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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Study of the Feasibility and Advisability of Establishing a Program of Free Return or Reduced Postage for Absentee Ballots—Focus Groups
OMB Number: Pending.
Type of Review: Regular submission.
Needs and Uses: Sec. 246 of the Help America Vote Act requires the Election Assistance Commission (EAC), in consultation with the United States Postal Service, to conduct a study on the feasibility and advisability of establishing a program under which the U.S. Postal Service shall waive or otherwise reduce the amount of postage applicable with respect to absentee ballots returned by voters in general elections for Federal office. This study does not address the cost to the U.S. Postal Service for free postage for sending absentee ballots but may consider costs to election officials that are related to implementing such a program including the costs of sending absentee ballots to voters. It also does not include consideration of the 39 U.S.C. 3406 provisions for the mailing of balloting materials for military and overseas absentee voters. As part of the study the Commission is directed to conduct a nationwide survey of potential beneficiaries, including the elderly and disabled, and to take into account the results of this survey in determining the feasibility and advisability of establishing such a program. This survey will be supplemented by focus groups among potential beneficiaries—elderly, disabled, low-income—to obtain more specific information on the challenges these populations face when participating in election and to assess the potential benefit these populations might receive from a program of free return or reduced postage for absentee ballots.

At the conclusion of the study effort, EAC is required to submit a report to Congress with recommendations for such legislative and administrative action as EAC determines appropriate. The report shall contain an analysis of the feasibility of implementing such a program and an estimate of the costs. It

is required to specifically contain recommendations regarding the elderly and disabled populations, including ways a free absentee ballot return postage program would target these populations and identify methods to increase the number of such individuals who vote in elections for Federal office.

Affected Public: Citizens.

Number of Respondents: 36.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Burden per Response: 1.25 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 45 hours.

Information will be collected through a series of three focus groups comprised of potential beneficiaries of a free and/or discounted absentee ballot postage program: One focus group will be dedicated to issues confronting the elderly population; one focus group will be dedicated to issues confronting disabled people; and one focus group will be dedicated to issues confronting the low-income citizens. At least one official from the United States Postal Service will observe each planned focus group. The topics that will be explored include:

1. The challenges that the particular population faces when participating in elections.

a. Information on respondents' previous experiences with voting in Federal elections. Information on any difficulties encountered in the process of voting and how the issues were resolved.

2. The concerns members of the particular population have about voting (e.g. voter intimidation, voter confidentiality, security, use of ballots).

a. Information on particular incidents that has prevented respondent from being able to vote.

3. The possible remedies to those challenges that would likely increase the rates of voter participation in the particular population (e.g. relaxed absentee voting laws, better accessibility to polling places, voter education).

a. Information on respondents' interest in absentee ballot voting.

4. The likelihood that a free or discounted absentee ballot postage program would assist the particular population.

a. Information on respondents' interest in a program of free or discounted postage for absentee ballots.

5. How the program could possibly be implemented to target the particular population.

a. Information on creating and implementing the program to ensure that it benefits the particular population.

6. The factors that would make reaching the particular population difficult.

a. Information on advertising such a program to the particular population so that they can take advantage of the change.

Thomas R. Wilkey,

Executive Director, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #2

November 6, 2006.

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

Docket Numbers: ER01-205-014; ER98-2640-012; ER98-4590-010; ER99-1610-018.

Applicants: Xcel Energy Services Inc.; Northern States Power Company; Northern States Power Company (Wisconsin); Public Service Company of Colorado; Southwestern Public Service Company.

Description: Xcel Energy Services Inc. on behalf of Northern States Power Co submits a change in status report to NSP's market-based rate authority.

Filed Date: 11/02/2006.

Accession Number: 20061102-5052.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, November 24, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER03-985-001.

Applicants: El Cap II, LLC.

Description: El Cap II, LLC submits its Triennial Updated Market Power Analysis Report.

Filed Date: 10/30/2006.

Accession Number: 20061101-0147.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, November 20, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER06-451-010.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: Southwest Power Pool, Inc submits revisions to its Open Access Transmission Tariff effective 2/1/07.

Filed Date: 11/02/2006.

Accession Number: 20061103-0103.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, November 24, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER07-115-000.

Applicants: ISO New England Inc.

Description: ISO New England Inc submits its 2007 Capital Budget and Capital Budget Quarterly Filing for the Third Quarter of 2006.

Filed Date: 10/31/2006.

