The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the eFiling link at *http://www.ferc.gov.* Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

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Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on January 4, 2018.

Dated: December 22, 2017.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 3342-020]

Briar Hydro Associates, LLC; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, and Approving Use of The Traditional Licensing Process

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process.

- b. Project No.: 3342–020.
- c. Date Filed: October 27, 2017.

d. Submitted By: Briar Hydro

Associates, LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Penacook Lower Falls Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Contoocook River, in Merrimack County, New Hampshire. No federal lands are occupied by the project works or located within the project boundary.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's regulations.

h. Potential Applicant Contact: Andrew J. Locke, Essex Hydro Associates, LLC, 55 Union Street, Boston, MA 02108; (617) 357–0032; or email—alocke@essexhydro.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Jeanne Edwards at (202) 502–6181; or email at *jeanne.edwards@ferc.gov.*

j. Briar Hydro Associates, LLC filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on October 27, 2017. Briar Hydro Associates, LLC provided public notice of its request on November 14, 2017. In a letter dated December 22, 2017, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved Briar Hydro Associates, LLC's request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.

k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, part 402; and NOAA Fisheries under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.920. We are also initiating consultation with the New Hampshire State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. Briar Hydro Associates, LLC filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

m. A copy of the PAD is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website (*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*, (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.

n. The licensee states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a new license for Project No. 3342. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.8, 16.9, and 16.10 each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by October 31, 2020.

o. Register online at *http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp* to be notified via email of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: December 22, 2017. Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr., Deputy Secretary. [FR Doc. 2017–28324 Filed 1–2–18; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6717–01–P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14835-001]

Notice of Surrender of Preliminary Permit; Merchant Hydro Developers, LLC

Take notice that Merchant Hydro Developers, LLC, permittee for the proposed Susan Russ Memorial Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project, has requested that its preliminary permit be terminated. The permit was issued on June 6, 2017, and would have expired on May 31, 2020.¹ The project would have been located near the town of Manhattan in Tioga County, Pennsylvania.

The preliminary permit for Project No. 14835 will remain in effect until the close of business, January 26, 2018. But, if the Commission is closed on this day, then the permit remains in effect until the close of business on the next day in which the Commission is open.² New applications for this site may not be submitted until after the permit surrender is effective.

Dated: December 27, 2017.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

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

Docket Numbers: EC18–40–000. Applicants: Public Service Company of Oklahoma, Southwestern Electric Power Company, States Edge Wind I LLC.

Description: Joint Application for Authorization of Transaction Under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act and Requests for Waivers of Filing Requirements, et al. of Public Service Company of Oklahoma, et al.

¹159 FERC 62,245 (2017).

²18 CFR 385.2007(a)(2) (2017).

Filed Date: 12/21/17. Accession Number: 20171221-5369. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/11/18. Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings: Docket Numbers: ER10-1257-007; ER10-1258-007. Applicants: Wabash Valley Power Association, Inc., Wabash Valley Energy Marketing, Inc. Description: Updated Triennial Market Power Analysis in the MISO Balancing Area Authority of Wabash Valley Power Association, Inc., et al. Filed Date: 12/21/17. Accession Number: 20171221-5372. Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 2/20/18. Docket Numbers: ER10-1513-004; ER16-2290-001. Applicants: Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative, Inc., Spartan Renewable Energy, Inc. Description: Market Power Update in the MISO Balancing Area Authority of Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative, Inc., et al. Filed Date: 12/21/17. Accession Number: 20171221-5371. Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 2/20/18. Docket Numbers: ER12–1946–008: ER10-1333-008; ER13-2387-003; ER15-190-005; ER17-543-002. Applicants: Duke Energy Beckjord, LLC, Duke Energy Commercial Enterprises, Inc., Duke Energy Renewable Services, LLC, Duke Energy SAM, LLC, Duke Energy Florida, LLC. Description: Triennial Market Power Analysis for the Central Region of Duke Energy Corporation MBR Sellers. Filed Date: 12/21/17. Accession Number: 20171221-5367. Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 2/20/18. Docket Numbers: ER17-1192-003. Applicants: Otter Tail Power Company. *Description:* Compliance filing: Compliance Filing of Executed RS 168 East River to be effective 5/15/2017. Filed Date: 12/21/17. Accession Number: 20171221-5317. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/11/18. Docket Numbers: ER17-2029-003. Applicants: Entergy Arkansas, Inc. Description: Tariff Amendment: EAI-ESI ER17-2029 to be effective 8/1/2017. Filed Date: 12/21/17. Accession Number: 20171221-5316. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/11/18. Docket Numbers: ER17-2030-003. Applicants: Entergy Louisiana, LLC. Description: Tariff Amendment: ELL-ESI ER17–2030 to be effective 8/1/2017. Filed Date: 12/21/17.

