

*Filed Date:* 7/17/15.

*Accession Number:* 20150717–5110.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 8/7/15.

*Docket Numbers:* ER15–2223–000.

*Applicants:* Midcontinent

Independent System Operator, Inc.,  
Michigan Electric Transmission  
Company, LLC, Wolverine Power  
Supply Cooperative, Inc.

*Description:* Section 205(d) Rate  
Filing: 2015–07–17 SA 2818 METC-  
Wolverine Power E&P (J392) to be  
effective 7/18/2015.

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Commission's eLibrary system by  
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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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other information, call (866) 208–3676  
(toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Dated: July 17, 2015.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2662–026]

#### **FirstLight Hydro Generating Company; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protests**

Take notice that the following  
hydroelectric application has been filed  
with the Commission and is available  
for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application:* Request for  
Temporary Variance.

b. *Project No.:* 2662–026.

c. *Date Filed:* June 30, 2015.

d. *Applicant:* FirstLight Hydro  
Generating Company (licensee).

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

f. *Location:* Windham County,  
Connecticut.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power  
Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)–825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Richard  
Laudenat, Plant Manager, (860) 350–  
3617, or [richard.laudenat@](mailto:richard.laudenat@gdfsuezna.com)  
[gdfsuezna.com](mailto:gdfsuezna.com).

i. *FERC Contact:* Alicia Burtner, (202)  
502–8038, or [alicia.burtner@ferc.gov](mailto:alicia.burtner@ferc.gov).

j. Deadline for filing comments,  
motions to intervene, protests, and  
recommendations is 30 days from the  
issuance date of this notice by the  
Commission.

All documents may be filed  
electronically via the Internet. See, 18  
CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the  
instructions on the Commission's Web  
site at [http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp)  
[efiling.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp). If unable to be filed  
electronically, documents may be paper-  
filed. To paper-file, an original and  
seven copies should be mailed to:  
Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory  
Commission, 888 First Street NE.,  
Washington, DC 20426. Commenters  
can submit brief comments up to 6,000  
characters, without prior registration,  
using the eComment system at [http://](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp)  
[www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp)  
[ecomment.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp). You must include your  
name and contact information at the end  
of your comments.

Please include the project number (P-  
2662–026) on any comments, motions,  
or recommendations filed.

k. *Description of Request:* The  
licensee requests a one-year temporary  
variance from the operating  
requirements of the Commission's  
November 21, 2013 Order Issuing New  
License and Denying Competing License  
Application. Specifically, the licensee  
requests to operate its turbine in cycling  
mode, lower the flashboards and the  
operating range of the reservoir  
elevation, continuously spill 10 cubic  
feet per second, and keep the existing  
flow valve closed unless otherwise  
authorized by the Connecticut  
Department of Energy and  
Environmental Protection. Due to  
economic shifts, the licensee indicates  
that it is no longer feasible to install a  
low-flow turbine that had been  
paramount to being able to comply with  
the license conditions. The licensee  
requests this variance in order to  
maintain compliance while determining  
an appropriate alternative operating  
scenario.

l. *Locations of the Application:* A  
copy of the application is available for  
inspection and reproduction at the  
Commission's Public Reference Room,  
located at 888 First Street NE., Room  
2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling  
(202) 502–8371. This filing may also be

viewed on the Commission's Web site at  
[http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp)  
[elibrary.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp). Enter the docket number  
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docket number field to access the  
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related to this or other pending projects.  
For assistance, call 1–866–208–3676 or  
email [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), for  
TTY, call (202) 502–8659. A copy is also  
available for inspection and  
reproduction at the address in item (h)  
above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included  
on the Commission's mailing list should  
so indicate by writing to the Secretary  
of the Commission.

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to  
Intervene:* Anyone may submit  
comments, a protest, or a motion to  
intervene in accordance with the  
requirements of Rules of Practice and  
Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214.  
In determining the appropriate action to  
take, the Commission will consider all  
protests or other comments filed, but  
only those who file a motion to  
intervene in accordance with the  
Commission's Rules may become a  
party to the proceeding. Any comments,  
protests, or motions to intervene must  
be received on or before the specified  
comment date for the particular  
application.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive  
Documents:* Any filing must (1) bear in  
all capital letters the title  
“COMMENTS”, “PROTEST”, or  
“MOTION TO INTERVENE” as  
applicable; (2) set forth in the heading  
the name of the applicant and the  
project number of the application to  
which the filing responds; (3) furnish  
the name, address, and telephone  
number of the person protesting or  
intervening; and (4) otherwise comply  
with the requirements of 18 CFR  
385.2001 through 385.2005. All  
comments, motions to intervene, or  
protests must set forth their evidentiary  
basis and otherwise comply with the  
requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). All  
comments, motions to intervene, or  
protests should relate to project  
operations, which are the subject of the  
variance. Agencies may obtain copies of  
the application directly from the  
applicant. A copy of any protest or  
motion to intervene must be served  
upon each representative of the  
applicant specified in the particular  
application. If an intervenor files  
comments or documents with the  
Commission relating to the merits of an  
issue that may affect the responsibilities  
of a particular resource agency, they

must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

Dated: July 17, 2015.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Western Area Power Administration

#### Boulder Canyon Project-Rate Order No. WAPA-171

**AGENCY:** Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of Extension of Existing Rate-setting Formula and Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Base Charge and Rates.

