

Docket Numbers: ER10–280–000.

Applicants: Laidlaw Berlin BioPower, LLC.

Description: Stinson Morrison Hecker LLP submits Request of Laidlaw Berling BioPower, LLC for Limited Waiver of Qualification Process Cost Reimbursement Deposit Deadline under Transmission *et al.*

Filed Date: 11/17/2009.

Accession Number: 20091117–0081.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, November 25, 2009.

Docket Numbers: ER10–282–000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, LLC.

Description: PJM Interconnection, LLC submits an executed interconnection agreement with Meadow Lake Wind Farm, LLC *et al.*

Filed Date: 11/17/2009.

Accession Number: 20091117–0089.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, December 8, 2009.

Docket Numbers: ER10–284–000.

Applicants: Southern California Edison Company.

Description: Southern California Edison Company submits a letter agreement between Southern California Edison Company and First Solar Development, Inc.

Filed Date: 11/16/2009.

Accession Number: 20091117–0088.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, December 7, 2009.

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

Docket Numbers: ES09–59–001.

Applicants: National Grid USA.

Description: Amendment to Application of National Grid USA, Request for Shortened Comment Period, and Request for Expedited Action.

Filed Date: 11/16/2009.

Accession Number: 20091116–5143.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, November 27, 2009.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. It is not necessary to separately intervene again in a subdocket related to a compliance filing if you have previously intervened in the same docket. 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. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. In reference to filings initiating a new proceeding,

interventions or protests submitted on or before the comment deadline need not be served on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

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The filings in the above proceedings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–8977–7; Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–ORD–2009–0816]

A Framework for Categorizing the Relative Vulnerability of Threatened and Endangered Species to Climate Change

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public comment period.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing a 30-day public comment period for the draft document titled, “A Framework for Categorizing the Relative Vulnerability of Threatened and Endangered Species to Climate Change” (EPA/600/R–09/011). The document was prepared by the National Center for Environmental

Assessment within EPA's Office of Research and Development. This draft document describes an evaluative framework that may be used to categorize the relative vulnerability of species to climate change. To illustrate the use of this framework, it was applied to five U.S. threatened and endangered species: The golden-cheeked warbler, the salt marsh harvest mouse, the Mount Graham red squirrel, the Lahontan cutthroat trout, and the desert tortoise. A sixth species, the bald eagle which is no longer listed as threatened or endangered, except for the southwest population, was also evaluated.

An external peer review of this report has been completed. The public comment period and the external peer review are separate processes. The public comment period provides an opportunity for all interested parties to comment on the document. When finalizing the draft document, EPA will consider any public comments received in accordance with this notice.

EPA is releasing this draft document solely for the purpose of pre-dissemination review and comment under applicable information quality guidelines. This document has not been formally disseminated by EPA and does not represent and should not be construed to represent any Agency policy or determination. The first draft of this report was reviewed in 2002 by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service within the Department of the Interior. This final draft is being released to the public as well as to other federal agencies who may wish to comment.

DATES: The 30-day public comment period begins November 25, 2009, and ends December 28, 2009. Technical comments should be in writing and must be received by EPA by December 28, 2009.

ADDRESSES: The draft “A Framework for Categorizing the Relative Vulnerability of Threatened and Endangered Species to Climate Change” is available primarily via the Internet on the National Center for Environmental Assessment's home page under the Recent Additions and the Data and Publications menus at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea>. A limited number of paper copies are available from the Information Management Team, NCEA; telephone: 703–347–8561; facsimile: 703–347–8691. If you are requesting a paper copy, please provide your name, your mailing address, and the document title, “A Framework for Categorizing the Relative Vulnerability of Threatened and Endangered Species to Climate Change.”

Comments may be submitted electronically via <http://www.regulations.gov>, by mail, by facsimile, or by hand delivery/courier. Please follow the detailed instructions provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the public comment period, contact the Office of Environmental Information Docket; telephone: 202-566-1752; facsimile: 202-566-1753; or e-mail: ORD.Docket@epa.gov.

For technical information, contact Susan Julius, NCEA; telephone: 703-347-8619; facsimile: 703-347-8694; or e-mail: julius.susan@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Information About the Project/Document

The document, "A Framework for Categorizing the Relative Vulnerability of Threatened and Endangered Species to Climate Change" describes an evaluative framework that may be used to categorize the relative vulnerability of species to climate change. It is intended that the results of applying the framework be regarded as indications of the comparative vulnerabilities of species, not estimates of a species' absolute vulnerability to climate change. Four modules compose this framework: Module 1 categorizes baseline vulnerability to extinction or major population reduction by scoring those elements of the species' life history, demographics, and conservation status that influence the likelihood of its survival or extinction (excluding climatic changes); Module 2 scores the likely vulnerability of a species to future climate change, including the species' potential physiological, behavioral, demographic, and ecological response to climate change; Module 3 combines the results of Modules 1 and 2 into a matrix to produce an overall score of the species' vulnerability to climate change, which maps to an adjectival category, such as "critically vulnerable," "highly vulnerable," "less vulnerable," and "least vulnerable;" Module 4 is a qualitative determination of uncertainty of overall vulnerability (high, medium, and low) based on evaluations of uncertainty done in each of the first 3 modules.

To illustrate the use of this framework, it was applied to six U.S. species that were listed as threatened or endangered at the time the framework was developed. Based on the framework, four of those species were categorized as "critically vulnerable" to climate change: The golden-cheeked

warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*), the salt marsh harvest mouse (*Reithrodontomys raviventris*), the Mount Graham red squirrel (*Tamiasciurus hudsonicus grahamensis*), and the Lahontan cutthroat trout (*Oncorhynchus clarki henshawi*). The desert tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*) was characterized as "highly vulnerable" and the bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) was categorized as "less vulnerable." Certainty scores in Module 4 ranged between medium and high and reflect the amount and quality of information available.

