

Appendix G pursuant to Order No. 827 to be effective 12/26/2018.

Filed Date: 10/25/18.

Accession Number: 20181025–5066.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 11/15/18.

Docket Numbers: ER19–186–000.

Applicants: Midcontinent

Independent System Operator, Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2018–10–25 SA 3199 ATC–WPL EFCA (Northern Lights) to be effective 12/25/2018.

Filed Date: 10/25/18.

Accession Number: 20181025–5071.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 11/15/18.

Docket Numbers: ER19–187–000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 3rd Quarterly 2018 Revisions to OA, Sch. 12 and RAA, Sch. 17 Members Lists to be effective 9/30/2018.

Filed Date: 10/25/18.

Accession Number: 20181025–5072.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 11/15/18.

Docket Numbers: ER19–188–000.

Applicants: California Independent System Operator Corporation.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2018–10–25 Transferred Frequency Response Agreement with Powerex Corp. to be effective 12/1/2018.

Filed Date: 10/25/18.

Accession Number: 20181025–5076.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 11/15/18.

Docket Numbers: ER19–189–000.

Applicants: Gilroy Energy Center, LLC.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Revised RMR Agreement Filing to be effective 1/1/2019.

Filed Date: 10/25/18.

Accession Number: 20181025–5111.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 11/15/18.

Docket Numbers: ER19–190–000.

Applicants: California Independent System Operator Corporation.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2018–10–25 Transferred Frequency Response Agreement with City of Seattle to be effective 12/1/2018.

Filed Date: 10/25/18.

Accession Number: 20181025–5144.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 11/15/18.

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

Docket Numbers: RD19–1–000.

Applicants: North American Electric Reliability Corporation.

Description: Filing of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation for revisions to the Implementation Plans for MOD–026–1 and MOD–027–1 Reliability Standards.

Filed Date: 10/12/18.

Accession Number: 20181012–5113.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 11/15/18.

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 25, 2018.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project Nos. 14858–001 and 4093–035]

Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment; McMahan Hydroelectric, LLC

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380, the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for the Bynum Hydroelectric Project, located on the Haw River, in Chatham County, North Carolina, and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project. The project would not occupy federal land.

The EA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is available for 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, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, toll-free at (866) 208–3676, or (202) 502–8659 (TTY).

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Any comments should be filed within 30 days of the issuance date of the EA or by November 24, 2018.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file 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. 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–14858–001.

For further information, please contact Sean Murphy by telephone at (202) 502–6145 or by email at sean.murphy@ferc.gov.

Dated: October 25, 2018.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC18–18–000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–545 and FERC–549C); Consolidated Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Comment request.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is submitting its information collections FERC–545 [Gas Pipeline Rates: Rate Change (Non-formal)] and FERC–549C (Standards for Business Practices of Interstate Natural

Gas Pipelines) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of the information collection requirements. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission previously issued a Notice in the **Federal Register** on August 16, 2018, requesting public comments. The Commission received no comments on either the FERC-545 or the FERC-549C and will make this notation in its submittals to OMB.

DATES: Comments on the collections of information are due by November 30, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Comments filed with OMB, identified by the OMB Control No. 1902-0154 (FERC-545) and 1902-0174 (FERC-549C), should be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: oir_submission@omb.gov. Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. The Desk Officer may also be reached via telephone at 202-395-8528.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Commission, in Docket No. IC18-18-000, by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's Website:* <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.

- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Instructions: All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp>. For user assistance contact FERC Online Support by email at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502-8659 for TTY.

Docket: Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Brown may be reached by email

at DataClearance@FERC.gov, by telephone at (202) 502-8663, and by fax at (202) 273-0873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

FERC-545, Gas Pipeline Rates: Rate Change (Non-formal)

Title: FERC-545, Gas Pipeline Rates: Rate Change (Non-formal).

OMB Control No.: 1902-0154.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-545 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

Abstract: FERC-545 is required to implement sections 4, 5, and 16 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), (15 U.S.C. 717c-717o, Pub. L. 75688, 52 Stat. 822 and 830). NGA sections 4, 5, and 16 authorize the Commission to inquire into rate structures and methodologies and to set rates at a just and reasonable level. Specifically, a natural gas company must obtain Commission authorization for all rates and charges made, demanded, or received in connection with the transportation or sale of natural gas in interstate commerce.