Accession Number: 20171221–5318. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/11/18.

Docket Numbers: ER17-2031-003. Applicants: Entergy Mississippi, Inc. Description: Tariff Amendment: EMI-ESI ER17–2031 to be effective 8/1/2017. Filed Date: 12/21/17. Accession Number: 20171221-5319. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/11/18. Docket Numbers: ER17-2033-003. Applicants: Entergy New Orleans, Inc. Description: Tariff Amendment: ENO-ESI ER17-2033 to be effective 8/1/2017. Filed Date: 12/21/17. Accession Number: 20171221–5320. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/11/18. Docket Numbers: ER17-2034-003. Applicants: Entergy Texas, Inc. Description: Tariff Amendment: ETI-ESI ER17–2034 to be effective 8/1/2017. Filed Date: 12/21/17. Accession Number: 20171221–5321. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/11/18. Docket Numbers: ER18-88-001. Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. Description: Tariff Amendment: Response to Deficiency Letter Issued November 22, 2017 in Docket No. ER18-88-000 to be effective 1/16/2018. Filed Date: 12/22/17. Accession Number: 20171222–5071. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/12/18. Docket Numbers: ER18-171-001. Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc. Description: Tariff Amendment: 2236R9 Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. NITSA NOA Motion for Deferral to be effective 12/31/9998. Filed Date: 12/22/17. Accession Number: 20171222-5070. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/12/18. Docket Numbers: ER18-501-000. Applicants: Trans Bay Cable LLC. *Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Annual TRBAA filing to be effective 1/1/2018. Filed Date: 12/21/17. Accession Number: 20171221-5252. Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/11/18. Docket Numbers: ER18-502-000. Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2017–12–21 Network Resource Designation Improvement Filing to be effective 3/1/2018. Filed Date: 12/21/17. Accession Number: 20171221–5263. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/11/18. Docket Numbers: ER18-503-000. Applicants: Pacific Gas and Electric Company. *Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Amendment to the Lathrop Irrigation District Engineering Agreement (SA

298) to be effective 12/22/2017.

Accession Number: 20171221-5309. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/11/18. Docket Numbers: ER18-504-000. Applicants: San Diego Gas & Electric Company. Description: Baseline eTariff Filing: SDGE 138KV SUBSTATION FACILITIES OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT to be effective 12/22/2017. Filed Date: 12/21/17. Accession Number: 20171221-5312. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/11/18. Docket Numbers: ER18–505–000. Applicants: Emera Maine. Description: Initial rate filing: Penobscot Energy Recovery Co. LGIA to be effective 3/1/2018. Filed Date: 12/21/17. Accession Number: 20171221-5314. Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/11/18. Docket Numbers: ER18-506-000. Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Original Service Agreement No. 4870; Queue No. AB1-069 (ISA) to be effective 12/4/2017. Filed Date: 12/22/17. Accession Number: 20171222-5006. Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/12/18. Docket Numbers: ER18–507–000. Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. *Description:* Compliance filing: Compliance filing per 12/15/2017 order in Docket No. EL17-84-000 to be effective 12/15/2017. Filed Date: 12/22/17. Accession Number: 20171222-5062. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/12/18. Docket Numbers: ER18-508-000. Applicants: Southern California Edison Company. Description: Tariff Cancellation: Notice of Cancellation DSA Wildomar Solar Project SA No. 939 to be effective 1/10/2018. Filed Date: 12/22/17. Accession Number: 20171222–5076. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/12/18. Docket Numbers: ER18-509-000. Applicants: NorthWestern Corporation. Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: SA 31 17th Rev—Phillips 66 NITSA to be effective 3/1/2018. Filed Date: 12/22/17. Accession Number: 20171222-5094. Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/12/18. Docket Numbers: ER18–510–000. Applicants: Bluegrass Generation Company, L.L.C.