This framework was developed by EPA's Global Change Research Program and is offered as one of a number of potential approaches for prioritizing those species most vulnerable to climate change. It is not intended to serve as a tool for determining whether a species is endangered or threatened under the Section 4 listing process of the Endangered Species Act.

EPA's Global Change Research is an assessment-oriented program committed to developing frameworks and tools to assist decision-makers in evaluating the impacts of climate change to air quality, water quality and ecosystems.

II. How To Submit Technical Comments to the Docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD 2009-0816, by one of the following methods:

- <http://www.regulations.gov>: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- E-mail: ORD.Docket@epa.gov.
- Fax: 202-566-1753.
- Mail: Office of Environmental Information (OEI) Docket (Mail Code: 2822T), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. The phone number is 202-566-1752.

- **Hand Delivery:** The OEI Docket is located in the EPA Headquarters Docket Center, Room 3334 EPA West Building, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center's Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is 202-566-1744. Such deliveries are only accepted during the docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

If you provide comments by mail or hand delivery, please submit three copies of the comments. For attachments, provide an index, number

pages consecutively with the comments, and submit an unbound original and three copies.

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2009-0816. Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the closing date will be marked "late," and may only be considered if time permits. It is EPA's policy to include all comments it receives in the public docket without change and to make the comments available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless a comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through

<http://www.regulations.gov> or e-mail. The <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through <http://www.regulations.gov>, your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm>.

Docket: Documents in the docket are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other materials, such as copyrighted material, are publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in <http://www.regulations.gov> or in hard copy at the OEI Docket in the EPA Headquarters Docket Center.

Dated: October 21, 2009.

Rebecca Clark,

Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2003-0004; FRL-8799-8]

Access to Confidential Business Information by Computer Sciences Corporation and Its Identified Subcontractors

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has authorized contractor, Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) of Chantilly, VA and its subcontractors, to access information which has been submitted to EPA under all sections of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be Confidential Business Information (CBI).

DATES: Access to the confidential data will occur no sooner than December 2, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *For general information contact:* Colby Lintner, Regulatory Coordinator, Environmental Assistance Division (7408M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 554-1404; e-mail address: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov.

For technical information contact: Scott Sherlock, Environmental Assistance Division (7408M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 564-8257; fax number: (202) 564-8251; e-mail address: sherlock.scott@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Notice Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to all who manufacture, process or distribute industrial chemicals. Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action

to a particular entity, consult the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

B. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?

EPA has established a docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2003-0004. All documents in the docket are listed in the docket index available at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or, if only available in hard copy, at the OPPT Docket. The OPPT Docket is located in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC) at Rm. 3334, EPA West Bldg., 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA/DC Public Reading Room hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. The telephone number of the EPA/DC Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the OPPT Docket is (202) 566-0280. Docket visitors are required to show photographic identification, pass through a metal detector, and sign the EPA visitor log. All visitor bags are processed through an X-ray machine and subject to search. Visitors will be provided an EPA/DC badge that must be visible at all times in the building and returned upon departure.

II. What Action is the Agency Taking?

Under Contract Number GS00T99ALD0203, Task Order Number EP10H000097, contractors CSC of 15000 Conference Center Drive, Chantilly, VA and its subcontractors Apex Systems, Inc. of 5430 Wade Park Blvd, Raleigh, NC; APPTIS Systems, Inc. of 4800 Westfields Blvd, Chantilly, VA; Berrett and Associates, Inc. of P.O. Box 2891, Sterling, VA; Digital Intelligence Systems Corp. of 4151 Lafayette Center Dr, Suite 600, Chantilly, VA; Excel Management Systems, Inc. of P.O. Box 8280, Columbus, OH; General Dynamics Advanced Information Systems of 10560 Arrowhead Dr., Fairfax, VA; KForce, Inc. of 12010 Sunset Hills Road, Suite 200, Reston, VA; and Paloma Systems, Inc. of 11250 Waples Mill Road, Suite 300, Fairfax, VA will assist the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) in the Local Technology Service (LTS) support task; provide Information Technology (IT) services in support of

EPA's program offices; provide the EPA community with voice, data, and video technologies that meet their needs and requirements. The contractors will also provide engineering, operational, consulting, and/or development support services as requested by the TSCA CBI office. Finally, the contractor team will manage each project from start to completion and provide follow-on support when applicable.

In accordance with 40 CFR 2.306(j), EPA has determined that under Contract Number GS00T99ALD0203, Task Order Number EP10H000097, CSC and its subcontractors will require access to CBI submitted to EPA under all sections of TSCA to perform successfully the duties specified under the contract. CSC and its subcontractors' personnel will be given access to information submitted to EPA under all sections of TSCA.

EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of information under all sections of TSCA that EPA may provide CSC and its subcontractors access to these CBI materials on a need-to-know basis only. All access to TSCA CBI under this contract will take place at EPA Headquarters and the Research Triangle Park, NC facilities in accordance with EPA's TSCA CBI Protection Manual.

Access to TSCA data, including CBI, will continue until March 30, 2010. If the contract is extended, this access will also continue for the duration of the extended contract without further notice.

CSC and its subcontractors' personnel will be required to sign nondisclosure agreements and will be briefed on appropriate security procedures before they are permitted access to TSCA CBI.

List of Subjects

Environmental Protection,
Confidential Business Information.

Dated: November 18, 2009.

Matthew Leopard,

Acting Director, Information Management Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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Access to Confidential Business Information by Science Applications International Corporation

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).