Under the NGA, a natural gas company's rates must be just and reasonable and not unduly discriminatory or preferential. The Commission may act under different sections of the NGA to effect a change in a natural gas company's rates. When the Commission reviews rate increases that a natural gas company has proposed, it is subject to the requirement of section 4(e) of the NGA. Under section 4(e), the natural gas company bears the burden of proving that its proposed rates are just and reasonable. On the other hand, when the Commission seeks to impose its own rate determination, it must do so in compliance with section 5(a) of the NGA. Under section 5, the Commission must first establish that its alternative rate proposal is both just and reasonable.

Section 16 of the NGA states that the Commission "shall have the power to perform any and all acts, and to prescribe, issue, make, amend, and rescind such orders, rules, and regulations as it may find necessary or

appropriate to carry out provisions of [the NGA]." In other words, section 16 of the NGA grants the Commission the power to define accounting, technical and trade terms, prescribe forms, statements, declarations or reports, and to prescribe rules and regulations.

Pipelines adjust their tariffs to meet market and customer needs. The Commission's review of these proposed changes is required to ensure rates remain just and reasonable and that services are not provided in an unduly or preferential manner. The Commission's regulations in 18 CFR part 154 specify what changes are allowed and the procedures for requesting Commission approval.

The Commission uses information in FERC-545 to examine rates, services, and tariff provisions related to natural gas transportation and storage services. The following filing categories are part of FERC-545: (1) Tariff Filings—filings regarding proposed changes to a pipeline's tariff (including Cost Recovery Mechanisms for Modernization of Natural Gas Facilities filings in Docket No. PL15-1) and any related compliance filings; (2) Rate Filings—rate-related filings under NGA sections 4 and 5 and any related compliance filings and settlements; (3) Informational Reports; (4) Negotiated Rate and Non-Conforming Agreement Filings; and (6) Market-Based Rates for Storage Filings (Part 284.501-505). One-time compliance filings mandated in Order No. 587-W (Docket Nos. RM96-1-038 and RM14-2-003) and Order No. 801 (Docket No. RM14-21-000) are excluded from this data collection renewal.

Type of Respondents: Natural gas pipelines under the jurisdiction of NGA.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*¹ The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden and cost for the information collection as:

¹ Burden is defined as 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 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

FERC-545—GAS PIPELINE RATES: RATE CHANGE (NON-FORMAL)

	Number of respondents	Average number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hours and cost (\$) (rounded) per response ^{3,4}	Total annual burden hours and total annual cost (\$) (rounded)	Cost per respondent (\$) (rounded) ⁵
	(1)	(2) = (3) ÷ (1) ²	(3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
Tariff Filings	124	2.597	322	211 hrs.; \$24,054	67,942 hrs.; \$7,745,388	\$62,463
Rate Filings	17	1.412	24	354 hrs.; \$40,356	8,496 hrs.; \$968,544	56,973
Informational Reports	101	2.347	237	235 hrs.; \$26,790	55,695 hrs.; \$6,349,230	62,864
Negotiated Rates & Non-Conforming Agreement Filings.	65	9.923	645	233 hrs.; \$26,562	150,285 hrs.; \$17,132,490 ...	263,577
Market-Base Rates for Storage Filings.	4	1	4	230 hrs.; \$26,220	920 hrs.; \$104,880	26,220
Total			1,232		283,338 hrs.; \$32,300,532 ...	

FERC-549C, Standards for Business Practices of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines

OMB Control No.: 1902-0174.

Abstract: The business practice standards under FERC-549C are required to carry out the Commission's policies in accordance with the general authority in sections 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 14, 16, and 20 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA),⁶ and sections 311, 501, and 504 of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA).⁷ The Commission adopted these business practice standards in order to update and standardize the natural gas industry's business practices and procedures in addition to improve

² The average number of responses per respondent was calculated by dividing the total number of responses (Column 3) in each category by the number of respondents (Column 1).

³ The estimated hourly cost (salary plus benefits) provided in this section is based on the salary figures (http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2_22.htm) and benefits (<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/ecec.nr0.htm>) for May 2017 posted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the Utilities sector. The hourly estimates for salary plus benefits are:

Computer and Mathematical (Occupation Code: 15-0000), \$63.25.

Economist (Occupation Code: 19-3011), \$71.98.

Legal (Occupation Code: 23-0000), \$143.68.

Accountants and Auditors: 13-2011), \$56.59.

The average hourly cost (salary plus benefits) is calculated weighting each of the aforementioned wage categories as follows: \$63.25 (0.05) + \$71.98 (0.3) + \$143.68 (0.6) + \$56.59 (0.05) = \$113.79. The Commission rounds it to \$114/hour.

⁴ The average costs are rounded to the nearest dollar.

⁵ The average costs per respondent are rounded to the nearest dollar.

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 717c-717w.

