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*Applicants:* PacifiCorp.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: ESM Const Agmt Klamath Decommissioning Rev 1 to be effective 11/25/2023.

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*Applicants:* PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Amendment to ISA, SA No. 1373; Queue No. H23/W70/K28 (amend) to be effective 11/25/2023.

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*Applicants:* PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Original NSA, Service Agreement No. 7106; Queue No. AE2–309 to be effective 11/25/2023.

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*Docket Numbers:* ER23–2926–000.

*Applicants:* Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. submits tariff filing per 35.13(a)(2)(iii): 2023–09–25\_SA 4164 METC–DTE Electric E&P (J1914) to be effective 11/25/2023.

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*Docket Numbers:* ER23–2927–000.

*Applicants:* Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Revisions to Attachment AE Concerning Multi-Day Reliability Assessment Design to be effective 12/31/9998.

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*Docket Numbers:* ER23–2928–000.

*Applicants:* Pennsylvania Electric Company, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Pennsylvania Electric Company submits tariff filing per 35.13(a)(2)(iii): Penelec Amends 10 ECSAs (5573 5574 5577 5641 5647 5649 5651 5652 5653 5655) to be effective 12/31/9998.

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

*Docket Numbers:* ES23–71–000.

*Applicants:* ALLETE, Inc.

*Description:* Application Under Section 204 of the Federal Power Act for Authorization to Issue Securities of ALLETE, Inc.

*Filed Date:* 9/25/23.

*Accession Number:* 20230925–5084.

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The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercensearch.asp>) by querying the docket number.

Any person desiring to intervene, to protest, or to answer a complaint in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211, 214, or 206 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214, or 385.206) on or before 5 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.

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Dated: September 25, 2023.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Deputy Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 10102–000]

#### Watershed Ranch, LLC; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

The license for the Springer Hydro No. 1 Project No. 10102 was issued for a period ending August 31, 2023.

Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year-to-year an annual license to the then licensee(s) under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of section 15 of the FPA, then, based on section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 10102 is issued to Watershed Ranch, LLC for a period effective September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024, or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before August 31, 2024, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

If the project is not subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that Watershed Ranch, LLC is authorized to continue operation of the Springer Hydro No. 1 Project under the terms and conditions of the prior license until the issuance of a subsequent license for the project or other

disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first.

Dated: September 25, 2023.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Southwestern Power Administration

#### Robert D. Willis Hydropower Project Rate Schedule

**AGENCY:** Southwestern Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of rate order.

**SUMMARY:** The Administrator, Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern), has approved and placed into effect Rate Order No. SWPA–83, which provides a temporary extension of Southwestern's current Robert D. Willis Hydropower Project rate schedule (RDW–15) through September 30, 2024, unless superseded.

**DATES:** Extension of the rate schedule is effective October 1, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Fritha Ohlson, Senior Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, Office of Corporate Operations, (918) 595–6684, [fritha.ohlson@swpa.gov](mailto:fritha.ohlson@swpa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Rate Order No. SWPA–83, as contained herein, has been approved and placed into effect by the Administrator, Southwestern, and provides for the temporary extension, through September 30, 2024, unless superseded, of the Robert D. Willis Hydropower Project Rate Schedule RDW–15, Wholesale Rates for Hydro Power and Energy.

**United States of America**

**Department of Energy**

**Administrator, Southwestern Power Administration**

In the matter of: Southwestern Power Administration, Robert D. Willis Hydropower Project Rate Schedule, Rate Order No. SWPA–83

#### Order Approving Extension of Rate Schedule on a Temporary Basis ( 9/25/ 2023 )

Pursuant to Sections 301(b) and 302(a) of the Department of Energy Organization Act, 42 U.S.C. 7151(b) and 7152(a), the functions of the Secretary of the Interior and the Federal Power Commission under Section 5 of the Flood Control Act of 1944, 16 U.S.C. 825s, relating to the Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern),

were transferred to and vested in the Secretary of Energy. By Delegation Order No. S1–DEL–RATES–2016, effective November 19, 2016, the Secretary of Energy delegated: (1) the authority to develop power and transmission rates to Southwestern's 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 disapprove such rates, to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). By Delegation Order No. S1–DEL–S3–2023, effective April 10, 2023, the Secretary of Energy also delegated the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Under Secretary for Infrastructure. By Redlegation Order No. S3–DEL–SWPA1–2023, effective April 10, 2023, the Under Secretary for Infrastructure redelegated the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Southwestern Administrator.

#### Background

On December 17, 2015, in Rate Order No. SWPA–70, the Deputy Secretary of Energy placed into effect the current Robert D. Willis Hydropower Project (Robert D. Willis) rate schedule (RDW–15) on an interim basis for the period January 1, 2016 to September 30, 2019. FERC confirmed and approved RDW–15 on a final basis on June 15, 2016 for a period ending September 30, 2019. On September 22, 2019, in Rate Order No. SWPA–76, the Assistant Secretary for Electricity extended RDW–15 for two years, for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2021. On August 30, 2021, in Rate Order No. SWPA–79, the Administrator, Southwestern, extended RDW–15 for two years, for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023.

#### Discussion

Southwestern's current rate schedule for the Robert D. Willis isolated rate system, RDW–15, is based on the 2015 Power Repayment Study (PRS). Each subsequent annual PRS through 2022 indicated the need for a revenue adjustment within a plus or minus five percent range of the current revenue estimate. It is Southwestern's practice for the Administrator to defer, on a case-by-case basis, revenue adjustments for isolated rate systems that are within plus or minus five percent of the revenue estimated from the current rate schedule. Therefore, the Administrator deferred revenue adjustments annually for Robert D. Willis through 2022. The

2023 PRS indicated a need for a revenue adjustment above five percent and therefore a new rate is needed. However, finalization of the 2023 PRS, development of a rate adjustment plan including a new rate schedule (RDW–23), and the associated procedures for public participation in accordance with 10 CFR part 903 will not be completed in time for the new rate schedule to be placed into effect prior to the September 30, 2023, expiration of the current rate schedule and thus temporary extension of the current rate schedule is necessary. Pursuant to 10 CFR 903.23(b) and Redlegation Order No. S3–DEL–SWPA1–2023, Southwestern's Administrator may extend existing rates on a temporary basis without advance notice or comment pending further action. In such a circumstance, the Administrator shall publish notice of said extension in the **Federal Register** and promptly advise FERC of the extension. The revenue collection associated with the extension of the current rate will be considered in the development of the new rate based on the 2023 PRS such that repayment obligations are met consistent with the provisions of U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Order No. RA 6120.2.

#### Availability of Information

Information regarding the extension of the rate schedule is available for public review in the offices of Southwestern Power Administration, Williams Tower I, One West Third Street Suite 1500, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103. The rate schedule is available on the Southwestern website at [www.energy.gov/swpa/rates-and-repayment](http://www.energy.gov/swpa/rates-and-repayment).

#### Order

In view of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Secretary of Energy, I hereby extend, effective October 1, 2023, Robert D. Willis Rate Schedule RDW–15, *Wholesale Rates for Hydro Power and Energy*. The rate schedule shall remain in effect on a temporary basis through September 30, 2024, unless superseded.

#### Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on September 25, 2023, by Mike Wech, Administrator for Southwestern Power Administration, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document, with the original signature and date, is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE **Federal Register** Liaison Officer has been