

Plan. In order to accommodate the Section 999 requirement to publish all written comments, the Consortium's DAP and the Advisory Committee reports are appended to the *2007 Annual Plan*. No other written comments were received.

As directed in Section 999, NETL solicited proposals, and in late 2006, competitively selected The Research Partnership to Secure Energy for America (RPSEA) as the Consortium. NETL worked closely with RPSEA in the development of its DAP, which frames their goals for the first two years of the program. RPSEA gathered extensive input through industry workshops, roadmapping sessions, and expert opinion to develop its first DAP, and identified the areas of highest priority for the investment of \$50 million per year.

EPAct identifies three program elements to be administered by the Consortium: Ultra-deepwater architecture and technology, unconventional natural gas and other petroleum resources exploration and production technology, and technology challenges of small producers.

In the *2007 Annual Plan*, the Ultra-Deepwater Program Element is divided into theme areas based on four generic field types that represent the most challenging field development scenarios facing deepwater operators. The Consortium will solicit research and development (R&D) projects that seek to develop technologies that will facilitate development of these field types. Additionally, there are eight crosscutting challenges that represent the areas where new technologies are needed to advance the pace of ultra-deepwater development for all field types. The Consortium will also solicit projects that seek to advance technologies in each of these areas as components of an integrated system.

The Unconventional Natural Gas and Other Petroleum Resources Program Element is divided into three theme areas that target gas shales, water management for both coalbed methane and gas shales, and tight sands. The *2007 Annual Plan* focuses on unconventional natural gas rather than "other petroleum resources" (e.g., shale oil, oil sands, deep gas) where R&D to help convert resources into reserves is needed.

The Small Producers Program Element targets advancing technologies for mature fields, which primarily covers the technology challenges of managing water production, improving recovery, and reducing costs. Mature fields are the domain of small

producers, and they face these three challenges on a daily basis.

For each of these program elements, a number of "sub-themes" have been developed to help guide the Consortium through their solicitation process. These sub-themes and the prioritization process are provided in greater detail in Sections 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 of the *2007 Annual Plan*. The solicitation process that will be followed to generate the portfolio of R&D projects to address these themes is described in Section 2.4.

The NETL Complementary R&D Program Element has four principal areas of focus or "Centers":

- Drilling Under Extreme Conditions.
- Environmental Impacts of Oil and Natural Gas Development.
- Enhanced and Unconventional Oil Recovery.
- Resource Assessment.

A fifth area of activity will identify and quantify the benefits that are expected to accrue as a result of the annual \$50 million funding level provided under Section 999H(a) of EPAct, and perform analyses in support of program planning.

Examples where the NETL R&D Program Element will complement the R&D administered by the Consortium include:

- Within both the Environmental Impacts of Oil and Gas Development and the Enhanced and Unconventional Oil Recovery Centers, there is a significant focus on oil shale and oil sands, resource areas that are not part of the program administered by the Consortium.
- The Center for Drilling Under Extreme Conditions will carry out fundamental research related to the performance of tools and equipment under extremely high pressures and temperatures, work that is related to development of the deep gas resource, which is not a target of the consortium program. Also, this work can support particular elements of the Ultra-Deepwater program.

- The Center for Resource Assessment will develop data and analytical products that will complement both the programs for small producers and the development of unconventional gas resources. These products, similar to those produced by DOE in the past and very popular within the industry, are not a focus area for the Consortium.

Continual communication between NETL and RPSEA will ensure that all program elements remain complementary and supportive, and that duplication of effort is avoided. Technology transfer for the entire program will be a continually evolving

function. Because there are not yet any active projects, the focus of the *2007 Annual Plan* is to release solicitations and establish R&D projects. Technology transfer will be an integral part of the NETL Complementary program. It will also be part of each Consortium-administered award, as Section 999C(d) of EPAct mandates that each award recipient use 2.5% of their award for technology transfer. RPSEA and NETL have been working together to develop a technology transfer plan that provides a systematic approach for development of an integrated technology transfer program.

Section 999H(a) of EPAct provided that the Ultra-Deepwater and Unconventional Natural Gas and Other Petroleum Research Fund will be funded at \$50-million-per-year for 10 years, with funds generated from Federal lease royalties, rents, and bonuses paid by oil and gas companies. After allocations for program management by NETL and R&D administration by RPSEA, the amounts to be invested in R&D total \$44.56 million (\$32.06 million per year for Consortium R&D and \$12.5 million per year for Complementary R&D).

The NETL Strategic Center for Natural Gas and Oil is responsible for overall program management. Complementary R&D will be carried out by NETL's Office of Research and Development. Planning and analysis related to the program, including benefits assessment and technology impacts analysis related to program direction, will be carried out by NETL's Office of Systems, Analysis, and Planning.

