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Since issuing Order No. 2001, the Commission has provided guidance and refined the reporting requirements, as necessary, to reflect changes in the Commission’s rules and regulations.² The Commission also adopted an Electric Quarterly Report Data Dictionary, which provides in one document the definitions of certain terms and values used in filing EQR data.³

To increase transparency broadly across all wholesale markets subject to the Commission’s jurisdiction, the Commission issued Order No. 768 in 2012.⁴ Order No. 768 required market

participants that are excluded from the Commission’s jurisdiction under the Federal Power Act section 205 (non-public utilities) and have more than a *de minimis* market presence to file EQRs with the Commission. In addition, Order No. 768 revised the EQR filing requirements to build upon the Commission’s prior improvements to the reporting requirements and further enhance the goals of providing greater price transparency, promoting competition, instilling confidence in the fairness of the markets, and providing a better means to detect and discourage anti-competitive, discriminatory, and manipulative practices.

EQR information allows the public to assess supply and demand fundamentals and to price interstate wholesale market transactions. This, in

turn, results in greater market confidence, lower transaction costs, and ultimately supports competitive markets. In addition, the data filed in the EQR strengthens the Commission’s ability to exercise its wholesale electric rate and electric power transmission oversight and enforcement responsibilities in accordance with the Federal Power Act. Without this information, the Commission would lack some of the data it needs to examine and approve or modify electric rates.

Type of Respondent: Public utilities, and non-public utilities with more than a *de minimis* market presence.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*⁵ The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden for the information collection as:

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Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hrs. & cost per response	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost
(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)
2,595	4	10,380	18.1 hrs.; \$1,448	187,878 hrs.; \$15,030,240

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Records Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(b), of the receipt of prohibited and exempt off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive a prohibited or exempt off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested proceeding, to deliver to the Secretary of the Commission, a copy of the communication, if written, or a

summary of the substance of any oral communication.

Prohibited communications are included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not a part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become a part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such a request only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication shall serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications are included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of off-the-record communications recently received by the Secretary of the Commission. The communications listed are grouped by docket numbers in ascending order. These filings are available for electronic review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission’s website 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 FERCOnline.Support@ferc.gov

² See, e.g., *Revised Public Utility Filing Requirements for Electric Quarterly Reports*, 124 FERC ¶ 61,244 (2008) (providing guidance on the filing of information on transmission capacity reassignments in EQRs); *Notice of Electric Quarterly Reports Technical Conference*, 73 FR 2477 (Jan. 15, 2008) (announcing a technical conference to discuss changes associated with the EQR Data Dictionary).

³ Order No. 2001-G, 120 FERC ¶ 61,270 (2007).

⁴ Order No. 768, 77 FR 61896 (Oct. 11, 2012), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,336 (2012).

⁵ “Burden” is the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. For further explanation of what is included in the information collection

burden, refer to Title 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

The cost is based on FERC’s 2019 average FTE (full-time equivalent) cost (wages plus benefits) of \$80.00/hour. The Commission staff believes the FERC FTE cost for wages plus benefits is representative of the corresponding cost for the industry respondents.

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Docket No.	File date	Presenter or requester
Prohibited:		
P-14227-003	8-28-2019	South West Riverside County Fire Safe Council.
EL16-49-000	9-6-2019	Electric Power Supply Association.
EL18-178-000		
CP18-548-000	9-10-2019	Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company.
Exempt:		
EL16-49-000	8-29-2019	U.S. Senate. ¹
EL18-178-000		
P-14227-003	9-10-2019	Assembly California Legislature. ²

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Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. AD19-20-000 and ER02-2001-000]

Electric Quarterly Report Users Group Meeting and Electric Quarterly Reports; Notice of Electric Quarterly Report Users Group Meeting

Take notice that on December 4, 2019 staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will hold an Electric Quarterly Report (EQR) Users Group meeting. The meeting will take place from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (EST) in Hearing Room 1 at 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. All interested persons are invited to attend. For those unable to attend in person, access to the meeting will be available via webcast.

This meeting provides a forum for dialogue between Commission staff and EQR users to discuss potential improvements to the EQR program and the EQR filing process. Prior to the meeting, staff would like input on discussion topics. Individuals may suggest agenda topics for consideration by emailing EQRUsersGroup@ferc.gov.

Please note that matters pending before the Commission and subject to ex parte limitations cannot be discussed at this meeting. An agenda of the meeting will be provided in a subsequent notice.

Due to the nature of the discussion, those interested in participating are encouraged to attend in person. All interested persons (whether attending in person or via webcast) are asked to register <http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/>

[registration/12-04-19-form.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/registration/12-04-19-form.asp). There is no registration fee. Anyone with internet access can listen to the meeting by navigating to www.ferc.gov's Calendar of Events, locating the EQR Users Group Meeting on the Calendar, and clicking on the link to the webcast. The webcast will allow persons to listen to the technical conference and they can email questions during the meeting to EQRUsersGroup@ferc.gov.

Commission conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations, please send an email to accessibility@ferc.gov or call toll free 1-866-208-3372 (voice) or 202-502-8659 (TTY), or send a FAX to 202-208-2106 with the required accommodations.

For more information about the EQR Users Group meeting, please contact Jeff Sanders of the Commission's Office of Enforcement at (202) 502-6455, or send an email to EQRUsersGroup@ferc.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

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

Docket Numbers: EG19-183-000.

Applicants: Airport Solar LLC.

Description: Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status of Airport Solar LLC.

Filed Date: 9/17/19.

Accession Number: 20190917-5065.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/8/19.

Docket Numbers: EG19-184-000.

Applicants: Heart of Texas Wind, LLC.

Description: Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status of Heart of Texas Wind, LLC.

Filed Date: 9/17/19.

Accession Number: 20190917-5069.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/8/19.

Docket Numbers: EG19-185-000.

Applicants: Isabella Wind, LLC.

Description: Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status of Isabella Wind, LLC.

Filed Date: 9/17/19.

Accession Number: 20190917-5073.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/8/19.

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

Docket Numbers: ER19-1928-002.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: Tariff Amendment: 3290R2 Sholes Wind GIA—Amended Filing to be effective 4/25/2019.

Filed Date: 9/16/19.

Accession Number: 20190916-5132.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/7/19.

Docket Numbers: ER19-2446-002.

Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.

Description: Tariff Amendment: 2019-09-17 SA 3332, Southern Indiana Gas & Electric-OSER 2nd Sub GIA (J783) to be effective 7/10/2019.

Filed Date: 9/17/19.

Accession Number: 20190917-5094.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/8/19.

Docket Numbers: ER19-2448-000.

Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., MidAmerican Energy Company.

Description: Supplement to July 24, 2019, Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. tariff filing (Replacement Tab C ? Revised Exhibit B).

Filed Date: 9/16/19.

Accession Number: 20190916-5182.

¹ Senators Charles Shumer, Richard Durbin, Thomas Carper, Christopher Coons, Benjamin

Cardin, Chris Van Hollen, Cory Booker, Sheldon Whitehouse, Brian Schatz, and Robert Casey Jr.

² Assemblywoman, Melissa A. Melendez, District 67.