

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. Any filing made by an intervenor 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 385.2010.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. RM20-10-000; AD19-19-000]

Electric Transmission Incentives Policy Under Section 219 of the Federal Power Act; Supplemental Notice of Workshop

As announced in the Notice of Workshop issued in the above-captioned proceedings on April 15, 2021, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) staff will convene a workshop to discuss certain shared savings incentive approaches that may foster deployment of transmission technologies. The workshop will be held on Friday, September 10, 2021, from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time. The workshop will be held virtually via WebEx. Commissioners may attend and participate.

Transmission technologies, as deployed in certain circumstances, may enhance reliability, efficiency, and capacity, and improve the operation of new or existing transmission facilities. The workshop will discuss issues related to shared savings approaches¹ for transmission technologies seeking incentives under Federal Power Act section 219.² The workshop will focus on how to calculate *ex ante* and *ex post* benefit analyses for transmission technologies seeking incentives. Specifically, the workshop will explore the maturity of the modeling approaches for various transmission technologies; the data needed to study the benefits/costs of such technologies; issues pertaining to access to or confidentiality of this data; the time horizons that

should be considered for such studies; and other issues related to verifying forecasted benefits. The workshop may also discuss other issues, including whether and how to account for circumstances in which benefits do not materialize as anticipated.

Attached to this Supplemental Notice is an agenda for the workshop, which includes the final workshop program and expected speakers. The workshop will be open for the public to attend virtually. Information on the workshop will also be posted on the Calendar of Events on the Commission's website, <http://www.ferc.gov>, prior to the event. The workshop will be transcribed. Transcripts of the workshop will be available for a fee from Ace-Federal Reporters, Inc. (202-347-3700).

For more information about this workshop, please contact David Borden, 202-502-8734, david.borden@ferc.gov or Samin Peirovi, 202-502-8080, samin.peirovi@ferc.gov for technical questions; Meghan O'Brien, 202-502-6137, meghan.o'brien@ferc.gov for legal questions; and Sarah McKinley, 202-502-8368, sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov for logistical issues.

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15229-000]

Alabama Power Company; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On July 27, 2021, Alabama Power Company filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Chandler Mountain Pumped Storage Project No. 15229-000 (Chandler Mountain Project, or project), a closed-loop pumped storage project to be located in Etowah and St. Clair Counties, Alabama. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed pumped storage project would consist of the following: (1) An upper reservoir with a maximum water surface elevation of 1,364 feet mean sea level (msl); (2) four dam sections and one spillway section at a crest elevation of 895 feet, each; (3) an upper reservoir intake structure; (4) an underground powerhouse containing reversible pump-turbine unit(s) for a maximum installed capacity of 1,600 megawatts; (5) a lower reservoir discharge structure; (6) a lower reservoir with a maximum water surface elevation of 889 feet msl; (7) a transmission line(s) and switchyard(s) connecting the project to the grid; and (8) appurtenant facilities.

Applicant Contact: Ted McCullough, 600 North 18th Street, 16N-8180, Birmingham, Alabama 35291; phone: (205) 257-6227.

FERC Contact: Navreet Deo; phone: (202) 502-6304; email: navreet.deo@ferc.gov.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-15229-000.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-15229) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

¹ See, e.g., WATT Coalition and Advanced Energy Economy July 1, 2020 Comments.

² 16 U.S.C. 824s(b)(3).

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Southeastern Power Administration

Notice of Interim Approval of Rate Schedules for Jim Woodruff Project

AGENCY: Southeastern Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of interim approval.

SUMMARY: The Administrator for the Southeastern Power Administration (Southeastern) has confirmed and approved, on an interim basis, rate schedules JW-1-L and JW-2-F for the sale of power from the Jim Woodruff Project. The rate schedules are approved on an interim basis through September 30, 2026, and are subject to confirmation and approval by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on a final basis.

DATES: The approval of rates on an interim basis is effective October 1, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Samuel W. Loggins, Assistant Administrator, Finance and Marketing, Southeastern Power Administration, U.S. Department of Energy, 1166 Athens Tech Road, Elberton, GA 30635-6711, (706) 213-3805; Email: Samuel.Loggins@sepa.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FERC, by order issued October 20, 2016, 157 FERC ¶ 62,043, confirmed and approved Rate Schedules JW-1-K and JW-2-F for the period October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2021. This order replaces these rate schedules on an interim basis, subject to final approval by FERC.