Dated: August 1, 2007.

James A. Slutz,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office Oil and Natural Gas.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER07-1105-000, and ER07-1105-001]

Cedar Creek Wind Holdings, LLC; Notice of Issuance of Order

August 8, 2007.

Cedar Creek Wind Holdings, LLC (Cedar Creek) filed an application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate schedule. The proposed market-based rate schedule provides for the sale of energy and capacity at market-based rates. Cedar

Creek also requested waivers of various Commission regulations. In particular, Cedar Creek requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Cedar Creek.

On August 8, 2007, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Tariffs and Market Development-West, granted the requests for blanket approval under Part 34 (Director's Order). The Director's Order also stated that the Commission would publish a separate notice in the **Federal Register** establishing a period of time for the filing of protests. Accordingly, any person desiring to be heard concerning the blanket approvals of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by Cedar Creek, should file a protest 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, 385.214 (2004).

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests is September 7, 2007.

Absent a request to be heard in opposition to such blanket approvals by the deadline above, Cedar Creek is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of Cedar Creek, compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approvals of Cedar Creek's issuance of securities or assumptions of liability.

Copies of the full text of the Director's Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The Order may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number filed to access the document. Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site under the

"e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

August 9, 2007.

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

Docket Numbers: EC07-120-000.

Applicants: Sempra Energy Trading Corp.; Sempra Energy Solutions, LLC; The Royal Bank of Scotland plc.

Description: Joint application for authorization for disposition of jurisdictional facilities and request for expedited action.

Filed Date: 07/30/2007.

Accession Number: 20070802-0095.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, August 20, 2007.

Docket Numbers: EC07-123-000.

Applicants: Chandler Wind Partners, LLC; Foote Creek II, LLC; Foote Creek IV, LLC; Foote Creek III, LLC; NEVADA SUN-Peak Limited Partnership; Ridge Crest Wind Partners, LLC; Caithness 251 Wind, LLC; Caithness VG Wind, LLC; Caithness Energy, LLC.; ArcLight Renewco Holdings, LLC.

Description: Chandler Wind Partners, LLC et al. submits an Application Under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act to Dispose of Jurisdictional Facilities.

Filed Date: 08/02/2007.

Accession Number: 20070807-0044.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, August 23, 2007.

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

Docket Numbers: EG07-76-000.

Applicants: Logan Wind Energy, LLC.

Description: Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status of Logan Wind Energy, LLC.

Filed Date: 08/06/2007.

Accession Number: 20070806-5028.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, August 27, 2007.

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

Docket Numbers: ER01-1385-030; ER01-3155-021; ER04-230-031; EL01-45-029.

Applicants: New York Independent System Operator, Inc.

Description: NYISO filing of eleventh quarterly combined cycle report.

Filed Date: 06/29/2007.

Accession Number: 20070629-5059.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, August 16, 2007.

Docket Numbers: ER05-6-100; EL04-135-103; EL02-111-120; EL03-212-116

Applicants: Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.; PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.; Ameren Services Company.

Description: PJM Interconnection, LLC & PJM Transmission Owners et al. submits a compliance filing, in compliance with FERC's 11/18/04 Order.

Filed Date: 08/01/2007.

Accession Number: 20070807-0046.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, August 22, 2007.

Docket Numbers: ER06-311-005.

Applicants: New York Independent System Operator, Inc.; New York Transmission Owners.

Description: New York Independent System Operator, Inc. & the New York Transmission Owners submit an errata to the 7/30/07 filing.

Filed Date: 08/03/2007.

Accession Number: 20070806-0431.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, August 20, 2007.

Docket Numbers: ER07-365-003.

Applicants: ISO New England, Inc. & New England Power Pool.

Description: ISO New England Inc. et al. submit Market Rule 1 revisions to provide a process for exports of capacity across import-constrained Capacity Zones over tie lines to external regions.

Filed Date: 08/06/2007.

Accession Number: 20070807-0120.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, August 27, 2007.

Docket Numbers: ER07-809-001.

Applicants: Florida Power Corporation.

Description: Florida Power Corporation dba Progress Energy Florida, Inc. submits its response to FERC's 6/21/07 letter re an amended Interconnection Agreement with Seminole Electric Cooperative.

Filed Date: 08/02/2007.

Accession Number: 20070806-0177.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, August 23, 2007.

Docket Numbers: ER07-870-001.

Applicants: Oncor Electric Delivery Company.

Description: Oncor Electric Delivery Company submits Rate Schedule 6 under its FERC Electric Tariff, Tenth Revised Volume 1, for transmission service to, from and over certain interconnections.

Filed Date: 08/03/2007.