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 3301-3432.

the efficiency of the gas market and the means by which the gas industry conducts business across the interstate pipeline grid.

In various orders since 1996, the Commission has adopted regulations to standardize the business practices and communication methodologies of interstate natural gas pipelines. These standards were proposed by the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB⁸) in order to create a more integrated and efficient pipeline industry.⁹ Generally, when and if NAESB-proposed standards (e.g. consensus standards developed by the Wholesale Gas Quadrant (WGQ)) are approved by the Commission, the Commission incorporates them by reference into its approval. The process of standardizing business practices in the natural gas industry began with a Commission initiative to standardize electronic communication of capacity release transactions. The outgrowth of the initial Commission standardization efforts produced working groups composed of all segments of the natural gas industry and, ultimately, the Gas Industry Standards Board (GISB), a consensus organization open to all members of the gas industry, was created. GISB was succeeded by NAESB.

NAESB is a voluntary non-profit organization comprised of members

⁸ A standards organization accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

⁹ This series of orders began with the Commission's issuance of *Standards for Business Practices of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines*, Order No. 587, FERC Stats. & Regs. 31,038 (1996).

from the retail and wholesale natural gas and electric industries. NAESB's mission is to take the lead in developing standards across these industries to simplify and expand electronic communication and to streamline business practices. NAESB's core objective is to facilitate a seamless North American marketplace for natural gas, as recognized by its customers, the business community, industry participants, and regulatory bodies.

NAESB has divided its efforts among four quadrants including two retail quadrants, a wholesale electric quadrant, and the WGQ. The NAESB WGQ standards are a product of this effort. Industry participants seeking additional or amended standards (to include principles, definitions, standards, data elements, process descriptions, and technical implementation instructions) must submit a request to the NAESB office, detailing the change, so that the appropriate process may take place to amend the standards.

Failure to collect the FERC-549C data would prevent the Commission from monitoring and properly evaluating pipeline transactions and/or meeting statutory obligations under both the NGA and NGPA.

Type of Respondent: Natural gas pipelines under the jurisdictions of NGA and NGPA.

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

FERC-549C: STANDARDS FOR BUSINESS PRACTICES OF INTERSTATE NATURAL GAS PIPELINES

	Number of respondents (1)	Average number of responses per respondent ¹⁰ (2) = (3) ÷ (1)	Total number of responses (3)	Average burden hrs. & cost (\$) per response ¹¹ (4)	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (\$) (3) * (4) = (5)	Cost per respondent (rounded) (\$) (5) ÷ (1)
Standards for Business Practices of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines.	165	2.97	490	96 hrs.; \$8,928	47,040 hrs.; \$4,374,720	\$26,513

Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) Whether either collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the burden and costs of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used on each collection; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of either information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of either collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: October 25, 2018.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER19-170-000]

Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization: Gateway Energy Storage, LLC

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of Gateway Energy Storage, LLC's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is November 14, 2018.

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.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,

888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

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

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Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CD19-1-000]

Notice of Preliminary Determination of a Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility and Soliciting Comments and Motions To Intervene; Hights Creek Irrigation Company

On October 12, 2018, the Hights Creek Irrigation Company, filed a notice of intent to construct a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, pursuant to section 30 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), as amended by section 4 of the Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2013 (HREA). The proposed Hights Creek Micro-Hydropower Project would have a total installed capacity up to 24 kilowatts (kW), and would be located on the existing Hights Creek Irrigation Pipeline. The project would be located near the City of Kaysville in Davis County, Utah.

Applicant Contact: Dan Robinson, Hights Creek Irrigation Company, 820 East 200 North, Kaysville, UT 84037,

¹⁰ The average number of responses per respondent were calculated by dividing the total number of responses (Column 3) in each category by the number of responses (Column 1).

¹¹ The estimated hourly cost (salary plus benefits) provided in this section is based on the salary figures (http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2_22.htm) and benefits (<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/ecec.nr0.htm>) for May 2017 posted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the Utilities sector. The hourly estimates for salary plus benefits are:

Petroleum Engineer (Occupation Code: 17-2171), \$71.62

Computer Systems Analyst (Occupation Code: 15-1121), \$67.82

Legal (Occupation Code: 23-0000), \$143.68
Economist (Occupation Code: 19-3011), \$71.98

The average hourly cost (salary plus benefits) is calculated weighting each of the aforementioned wage categories as follows: \$71.62 (0.3) + \$143.68 (0.3) + \$67.82 (0.15) + \$71.98 (0.25) = \$92.76. The Commission rounds it to \$93/hour.