Accession Number: 20061102-0072.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, November 21, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER07-118-000.
Applicants: ISO New England Inc.
Description: ISO New England Inc submits an informational filing which clarifies the treatment of Hydro-Quebec Interconnection Capability Credit.

Filed Date: 10/31/2006.

Accession Number: 20061102-0073.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, November 21, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER07-119-000.
Applicants: Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation.

Description: Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp submits an executed Interconnection Agreement with the City of New York dated 10/31/06.

Filed Date: 10/31/2006.

Accession Number: 20061102-0074.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, November 21, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER07-120-000.
Applicants: Western Electricity Coordinating Council.

Description: Western Electricity Coordinating Council submits Sixth Amendment to the Reliability Criteria Agreement with Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., et al.

Filed Date: 10/31/2006.

Accession Number: 20061102-0075.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, November 21, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER07-121-000.
Applicants: Allegheny Energy, Inc.; Monongahela Power Company; Allegheny Energy Supply Company, LLC.

Description: Allegheny Energy, Inc, Monongahela Power Co and Allegheny Energy Supply Co, LLC to submit a request for waivers of certain code of conduct requirements.

Filed Date: 10/31/2006.

Accession Number: 20061102-0077.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, November 21, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER07-122-000.
Applicants: Interstate Power and Light Company.

Description: Interstate Power and Light Co submits a request to change rates charged to its jurisdictional customers in Iowa, Illinois and Minnesota.

Filed Date: 10/31/2006.

Accession Number: 20061102-0078.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, November 21, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER07-123-000.
Applicants: LSP South Bay, LLC.
Description: LSP South Bay, LLC submits revisions to certain Reliability Must-Run Rate Schedules of its

Reliability Must Run Agreement with the California Independent System Operator Corp.

Filed Date: 10/31/2006.

Accession Number: 20061102-0076.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, November 21, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER07-125-000.
Applicants: Keystone Energy Partners, LP.

Description: Keystone Energy Partners, LP submits a Petition for Acceptance of Initial Tariff, Waiver and Blanket Authority.

Filed Date: 10/31/2006.

Accession Number: 20061102-0181.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, November 21, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER07-126-000.
Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: Southwest Power Pool, Inc submits an executed service agreement for Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service with Kansas City Power and Light Company.

Filed Date: 11/02/2006.

Accession Number: 20061102-0183.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, November 24, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER07-127-000.
Applicants: California Independent System Operator Corporation.

Description: California Independent System Operator Corp submits an Amended Outage Report to its Tariff.

Filed Date: 10/31/2006.

Accession Number: 20061102-0182.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, November 21, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER07-128-000.
Applicants: Wisconsin Public Service Corporation.

Description: Wisconsin Public Service Co submits three revised service agreements with Manitowoc Public Utilities et al., effective 1/1/07.

Filed Date: 10/31/2006.

Accession Number: 20061102-0178.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, November 21, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER07-129-000.
Applicants: Atlantic Path 15, LLC.

Description: Atlantic Path 15, LLC submits revisions to its Transmission Owner Tariff, FERC Electric Tariff Original Volume No 1.

Filed Date: 10/31/2006.

Accession Number: 20061102-0180.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, November 21, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER07-130-000.
Applicants: CalPeak Power-Vaca Dixon LLC.

Description: CalPeak Power-Vaca Dixon LLC submits the notice canceling Must-Run Service Agreement with

California Independent System Operator Corporation, Inc, Rate Schedule No. 2.

Filed Date: 10/31/2006.

Accession Number: 20061102-0176.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, November 21, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER07-131-000; ER07-132-000; ER07-133-000.

Applicants: CalPeak Power-El Cajon LLC; Calpeak Power-Border, LLC; Calpeak Power-Enterprise, LLC.

Description: CalPeak Power LLC on behalf of CalPeak Entities submits modifications to certain schedules contained in the Reliability Must-Run Service Agreement with the California Independent System Operator Corp.

Filed Date: 10/31/2006.

Accession Number: 20061102-0177.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, November 21, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER07-134-000.
Applicants: Entergy Services, Inc.
Description: Entergy Services Inc submits Rate Schedule, First Revised Rate Schedule 170, for cost-based power sales for full requirements service to Brazos Electric Power Cooperative Inc.

Filed Date: 11/01/2006.

Accession Number: 20061103-0107.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, November 22, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER07-135-000.
Applicants: Entergy Services, Inc.
Description: Entergy Services, Inc on behalf of Entergy Gulf States, Inc, et al., submits EAI-EGS and EAI-EMI 2007 Bridge Contracts.

