

On October 16, 2017, the Commission staff granted Northern Natural's request to utilize the Pre-Filing Process and assigned Docket No. PF18-1-000 to staff activities involved for the above referenced projects. Now, as of the filing of the July 30, 2018 application, the Pre-Filing Process for this project has ended. From this time forward, this proceeding will be conducted in Docket No. CP18-534-000, as noted in the caption of this Notice.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's EA.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit five copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the

proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commentors will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commentors will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentors will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit original and five copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on August 31, 2018.

Dated: August 10, 2018.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 1494-438]

**Grand River Dam Authority; Notice of Modification of Procedural Schedule**

Take notice that the schedule for processing the following hydroelectric application has been modified.

a. *Type of Application:* Notice of Intent to File License Application for a New License and Commencing Pre-filing Process.

b. *Project No.:* 1494-438.

c. *Date Filed:* February 1, 2017.

d. *Applicant:* Grand River Dam Authority (GRDA).

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

f. *Location:* The project is located on the Grand (Neosho) River in Craig, Delaware, Mayes, and Ottawa Counties, Oklahoma. The project occupies federal land.<sup>1</sup>

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR part 5 of the Commission's Regulations.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Dr. Darrell Townsend, Assistant General Manager, GRDA, 420 Highway 28, Langley, OK 74359-0070; (918) 256-0616 or [dtownsend@grda.com](mailto:dtownsend@grda.com).

i. *FERC Contact:* Rachel McNamara at (202) 502-8340 or [rachel.mcnamara@ferc.gov](mailto:rachel.mcnamara@ferc.gov).

j. *Procedural Schedule:* The Commission's August 10, 2018, letter established August 21, 2018, as the new date for the additional Tribal Consultation meeting. The revised deadline for filing the Revised Proposed Study Plan is now September 24, 2018, and the revised deadline for filing comments on the Revised Proposed Study Plan is now October 24, 2018. As such, the application will be processed according to the following revised schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate. If a date falls on a weekend or holiday, the due date will be the following business day.

Milestone	Target date
File Revised Proposed Study Plan .....	September 24, 2018.
File Comments on Revised Proposed Study Plan .....	October 24, 2018.

<sup>1</sup> In a filing of April 11, 2018, the Bureau of Indian Affairs provided documentation that lands held in trust by the BIA for the benefit of one or

more federally-recognized Indian tribes occur within the existing Pensacola Project boundary. The

total acreage of federal lands within the project boundary is unknown at this time.

Milestone	Target date
Commission Issues Study Plan Determination .....	November 8, 2018.
Notice of Formal Study Dispute (if necessary) .....	November 28, 2018.
Commission Issues Study Dispute Determination (if necessary) .....	February 6, 2019.

Dated: August 10, 2018.  
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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**Notice of Effectiveness of Exempt Wholesale Generator and Foreign Utility Company Status**

	Docket Nos.
East Hampton Energy Storage Center, LLC .....	EG18-80-000
Montauk Energy Storage Center, LLC .....	EG18-81-000
Armadillo Flats Wind Project, LLC ..	EG18-82-000
Heartland Divide Wind Project, LLC	EG18-83-000
Antelope Expansion 2, LLC .....	EG18-84-000
Pegasus Wind, LLC .....	EG18-85-000
Thunder Spirit Wind, LLC .....	EG18-86-000
Pratt Wind, LLC .....	EG18-87-000
Stoneray Power Partners, LLC .....	EG18-88-000
Copenhagen Wind Farm, LLC .....	EG18-89-000
Rio Bravo Windpower, LLC .....	EG18-90-000
Minco Wind IV, LLC .....	EG18-91-000
Minco Wind V, LLC .....	EG18-92-000
Lorenzo Wind, LLC .....	EG18-93-000
Wildcat Ranch Wind Project, LLC ...	EG18-94-000
Enbridge Rampion UK Ltd .....	FC18-5-000

Take notice that during the month of July 2018, the status of the above-captioned entities as Exempt Wholesale Generators or Foreign Utility Companies became effective by operation of the Commission’s regulations. 18 CFR 366.7(a) (2017).

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

[MB Docket No. 17-179; FCC 18-100]

**Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. and Tribune Media Company, Applications for Transfer of Control of Tribune Media Company and Certain Subsidiaries, WDCW(TV)**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document commences a hearing to determine whether granting the applications filed by Tribune Media Company (Tribune) and Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. (Sinclair) seeking to transfer control of Tribune subsidiaries to Sinclair would be in the public interest. The Commission has designated the applications for hearing after finding that there were substantial and material questions of fact as to whether; Sinclair was a “real party in interest” to the sale of certain broadcast stations; Sinclair engaged in misrepresentation and/or lack of candor in its applications with the Commission; and consummation of the overall transaction would be in the public interest, including whether it would comply with § 73.3555 of the Commission’s rules.

**DATES:** Persons desiring to participate as parties in the hearing shall file a petition for leave to intervene not later than September 17, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** File documents with the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554, with a copy mailed to each party to the proceeding. Each document that is filed in this proceeding must display on the front page the docket number of this hearing, “MB Docket No. 17-179.”

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Brown, *David.Brown@fcc.gov*, Media Bureau, (202) 418-1645.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Hearing Designation Order (Order), MB Docket No. 17-139, FCC 18-100, adopted July 18, 2018, and released July 19, 2018. The full text of the Order is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC’s Reference Information Center at Portals II, CY-A257, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. The full text is also available online at <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/>.

**Summary of the Hearing Designation Order**

1. On June 28, 2017, Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. (Sinclair) and Tribune Media Company (Tribune) filed applications seeking to transfer control of Tribune subsidiaries to Sinclair. Sinclair and Tribune have amended their applications several times thereafter, in an attempt to bring the transaction into compliance with the

Commission’s national television multiple ownership rule, as well as the public interest requirements of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the Act).

2. Among these applications were three that, rather than transfer broadcast television licenses in Chicago, Dallas, and Houston directly to Sinclair, proposed to transfer these licenses to other entities. According to the proposals, Sinclair would divest WGN-TV, Chicago, Illinois, to WGN TV, LLC, a newly-created entity by Steve Fader, an individual with no broadcast experience, for a purchase price of approximately \$60 million. Sinclair would also divest KDAF(TV), Dallas Texas, and KIAH(TV), Houston, Texas, to Cunningham Broadcast Corporation (Cunningham) for a combined purchase price of approximately \$60 million. The Commission notes that the proposed transfer applications to Fader and Cunningham were withdrawn on July 18, 2018.

3. Multiple formal pleadings have been filed opposing this latest divestiture plan. Most opponents challenge the divestitures as “shams” intended to circumvent the local and national television multiple ownership rules and find most egregious the proposed divestitures to Fader and Cunningham. Some parties question whether Sinclair will hold *de facto* control over WGN TV, LLC. Specifically, they question the reasonableness of the terms of the transaction, including a purchase price of only \$60 million, and Sinclair’s plans to enter into a Joint Sales Agreement (JSA), Shared Services Agreement (SSA), and Option with WGN TV, LLC at closing. The parties also question Fader’s independence from Sinclair given that Fader and David Smith, currently a director and controlling shareholder of Sinclair and formerly its CEO, are business partners outside of the broadcast industry. Specifically, Fader is the CEO of Atlantic Automotive Group (Atlantic), in which David Smith has a controlling interest and serves as a member of its board of directors, and Atlantic is a Sinclair advertiser and tenant. Similarly, some parties argue that the sale of stations in Dallas and Houston to Cunningham are in name only and warrant a hearing. According to the objectors, problematic aspects of