Filed Date: 12/21/17.

Description: Tariff Cancellation: Notice of Cancellation to be effective 12/23/2017. Docket Numbers: OM18-8-000.

Public Power District to Terminate

Filed Date: 12/21/17.

District.

Act of 1978.

docket number.

Applicants: Omaha Public Power

Description: Application of Omaha

Mandatory Purchase Obligation Under

Accession Number: 20171221-5384.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/18/18.

Any person desiring to intervene or

protest in any of the above proceedings

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385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern

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and 214 of the Commission's

Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and

Protests may be considered, but

party to the proceeding.

information relating to filing

the Public Utility Regulatory Policies

Filed Date: 12/22/17. Accession Number: 20171222-5136. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/12/18. Docket Numbers: ER18-511-000. Applicants: DeSoto County

Generating Company, LLC. *Description:* Tariff Cancellation: Notice of Cancellation to be effective

12/23/2017.

Filed Date: 12/22/17. Accession Number: 20171222-5137. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/12/18. Docket Numbers: ER18-512-000. Applicants: Las Vegas Power

Company, LLC. *Description:* Tariff Cancellation: Notice of Cancellation to be effective 12/23/2017.

Filed Date: 12/22/17. Accession Number: 20171222-5138. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/12/18. Docket Numbers: ER18–513–000. Applicants: Renaissance Power, L.L.C. *Description:* Tariff Cancellation: Notice of Cancellation to be effective

12/23/2017.

Filed Date: 12/22/17. Accession Number: 20171222-5140. Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/12/18. Docket Numbers: ER18-514-000. Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Amendment to Service Agreement Nos. 4425 and 4410, Queue Nos. Z2-076 and

Z2-077 to be effective 2/9/2016. Filed Date: 12/22/17. Accession Number: 20171222-5152. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/12/18. Docket Numbers: ER18-515-000. Applicants: NorthWestern Corporation.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: SA 32 8th Rev—NITSA re Colstrip Steam

Filed Date: 12/22/17. Accession Number: 20171222-5169. Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/12/18. Docket Numbers: ER18–516–000. Applicants: NorthWestern

be effective 3/1/2018. Filed Date: 12/22/17. Accession Number: 20171222-5174. Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/12/18. Docket Numbers: ER18–517–000. Applicants: NorthWestern Corporation.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: SA

245 8th Rev-NITSA with Ash Grove Cement to be effective 3/1/2018.

Filed Date: 12/22/17. Accession Number: 20171222-5175. Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/12/18. Take notice that the Commission received the following PURPA 210(m)(3) filings:

Electric Station to be effective 3/1/2018.

Corporation.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: SA 243 13th Rev-NITSA with CHS Inc. to

Deputy Secretary. [FR Doc. 2017-28318 Filed 1-2-18; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6717-01-P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Dated: December 22, 2017.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP17-407-003. Applicants: National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation.

Description: Compliance filing Compliance Filing (GTC 41—NA15) to be effective 2/1/2018.

Filed Date: 12/21/17. Accession Number: 20171221–5107. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/2/18. Docket Numbers: RP18–268–000. Applicants: Sea Robin Pipeline Company, LLC.

Description: Compliance filing Annual Flowthrough Crediting Mechanism Filing on 12/21/17. to be effective N/A.

Filed Date: 12/21/17.

Accession Number: 20171221-5066. Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/2/18. Docket Numbers: RP18-269-000. Applicants: Empire Pipeline, Inc. Description: §4(d) Rate Filing: GT&C 30.6 Force Majeure + Minor Changes (Empire) to be effective 2/1/2018.

Filed Date: 12/21/17. Accession Number: 20171221–5071. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/2/18. Docket Numbers: RP18-270-000. Applicants: Trailblazer Pipeline Company LLC.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Neg Rate 2017–12–21 Morgan Stanley to be effective 1/1/2018.

Filed Date: 12/21/17.

Accession Number: 20171221–5108. Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/2/18. Docket Numbers: RP18-75-002.

Applicants: Algonquin Gas

Transmission Company.

Description: Request for Clarification, or in the Alternative, Rehearing of Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC under RP18–75.

Filed Date: 12/21/17. Accession Number: 20171221-5068. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/2/18.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #2

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