Filed Date: 11/01/2006.

Accession Number: 20061103-0113.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, November 22, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER07-137-000.
Applicants: Entergy Services, Inc.
Description: Entergy Services, Inc submits its third revised Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement w/ Louisiana Generating LLC.

Filed Date: 11/01/2006.

Accession Number: 20061103-0166.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, November 22, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER07-138-000.
Applicants: Central Vermont Public Service Corporation.

Description: Central Vermont Public Service Corp submits a notice of cancellation and cancelled rate schedule sheet terminating its Transmission and Interconnection Service Agreement with Morrisville Water & Light Department.

Filed Date: 11/01/2006.

Accession Number: 20061103-0162.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, November 22, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER07-139-000.

Applicants: Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company.

Description: Oklahoma Gas and Electric Co submits a notice of cancellation of a portion of its Rate Schedule 147, Agreement for Scheduling Exchange Service with Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority.

Filed Date: 11/01/2006.

Accession Number: 20061103-0163.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, November 22, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER07-140-000.

Applicants: Southern California Edison Company.

Description: Southern California Edison Company submits its revised rate sheets to the Amended & restated Eldorado System Conveyance and Co-Tenancy Agreement with Nevada Power Company et al.

Filed Date: 11/01/2006.

Accession Number: 20061103-0164.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, November 22, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER07-141-000.

Applicants: Florida Power Corporation.

Description: Florida Power Corp submits a cost-based power sales agreement with the City of Mount Dora, Florida.

Filed Date: 11/01/2006.

Accession Number: 20061103-0165.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, November 22, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER07-142-000.

Applicants: California Independent System Operator Corporation.

Description: California Independent System Operator Corporation submits amendments to its tariff that modify the assignment of costs associated with energy exported from Participating Intermittent Resource Program.

Filed Date: 11/01/2006.

Accession Number: 20061103-0167.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, November 22, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER07-143-000.

Applicants: Duke Energy Carolina, LLC.

Description: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC submits its 10/27/06 confirmation with North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation, effective 1/1/07.

Filed Date: 11/01/2006.

Accession Number: 20061103-0168.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, November 22, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER07-144-000.

Applicants: Central Vermont Public Service Corporation; Green Mountain Power Corporation.

Description: Central Vermont Public Service Corp et al. submit a revision to the Transmission Service Agreement

designated as First Revised Rate Schedule 132 and First Revised Rate Schedule 188.

Filed Date: 11/01/2006.

Accession Number: 20061103-0169.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, November 22, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER07-145-000.

Applicants: Arizona Public Service Company.

Description: Arizona Public Service Co submits a Long-Term Power Transaction Agreement with PacifiCorp, Rate Schedule 182.

Filed Date: 11/01/2006.

Accession Number: 20061103-0170.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, November 22, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER07-146-000.

Applicants: Wabash Valley Energy Marketing, Inc.

Description: Wabash Valley Energy Marketing, Inc submits an application for acceptance of initial market-based rate tariff, waivers, and blanket authority, FERC Electric Original Volume No 1.

Filed Date: 11/01/2006.

Accession Number: 20061103-0160.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, November 22, 2006.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5 p.m. eastern time on the specified comment date. It is not necessary to separately intervene again in a subdocket related to a compliance filing if you have previously intervened in the same docket. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. In reference to filings initiating a new proceeding, interventions or protests submitted on or before the comment deadline need not be served on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies

of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above proceedings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

November 6, 2006.

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

Docket Numbers: EC07-12-000; ER07-117-000.

Applicants: AEP Operating Companies.

Description: AEP Operating Companies submit a request for disclaimer of jurisdictional or, in the alternative, applications for approval under Sections 203 and 205 of the Federal Power Act.

Filed Date: 10/31/2006.

Accession Number: 20061103-0062.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, November 21, 2006.

Take notice that the Commission received the following exempt wholesale generator filings:

Docket Numbers: EG07-7-000.

Applicants: BTEC New Albany LLC.

Description: BTEC New Albany LLC submits a notice of self-certification of exempt wholesale generator status.

Filed Date: 10/31/2006.

Accession Number: 20061102-0174.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, November 21, 2006.

Docket Numbers: EG07-8-000.

Applicants: BTEC Southaven LLC.

Description: BTEC Southaven, LLC submits a notice of self-certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.