**SUMMARY:** This action extends the existing Boulder Canyon Project (BCP) rate-setting formula through September 30, 2020, and approves the base charge and rates for FY 2016. The existing Electric Service Rate Schedule, BCP-F8, is set to expire on September 30, 2015. The Electric Service Rate Schedule contains a rate-setting formula that is recalculated annually based on updated financial and sales data.

**DATES:** The first day of the first full billing period beginning on or after October 1, 2015, and extending through September 30, 2020, or until superseded by another rate schedule, whichever occurs earlier.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Ronald E. Moulton, Regional Manager, Desert Southwest Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005-6457, (602) 605-2453, email [moulton@wapa.gov](mailto:moulton@wapa.gov), or Mr. Jack Murray, Rates Manager, Desert Southwest Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005-6457, (602) 605-2442, email [jmurray@wapa.gov](mailto:jmurray@wapa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The existing Rate Schedule BCP-F8 under Rate Order No. WAPA-150<sup>1</sup> was

approved for a five-year period beginning on October 1, 2010, and ending September 30, 2015.

Western proposed extending the existing rate-setting formula pursuant to 10 CFR part 903.23(a), Formula Rate Schedule BCP-F9 under Rate Order No. WAPA-171. The notice of proposed extension was published in the **Federal Register** on February 9, 2015 (80 FR 6955). As allowed by 10 CFR part 903.23(a), Western held a public information forum and public comment forum. The consultation and comment period ended May 11, 2015. All comments received during the comment period were considered in the development of the final rates.

By Delegation Order No. 00-037.00A, effective October 25, 2013, the Secretary of Energy delegated: (1) The authority to develop power and transmission rates to the Administrator of Western Area Power Administration (Western); (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, to remand or to disapprove such rates to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

Following review of Western's proposal within the Department of Energy, I hereby approve Rate Order No. WAPA-171, which extends the existing rate-setting formula through September 30, 2020, and approves the proposed BCP electric service base charge and rates for FY 2016. Rate Order No. WAPA-171 will be submitted to FERC for confirmation and approval on a final basis.

Dated: July 17, 2015.

**Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall,**  
Deputy Secretary.

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY DEPUTY SECRETARY

In the matter of:  
*Western Area Power Administration,  
Rate Extension for the Boulder  
Canyon Project, Electric Service  
Formula Rate Schedule*  
Rate Order No. WAPA-171

### ORDER CONFIRMING AND APPROVING AN EXTENSION OF THE BOULDER CANYON PROJECT ELECTRIC SERVICE RATE-SETTING FORMULA AND FY 2016 BASE CHARGE AND RATES FORMULA RATE SCHEDULE

These rates were 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 (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 other acts that specifically apply to the project involved.

By Delegation Order No. 00-037.00A, effective October 25, 2013, the Secretary of Energy delegated: (1) The authority to develop power and transmission rates to the Administrator of Western Area Power Administration (Western); (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, to remand or to disapprove such rates to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). This extension is issued pursuant to the Delegation Order and DOE rate extension procedures at 10 CFR part 903.23(a).

## BACKGROUND

On December 9, 2010, in Docket No. EF10-7-000 at 133 FERC ¶ 62,229, FERC issued an order confirming, approving and placing into effect on a final basis Electric Service Rate Schedule BCP-F8 for the Boulder Canyon Project (BCP). Electric Service Rate Schedule BCP-F8, Rate Order No. WAPA-150, was approved for five years beginning October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2015.

Western followed the Procedures for Public Participation in Power and Transmission Rate Adjustments and Extensions set forth in 10 CFR part 903.23(a) in extending the BCP rate-setting formula through September 30, 2020, and setting the new base charge and rates for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016. The steps Western took to involve interested parties in the rate process were:

1. On February 9, 2015, Western published a notice in the **Federal Register** (80 FR 6955) announcing the extension of the rate-setting formula and the proposed base charge and rates for BCP. Publication of this notice initiated the public consultation and comment period, and announced the public information and public comment forums. Western also announced the public forum dates and posted the BCP rate adjustment at <http://www.wapa.gov/dsw/pwrmt/BCP/RateAdjust.htm>.

2. On March 11, 2015, Western hosted an informal customer meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. At this informal

<sup>1</sup> FERC confirmed and approved Rate Order No. WAPA-150 on December 9, 2010, in Docket No. EF10-7-000. See United States Department of Energy, Western Area Power Administration, Boulder Canyon Project, 133 FERC ¶ 62,229 (December 9, 2010).