

and recommendations from interested parties (including an opportunity for comment from affected States and Indian Tribes) and to consult with regional entities when designating a NIETC. FPA section 216(a)(4) allows DOE to also consider several additional factors in designating a NIETC.

The NIETC Guidance describes DOE's intended implementation of this statutory authority and initiates the process for designating one or more NIETCs following issuance of the Needs Study released in October 2023. The NIETC Guidance expands on DOE's May 15, 2023, Notice of Intent and Request for Information, which set forth key elements of a process through which interested parties could propose NIETC designation and requested comment on the process generally and in response to other specific questions (88 FR 30956). The NIETC Guidance includes revisions made in response to comments and input DOE received.

The NIETC Guidance sets forth a four-phase process, which begins with DOE's evaluation of the results of the most recent final Needs Study to begin identifying potential geographic areas for NIETC designation and concurrent opening of a 45-day Phase 1 information submission window. During this window, interested parties may submit information and recommendations on the narrow geographic boundaries of potential NIETCs, the present or expected transmission capacity constraints or congestion within those geographic boundaries, and the relevant discretionary factors in FPA section 216(a)(4). Phase 2 of the NIETC designation process begins with DOE's public issuance of a preliminary list of potential NIETC designations. This opens a 45-day comment period and Phase 2 information submission window for submission of additional information on geographic boundaries and permitting. DOE plans to prioritize which potential NIETCs move to Phase 3 based on the available information on geographic boundaries and permitting and preliminary review of comments. During Phase 3, DOE continues to independently assess the basis for NIETC designation, initiates any needed environmental reviews, and conducts robust public engagement, culminating in the release of one or more draft designation reports and draft environmental documents, as needed, for public comment. Phase 4 is the conclusion of the NIETC designation process, with issuance of one or more final designation reports and final environmental documents, as needed.

NIETC designation focuses public and policymaker attention on the areas of

greatest transmission need and unlocks valuable federal financing and permitting tools to advance transmission development. These include DOE authorities under the IJA, the Inflation Reduction Act, and the Energy Policy Act of 2005, as well as the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's permitting authority under FPA section 216(b). Members of the public can visit GDO's website to access the NIETC Guidance at: <https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2023-12/2023-12-15%20GDO%20NIETC%20Final%20Guidance%20Document.pdf>.

#### Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on January 2, 2024, by Maria D. Robinson, 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 authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. The administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on January 3, 2024.

**Treena V. Garrett,**

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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 rate filings:

*Docket Numbers:* ER10-2806-008.

*Applicants:* TransAlta Energy Marketing (U.S.) Inc.

*Description:* Market: Triennial Market Power Update Analysis—Southeast Region to be effective 2/28/2024.

*Filed Date:* 12/29/23.

*Accession Number:* 20231229-5333.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 2/27/24.

*Docket Numbers:* ER10-2818-008.

*Applicants:* TransAlta Energy Marketing Corporation.

*Description:* Market: TransAlta Energy Marketing Corp. submits tariff filing per

35.37: Triennial Market Power Update Analysis—Southeast Region to be effective 2/28/2024.

*Filed Date:* 12/29/23.

*Accession Number:* 20231229-5325.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 2/27/24.

*Docket Numbers:* ER23-2003-003.

*Applicants:* Invenergy Nelson Expansion LLC.

*Description:* Tariff Amendment: Deficiency Letter Response to be effective 7/1/2023.

*Filed Date:* 1/2/24.

*Accession Number:* 20240102-5356.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 1/23/24.

*Docket Numbers:* ER23-2721-000.

*Applicants:* Idaho Power Company.

*Description:* Idaho Power Company submits Average System Cost Rate Filing for Sales of Electric Power to the Bonneville Power Administration, FY 2024-2025.

*Filed Date:* 8/28/23.

*Accession Number:* 20230828-5434.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 1/23/24.

*Docket Numbers:* ER24-48-001.

*Applicants:* Alabama Power Company, Georgia Power Company, Mississippi Power Company.

*Description:* Tariff Amendment: Alabama Power Company submits tariff filing per 35.17(b): Griffin Road (GASNF Solar) LGIA Deficiency Response to be effective 10/2/2023.

*Filed Date:* 1/2/24.

*Accession Number:* 20240102-5367.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 1/23/24.

*Docket Numbers:* ER24-49-001.

*Applicants:* Alabama Power Company, Georgia Power Company, Mississippi Power Company.

*Description:* Tariff Amendment: Alabama Power Company submits tariff filing per 35.17(b): Baker Creek Solar LGIA Deficiency Response to be effective 9/28/2023.

*Filed Date:* 1/2/24.

*Accession Number:* 20240102-5322.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 1/23/24.

*Docket Numbers:* ER24-792-000.

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

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Amendment of WMPA, Service Agreement No. 6731; Queue No. AE2-248 to be effective 2/28/2024.

*Filed Date:* 12/29/23.

*Accession Number:* 20231229-5348.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 1/19/24.

*Docket Numbers:* ER24-793-000.

*Applicants:* Entergy Texas, Inc.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: ETI-EETEC First Revised Coordination Services Agreement to be effective 2/27/2024.