Department of Energy

Administrator, Southeastern Power Administration

In the Matter of:

Southeastern Power Administration Rate Order No. SEPA-65
Jim Woodruff Project Power Rates

Order Confirming and Approving Power Rates on an Interim Basis

Pursuant to Section 302(a) of the Department of Energy Organization Act (Pub. L. 95-91, 42 U.S.C. 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 Southeastern Power Administration

(Southeastern), were transferred to and vested in the Secretary of Energy. By Delegation Order No. 00-037.00B, effective November 19, 2016, the Secretary of Energy delegated to the Administrator, Southeastern Power Administration, the authority to develop power and transmission rates, to the Deputy Secretary of Energy the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis, and to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) the authority to confirm, approve, and place into effect on a final basis, or to disapprove, rates developed by the Administrator under the delegation. By Delegation Order No. S1-DEL-S4-2021, effective February 25, 2021, the Acting 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 Science (and Energy). By Redelegation Order No. S4-DEL-OE1-2021, effective March 25, 2021, the Acting Under Secretary for Science (and Energy) redelegated the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Assistant Secretary for Electricity. By Redelegation Order No. 00-002.10-03, effective July 8, 2020, the Assistant Secretary for Electricity further redelegated the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Administrator, Southeastern Power Administration. This last redelegation, despite predating the February 2021 delegation and March 2021 redelegation, remains valid. This rate is confirmed, approved, and placed into effect on an interim basis by the Administrator, Southeastern Power Administration, pursuant to the authority delegated in Redelegation Order No. 00-002.10-03.

Background

Power from the Jim Woodruff Project is presently sold under Wholesale Power Rate Schedules JW-1-K and JW-2-F. These rate schedules were approved by FERC on October 20, 2016, for a period ending September 30, 2021 (157 FERC ¶ 62,043).

Public Notice and Comment

Notice of a proposed rate adjustment and opportunities for public review and comment for the Jim Woodruff Project was published in the **Federal Register** (86 FR 16717) on March 31, 2021. Southeastern proposed an increase and to extend existing schedules of rates and charges applicable to the sale of power from the Jim Woodruff Project to become effective October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2026. The notice

advised interested parties that a public information and comment forum for this rate action would be held virtually by Microsoft Teams Meeting on May 11, 2021. Written comments were due on or before June 29, 2021.

The proposed rate schedule JW-1-L would increase the capacity charge from \$7.74 per kilowatt per month to \$8.46 per kilowatt per month. The energy charge would be increased from 20.44 mills per kilowatt-hour to 22.32 mills per kilowatt-hour. In addition to the capacity and energy charges, each preference customer would continue to be charged for power purchased by Southeastern on behalf of the preference customer. This pass-through would continue to be computed as described in the current rate schedules.

Rate schedule JW-2-F, available to Duke Energy Florida (DEF), would continue the current rate of 100 percent of DEF's fuel cost.

Public Comments

Southeastern received oral comments from two participants as part of the public information and comment forum on May 11, 2021. Southeastern received one written response to the "Notice of proposed rates, public forum, and opportunities for public review and comment" published in the **Federal Register** at 86 FR 16717 on March 31, 2021.

Oral Comment: [Commenter 1] I know that when we reviewed a lot of the revenue requirements—it's been a little over a month ago, the Jim Woodruff customers were very satisfied with the staff's presentations and the—all of the questions were answered in a satisfactory manner, so we have no follow-up questions at this time.

Oral Comment: [Commenter 2] A couple of questions. I believe it was stated earlier that there was a 7 percent drop in repayment from 2016 to 2020. Is that a simple function of revenues being insufficient due to low water years? Is there a sense in terms of why that—the repayment was off by 7 percent?

Oral Response: No, that is just the straight percentage when we compared what we used as estimates in the last rate adjustment study from 2016. We compared FY16 through FY20 estimates with the actuals, and that was just kind of an indication of the difference in what we estimated repayment to be with what was actually repaid.

Oral Comment: [Commenter 2] And then looking at the SEPA marketing expense, we note that there's a 13 percent increase between 2019 to 2020. If you compare 2019 through 2021, you have a 15 percent increase in the SEPA