

case studies will be evaluated to gauge the impact of regulatory mandates, tariffs, rate structures and similar policies on the proliferation of DG, CHP systems and other distributed energy technologies. The second component of the DOE study will address the rate-related issues “that may impede or otherwise discourage the expansion of” distributed energy technologies. *Id.* section 1817(a)(3).

## II. Questions for Public Comment and Request for Data

To aid in conducting this study, DOE requests public input/comment that addresses the two issues discussed below.

### A. Potential Benefits

In accordance with section 1817 of EAct 2005, this study will attempt to identify, discuss and quantify benefits that are received directly or indirectly by three classes of recipients: “(i) \* \* \* electricity distribution or transmission service provider[s]; (ii) other customers served by an electricity distribution or transmission service provider; and (iii) the general public in the area served by the public utility in which the cogenerator or small power producer is located.” *Id.* section 1817(a)(1)(B)(i)–(iii).

In analyzing the potential benefits of DG, CHP and other distributed energy technologies, the study will focus on the following areas:

(i) Dynamics of the electric system (grid) including reliability in terms of outages (seconds to hours), power quality (microseconds), and ancillary services (including reactive power or volt-amperes reactive);

(ii) Economic ramifications of distributed energy technologies, including reduction of peak power requirements due to on-site generation (based on distribution feeder load duration curves), offsets to investments in generation, transmission or distribution facilities that would otherwise be recovered through rates, and diminished land use effects and rights-of-way acquisitions; and

(iii) Physical security and emergency supply of power, including reducing vulnerability of a system to terrorism.

To accomplish this aspect of the study, DOE requests case studies, analyses, or reports valuing these potential benefits under varying circumstances for individual DG, CHP

facility” usually refers to a facility that produces less than 80 megawatts of electricity. *Id.*

Section 796(17)(A). “Distributed generation” (DG) generally applies to energy systems that produce electricity and/or thermal energy at or near the point of use.

and other distributed energy technologies.

### B. Rate-Related Impediments

Subsection 1817(a) of EAct 2005 states that DOE’s study must include, among other things, an analysis of rate-related issues that “may impede or otherwise discourage the expansion of cogeneration and small power production facilities.” *Id.* Section 1817(a)(2)(B). To evaluate rate-related impediments that may hinder or otherwise discourage the expansion of DG, CHP systems and other distributed energy technologies, this study will analyze whether rates, rules, tariffs, or other requirements imposed on such installations are comparable to rates imposed on other customers of the same class that do not have distributed energy facilities. For this portion of the study, DOE requests public comment (in the form of case studies or similar information) depicting the effect of rate-related issues on the planning, financing, installation, commissioning or operation of DG, CHP and other distributed energy technologies.

## III. Public Participation

### A. Report

DOE will make the draft report available to the public and provide an opportunity for interested parties to submit written comments on the initial conclusions reached by the study. Following the public review period, DOE will subsequently present the results of the study to the President and Congress not later than February 8, 2007, and will thereafter publish a final report.

### B. Submission of Comments

DOE requests written comments from interested parties on all aspects of the study required by section 1817. DOE is especially interested in receiving written comments from persons with particular knowledge of the legal, economic and technical elements related to the benefits and rate-related issues concerning DG, CHP and other distributed energy technologies. Any information submitted to DOE, however, should not contain confidential, proprietary or business sensitive data.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER06–195–000, ER06–195–001]

### K Road BG Management LLC; Notice of Issuance of Order

January 23, 2006.

K Road BG Management LLC (K Road) filed an application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate schedule. The proposed market-based rate schedule provides for the sales of energy and capacity at market-based rates. K Road also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, K Road requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by K Road.

On January 20, 2006, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Tariffs and Market Development—West, granted the request for blanket approval under part 34. The Director’s order also stated that the Commission would publish a separate notice in the **Federal Register** establishing a period of time for the filing of protests. Accordingly, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by K Road should file a motion to intervene or protest 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, 385.214 (2004).

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protest is February 21, 2006.

Absent a request to be heard in opposition by the deadline above, K Road is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of K Road, compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of K Road’s issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Copies of the full text of the Director’s Order are available from the

Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The Order may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number filed to access the document. Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER06-229-000, ER06-229-001]

#### **Safeway, Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Order**

January 23, 2006.

Safeway, Inc. (Safeway) filed an application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate schedule. The proposed market-based rate schedule provides for the sales of energy and capacity at market-based rates. Safeway also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Safeway requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Safeway.

On January 20, 2006, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Tariffs and Market Development—West, granted the request for blanket approval under Part 34. The Director's order also stated that the Commission would publish a separate notice in the **Federal Register** establishing a period of time for the filing of protests. Accordingly, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by Safeway should file a motion to intervene or protest 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, 385.214 (2004).

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protest is February 21, 2006.

Absent a request to be heard in opposition by the deadline above, Safeway is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of Safeway, compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of Safeway's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Copies of the full text of the Director's Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The Order may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number filed to access the document. Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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#### **Take Two, LLC; Notice of Issuance of Order**

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Take Two, LLC (Take Two) filed an application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate schedule. The proposed market-based rate schedule provides for the sales of energy and capacity at market-based rates. Take Two also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Take Two requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Take Two.

On January 20, 2006, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Tariffs and Market Development—West, granted the request for blanket approval under part 34. The Director's order also stated that the Commission would publish a separate notice in the **Federal Register** establishing a period of time for the filing of protests. Accordingly, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by Take Two should file a motion to intervene or protest 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, 385.214 (2004).

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protest is February 21, 2006.

Absent a request to be heard in opposition by the deadline above, Take Two is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of Take Two, compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of Take Two's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Copies of the full text of the Director's Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The Order may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number filed to access the document. Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

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