

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 2853–071]

Montana Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, 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.:* 2853–071.

c. *Date Filed:* February 21, 2019.

d. *Submitted By:* Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (Montana DNRC).

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

f. *Location:* On the Missouri River in Broadwater County, Montana. The project occupies 44 acres of United States lands administered by U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

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

h. *Potential Applicant Contact:* Dave Lofftus, Hydro Power Program Manager, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, State of Montana, 1424 9th Avenue, P.O. Box 201601, Helena, Montana 59620; (406) 444–6659; or email at dlofftus@mt.gov.

i. *FERC Contact:* Peter McBride at (202) 502–8132; or email at peter.mcbride@ferc.gov.

j. Montana DNRC filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on February 21, 2019. Montana DNRC provided public notice of its request on February 15, 2019. In a letter dated April 18, 2019, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved Montana DNRC'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 under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, Part 402. We are also initiating consultation with the Montana State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. With this notice, we are designating Montana DNRC as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act; and consultation pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

m. Montana DNRC 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.

n. 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.

o. The licensee states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a new license for Project No. 2853. 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 June 30, 2022.

p. 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: April 18, 2019.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. ER19–1597–000]

AES Integrated Energy, LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of AES Integrated Energy, 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 May 8, 2019.

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.

Dated: April 18, 2019.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Western Area Power Administration****Central Arizona Project, Colorado River Storage Project, Loveland Area Projects, Pacific Northwest-Pacific Southwest Intertie Project, and Parker-Davis Project—Rate Order No. WAPA–187**

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Extension of formula rates for use under the WestConnect Point-to-Point Regional Transmission Service Participation Agreement (WestConnect PA).

SUMMARY: The Under Secretary of Energy extends the existing formula rates for non-firm point-to-point transmission service provided under the WestConnect PA and will submit them to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for confirmation and approval on a final basis. The existing formula rates under Rate Schedule WC-8 are scheduled to expire on May 31, 2019. This rate extension makes no change to the existing formula rates.

DATES: The extended formula rates under Rate Schedule WC-8 will be placed into effect on an interim basis on June 1, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Thomas Hackett, Rates Manager, Colorado River Storage Project, (801) 524-5503 or email hackett@wapa.gov; Ms. Tina Ramsey, Rates Manager, Desert Southwest Region, (602) 605-2525 or email dswpwrmrk@wapa.gov; or Mrs. Sheila D. Cook, Rates Manager, Rocky Mountain Region, (970) 461-7211 or email scook@wapa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By Delegation Order No. 00-037.00B, effective November 19, 2016, the Secretary of Energy delegated: (1) The authority to develop power and transmission rates to the Western Area Power Administration's (WAPA) Administrator; (2) the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Deputy Secretary of Energy; and (3) the authority to confirm, approve, and place into effect on a final basis, or to remand or to disapprove such rates, to FERC. In Delegation Order No. 00-002.00Q, effective November 1, 2018, the Secretary of Energy also delegated to the Under Secretary of Energy the authority to confirm, approve, and place into effect on an interim basis power and transmission rates for WAPA.

Following DOE's review of WAPA's proposal, I hereby approve Rate Order No. WAPA-187 on an interim basis, extending existing Rate Schedule WC-8 through May 31, 2024. Rate Order No. WAPA-187 will be submitted to FERC for confirmation and approval on a final basis.

Dated: April 17, 2019.

Mark W. Menezes,
Under Secretary of Energy.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY DEPUTY SECRETARY

In the Matter of:
Western Area Power Administration
Extension of
Loveland Area Projects
Colorado River Storage Project
Pacific Northwest-Pacific Southwest
Intertie Project
Central Arizona Project
Parker-Davis Project Transmission
Service
Formula Rates
Rate Order No. WAPA-187

ORDER CONFIRMING, APPROVING,
AND PLACING THE WESTERN AREA
POWER ADMINISTRATION'S
TRANSMISSION SERVICE FORMULA
RATES FOR USE UNDER THE
WESTCONNECT POINT-TO-POINT
REGIONAL TRANSMISSION SERVICE
PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT INTO
EFFECT ON AN INTERIM BASIS

The transmission service formula rates set forth in this Rate Order are established in accordance with Section 302 of the Department of Energy (DOE) Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7152). This Act transferred to and vested in the Secretary of Energy the power marketing functions of the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Reclamation under the Reclamation Act of 1902 (ch. 1093, 32 Stat. 388), as amended and supplemented by subsequent laws, particularly section 9(c) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (43 U.S.C. 485h(c)) and section 5 of the Flood Control Act of 1944 (16 U.S.C. 825s); and other acts that specifically apply to the projects involved.

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¹ In Delegation Order No. 00-002.00Q, effective November 1, 2018, the Secretary of Energy also delegated to the Under Secretary of Energy the authority to confirm, approve, and place into effect on an interim basis power and transmission rates for WAPA.

the Delegation Order and DOE rate extension procedures found at 10 CFR 903.23(a).

BACKGROUND

On December 15, 2014, FERC approved Rate Schedule WC-8 under Rate Order No. WAPA-163² for a five-year period through May 31, 2019. This schedule applies to WestConnect Regional, Non-Firm, Point-to-Point Transmission Service that uses one or more of the following WAPA transmission projects: Central Arizona Project, Colorado River Storage Project, Loveland Area Projects, Pacific Northwest-Pacific Southwest Intertie Project, and Parker-Davis Project. In accordance with 10 CFR 903.23(a), WAPA is extending the existing formula rates under Rate Schedule WC-8 for the period of June 1, 2019, through May 31, 2024. This rate extension makes no change to the existing formula rates.

DISCUSSION

In accordance with 10 CFR 903.23(a), WAPA filed a notice in the **Federal Register** on March 18, 2019, proposing to extend Rate Schedule WC-8 under Rate Order No. WAPA-187 (84 FR 9771). WAPA determined it was not necessary to hold public information or public comment forums on the proposed formula rate extension, but provided a 14-day consultation and comment period to give the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed extension. The consultation and comment period ended on April 1, 2019, and WAPA received no comments on the proposed formula rate extension.

ORDER

In view of the above and under the authority delegated to me, I hereby extend, on an interim basis, WAPA's existing formula rates under Rate Schedule WC-8, for use under WestConnect's Point-to-Point Regional Transmission Service Participation Agreement through May 31, 2024. This rate schedule shall remain in effect on an interim basis pending FERC's confirmation and approval of this extension, or substitute rates, on a final basis.

Dated: April 17, 2019.

Mark W. Menezes,
Under Secretary of Energy.
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² Order Confirming and Approving Rate Schedule on a Final Basis, FERC Docket No. EF14-8-000, 149 FERC ¶62,196 (2014).