bluff Wind, LLC, et al.

Filed Date: 10/23/15.

Accession Number: 20151023–5400.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 11/13/15.

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

Docket Numbers: ER15–2647–000.

Applicants: Tres Amigas, LLC.

Description: Supplement to September 11, 2015 Tres Amigas, LLC submits tariff filing.

Filed Date: 10/23/15.

Accession Number: 20151023–5396.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/30/15

Docket Numbers: ER15–2676–000.

Applicants: Cedar Bluff Wind, LLC.

Description: Revision to September 18, 2015 Cedar Bluff Wind, LLC tariff filing.

Filed Date: 10/20/15.

Accession Number: 20151020–5264.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 11/10/15.

Take notice that the Commission received the following qualifying facility filings:

Docket Numbers: QF16–132–000.

Applicants: Hollingsworth & Vose Company.

Description: Form 556 of Hollingsworth & Vose Company.

Filed Date: 10/23/15.

Accession Number: 20151023–5135.

Comments Due: None Applicable.

The filings are accessible in the Commission’s eLibrary system by clicking on the links or 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: October 26, 2015.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Staff Notice of Alleged Violations

Take notice ¹ that in a nonpublic investigation pursuant to 18 CFR part 1b (2015), the staff of the Office of Enforcement of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has preliminarily determined that Berkshire Power Company LLC (Berkshire) and Powerplant Management Services LLC violated the Commission’s Anti-Manipulation Rule, 18 CFR 1c.2 (2015) by engaging in a manipulative scheme to conceal maintenance work and associated outages beginning at least as early as January 2008 and continuing through March 2011.

Staff also has preliminarily determined that Berkshire violated Commission-approved reliability standards by failing to provide outage information to its Transmission Operator and failing to inform its Transmission Operator and Host Balancing Authority of all generation resources available for use.

Finally, Staff also has preliminarily determined that Berkshire violated Commission regulations 35.41(a) by failing to comply with various provisions of the ISO–New England (ISO–NE) Tariff and § 35.41(b) by making false and misleading statements to ISO–NE regarding its maintenance work and associated outages.

This notice does not confer a right on third parties to intervene in the investigation or any other right with respect to the investigation.

¹ *Enforcement of Statutes, Regulations, and Orders*, 129 FERC ¶ 61,247 (2009), *order on reh’g*, 134 FERC ¶ 61,054 (2011).

Dated: October 23, 2015.

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: EC16-16-000.

Applicants: Entergy Rhode Island State Energy, L.P.

Description: Application of Entergy Rhode Island State Energy, L.P. for Section 203 approval and request for shortened notice period and expedited treatment.

Filed Date: 10/22/15.

Accession Number: 20151022-5294.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 11/12/15.

Take notice that the Commission received the following exempt wholesale generator filings:

Docket Numbers: EG16-13-000.

Applicants: Marshall Wind Energy LLC.

Description: Self-Certification as an Exempt Wholesale Generator of Marshall Wind Energy LLC.

Filed Date: 10/23/15.

Accession Number: 20151023-5157.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 11/13/15.

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

Docket Numbers: ER16-137-000.

Applicants: Enserco Energy LLC.

Description: Tariff Cancellation: Cancellation to be effective 12/23/2015.

Filed Date: 10/23/15.

Accession Number: 20151023-5102.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 11/13/15.

Docket Numbers: ER16-138-000.

Applicants: Southern California Edison Company.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Letter Agreement Addressing RAS Affecting Silver State Solar Power South LGIA to be effective 10/24/2015.

Filed Date: 10/23/15.

Accession Number: 20151023-5145.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 11/13/15.

Docket Numbers: ER16-139-000.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Revisions to Attachment W to Update Index of Grandfathered Agreements to be effective 1/1/2016.

Filed Date: 10/23/15.

Accession Number: 20151023-5165.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 11/13/15.

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

Docket Numbers: ES15-71-000.

Applicants: PPL Electric Utilities Corporation.

Description: Amendment to September 18, 2015 Application under Section 204 of the Federal Power Act of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation.

Filed Date: 10/22/15.

Accession Number: 20151022-5288.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 11/2/15.

Docket Numbers: ES15-72-000.

Applicants: Interstate Power and Light Company.

Description: Amendment to September 18, 2015 Application under Section 204 of the Federal Power Act of Interstate Power and Light Company.

Filed Date: 10/22/15.

Accession Number: 20151022-5286.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 11/12/15.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the links or 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.

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Dated: October 23, 2015.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP16-5-000]

Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

Take notice that on October 13, 2015 Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company (Eastern Shore), 1110 Forrest Avenue, Dover, Delaware, 19904, filed in the

above referenced docket a prior notice application pursuant to sections 157.205, 157.208, and 157.210 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Eastern Shore's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP96-128-000. Eastern Shore seeks authorization to increase the certificated capacity of its Receipt Zone 1 facilities by 53,000 dekatherms per day, all as more fully set forth in the application, which is open to the public for inspection.

The filing may also be viewed on the Web at <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, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to William Rice, King & Spalding LLP, 1700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20006, by phone 202-626-9602, by fax 202-626-3737, or by email wrice@kslaw.com.

Specifically, Eastern Shore's Receipt Zone 1 consists of eight-mile long sixteen-inch diameter pipeline and interconnect with Texas Eastern Transmission, LP (Texas Eastern) in Chester County, PA. Eastern Shore proposes to increase meter capacity and upgrade pressure and flow control equipment at the interconnect with Texas Eastern to accommodate additional capacity. Eastern Shore states that proposed project has been designed based on the customer requests received during an open season that Eastern Shore conducted in the month of June, 2015. Eastern Shore further states that the total estimated cost of the project is \$1,375,038 and will be covered by the customer commitments.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 60 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to section 157.205 of the regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205), a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for