*Filed Date:* 12/29/23.

*Accession Number:* 20231229-5358.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 1/19/24.  
*Docket Numbers:* ER24–794–000.  
*Applicants:* PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.  
*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Amendment to 2 Service Agreements re: FirstEnergy Reorganization to be effective 12/31/9998.  
*Filed Date:* 12/29/23.  
*Accession Number:* 20231229–5373.  
*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 1/19/24.  
*Docket Numbers:* ER24–795–000.  
*Applicants:* PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.  
*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Amendment to 2 Service Agreements re: FirstEnergy Reorganization to be effective 12/31/9998.  
*Filed Date:* 12/29/23.  
*Accession Number:* 20231229–5382.  
*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 1/19/24.  
*Docket Numbers:* ER24–796–000.  
*Applicants:* Entergy Texas, Inc.  
*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: ETI–ETEC Second Revised LBA Agreement to be effective 2/27/2024.  
*Filed Date:* 1/2/24.  
*Accession Number:* 20240102–5000.  
*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 1/23/24.  
*Docket Numbers:* ER24–797–000.  
*Applicants:* PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.  
*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Original CRA, Service Agreement No. 7158, Non-Queue No. NQ213 to be effective 12/1/2023.  
*Filed Date:* 1/2/24.  
*Accession Number:* 20240102–5128.  
*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 1/23/24.  
*Docket Numbers:* ER24–798–000.  
*Applicants:* Southwest Power Pool, Inc.  
*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: 1628R25 Western Farmers Electric Cooperative NITSA NOAs to be effective 12/1/2023.  
*Filed Date:* 1/2/24.  
*Accession Number:* 20240102–5211.  
*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 1/23/24.  
*Docket Numbers:* ER24–799–000.  
*Applicants:* Southwest Power Pool, Inc.  
*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: 1166R42 Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority NITSA and NOA to be effective 12/1/2023.  
*Filed Date:* 1/2/24.  
*Accession Number:* 20240102–5250.  
*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 1/23/24.  
*Docket Numbers:* ER24–800–000.  
*Applicants:* Alabama Power Company, Georgia Power Company, Mississippi Power Company.  
*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Alabama Power Company submits tariff filing per 35.13(a)(2)(iii): Horus Alabama 1 (Alawest 1 Solar) LGIA Filing to be effective 12/15/2023.

*Filed Date:* 1/2/24.  
*Accession Number:* 20240102–5307.  
*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 1/23/24.  
*Docket Numbers:* ER24–801–000.  
*Applicants:* Alabama Power Company, Georgia Power Company, Mississippi Power Company.  
*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Alabama Power Company submits tariff filing per 35.13(a)(2)(iii): Horus Alabama 1 (Alawest 2 Solar) LGIA Filing to be effective 12/15/2023.  
*Filed Date:* 1/2/24.  
*Accession Number:* 20240102–5310.  
*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 1/23/24.  
*Docket Numbers:* ER24–802–000.  
*Applicants:* Alabama Power Company, Georgia Power Company, Mississippi Power Company.  
*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Alabama Power Company submits tariff filing per 35.13(a)(2)(iii): Yellow Creek Solar LGIA Filing to be effective 12/15/2023.  
*Filed Date:* 1/2/24.  
*Accession Number:* 20240102–5311.  
*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 1/23/24.  
*Docket Numbers:* ER24–803–000.  
*Applicants:* Southwest Power Pool, Inc.  
*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: 4193 City of Paris NITSA NOA to be effective 12/1/2023.  
*Filed Date:* 1/2/24.  
*Accession Number:* 20240102–5339.  
*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 1/23/24.  
 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 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

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.

The Commission's Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, environmental justice communities, Tribal members and others, access publicly available

information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502–6595 or [OPP@ferc.gov](mailto:OPP@ferc.gov).

Dated: January 2, 2024.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP24–32–000]

#### **Southern Natural Gas Company, L.L.C.; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization and Establishing Intervention and Protest Deadline**

Take notice that on December 21, 2023, Southern Natural Gas Company, L.L.C. (Southern), Post Office Box 2563, Birmingham, Alabama 35202–2563, filed in the above referenced docket, a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205, 157.208 and 157.210 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Southern's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82–406–000, for authorization of its Bessemer Calera Expansion Project. Specifically, Southern proposes to: (1) replace 2.48 miles of its 8-inch-diameter Bessemer Calera Loop Line with 12-inch-diameter pipeline; (2) install a 1.63-mile, 4-inch-diameter loop line of its Longview Saginaw Line; (3) modify its Roebuck Meter Station to make it bidirectional; (4) replace and upgrade six meter stations to increase station capacity; and (5) install various appurtenances. All of the above facilities are located in Jefferson, Shelby, and Perry Counties, Alabama. The project will provide up to 33,180 dekatherms per day of incremental firm transportation capacity from Southern's Roebuck Meter Station to existing delivery points along Southern's Bessemer Calera Lateral and Loop Lines as well as the Longview Saginaw Line. The estimated cost for the project is \$25,000,000, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the