

3. *Demonstration of a Proliferation-Resistant Fuel Cycle and Advanced Fuel Fabrication*

DOE would demonstrate the fabrication, testing, and qualification of advanced fuel forms in a multi-hot cell, multi-purpose research, development, and demonstration laboratory that can serve fuel cycle testing needs. The facility would use modular, flexible construction technologies with the near-term objective to fabricate and qualify fuels to be used in the facility for the conversion of transuranics.

Purpose and Need for Action

The purpose of the GNEP Technology Demonstration Program is to demonstrate U.S. capability to safely recycle spent nuclear fuel using proliferation-resistant separation processes and the conversion of transuranics into shorter-lived radioisotopes. DOE needs to identify and demonstrate technologies and identify the locations where those technologies would be demonstrated.

Potential Range of Alternatives

As part of the NEPA process, DOE will consider and evaluate all reasonable alternatives, including those identified in response to the ANOI, NOI, and during the public scoping process. DOE will also evaluate a No Action alternative.

Invitation To Comment

DOE invites Federal agencies, state and local governments, Native American tribes, industry, other organizations, and members of the public to provide comments on the proposed scope, alternatives (both technology and siting), and environmental issues to be analyzed in the forthcoming EIS for the GNEP Technology Demonstration Program. DOE will consider all such comments and other relevant information in developing an NOI. Comments on this ANOI should be submitted as described under **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** above.

Potential Environmental Issues for Analysis

DOE has tentatively identified the following environmental issues for analysis in the GNEP Technology Demonstration Program EIS. The list is presented to facilitate early comment on the scope of the EIS; it is not intended to be comprehensive nor to predetermine the alternatives to be analyzed or their potential impacts.

- Potential impacts to the general population and workers from radiological and nonradiological releases.

- Potential impacts of emissions on air and water quality.
- Potential impacts on flora and fauna of a region.
- Potential transportation impacts from the shipment of radioactive materials and waste.
- Potential impacts from postulated accidents.
- Potential disproportionately high and adverse effects on low-income and minority populations (environmental justice).
- Potential Native American concerns.
- Short-term and long-term land use impacts.
- Compliance with applicable Federal and state regulations.
- Long-term health and environmental impacts.
- Long-term site suitability.

NEPA Process

DOE plans to publish the NOI for the proposed GNEP Technology Demonstration Program EIS in the **Federal Register** later this year. The NOI will identify the technologies and sites that DOE proposes to evaluate as reasonable alternatives in the EIS. Following the publication of the NOI, there will be a 60-day public scoping period. Subsequently, DOE will announce the availability of the Draft EIS in the **Federal Register** and other media outlets. Federal agencies, state and local governments, Native American tribes, industry, other organizations, and members of the public will have an opportunity to submit comments. These comments will be considered and addressed in the Final EIS. DOE will issue a Record of Decision(s) no sooner than 30 days after publication of the Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Availability of the Final EIS. DOE might announce its decision to implement all three projects in a single Record of Decision or in separate Records of Decision.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

March 15, 2006.

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

Docket Numbers: ER96-1551-014; ER01-615-010; EL05-2-000.

Applicants: Public Service Company of New Mexico.

Description: Public Service Co of New Mexico submits an amendment to its July 15, 2005 compliance filing and requests FERC to consider the information submitted as further evidence that PNM lacks generation market power etc.

Filed Date: March 10, 2006.

Accession Number: 20060314-0015.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, March 31, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER03-447-004.

Applicants: Black Oak Energy, LLC.

Description: Black Oak Energy LLC submits an amendment to its triennial updated market analysis filed on February 13, 2006.

Filed Date: March 9, 2006.

Accession Number: 20060310-0182.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, March 30, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER06-464-001.

Applicants: Highlands Energy Group LLC.

Description: Highlands Energy Group LLC submits a petition for acceptance of initial rate schedule, waivers and blanket authority. Highland also amended its filing on March 10, 2006, including a revised tariff per the Commission's request.

Filed Date: March 8, 2006.

Accession Number: 20060313-0130.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, March 29, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER06-710-000.

Applicants: New York Independent System Operator, Inc.

Description: New York Independent System Operator, Inc submits revisions to its open access transmission tariff & market administration and control area services tariff to allow three additional forms of credit support etc.

Filed Date: March 8, 2006.

Accession Number: 20060315-0019.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, March 29, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER06-711-000.

Applicants: Hunlock Creek Energy Ventures.

Description: Hunlock Creek Energy Ventures submits a Notice of

Cancellation of its market-based rate tariff, currently designated as FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume 1.

Filed Date: March 9, 2006.

Accession Number: 20060315-0018.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, March 30, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER06-712-000.

Applicants: Allegheny Energy Supply Hunlock Creek, LLC.

Description: Allegheny Energy Supply Hunlock Creek, LLC submits its notice of cancellation of its market-based rate tariff, designated as FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume 1, to be effective March 1, 2006.

Filed Date: March 9, 2006.

Accession Number: 20060315-0017.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, March 30, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER06-713-000.

Applicants: Weyerhaeuser Company.

Description: Weyerhaeuser Co submits its petition for market-based rate authority, acceptance of initial rate schedule, waivers and blanket authority, Rate Schedule No. 1.

Filed Date: March 9, 2006.

Accession Number: 20060315-0016.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, March 30, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER06-715-000.

Applicants: Community Energy, Inc.

Description: Community Energy, Inc submits a Notice of Cancellation of its Rate Schedule 1.

Filed Date: March 10, 2006.

Accession Number: 20060315-0008.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, March 31, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER06-718-000.

Applicants: Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation.

Description: Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp submits an executed interconnection agreement with the City of New York respecting the continued interconnection of the Neversink Generating Station to its transmission system.

Filed Date: March 10, 2006.

Accession Number: 20060315-0003.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, March 31, 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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. EC06-91-000, et al.]

United States Power Fund, II, L.P. et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Filings

March 15, 2006.

The following filings have been made with the Commission. The filings are listed in ascending order within each docket classification.

1. United States Power Fund II, L.P.; USPF II Institutional Fund, L.P.; Northbrook Carolina Hydro, LLC; Northbrook Acquisition Corporation

[Docket No. EC06-91-00]

Take notice that on March 10, 2006, United States Power Fund, L.P., USPF II Institutional Fund, L.P., Northbrook Carolina Hydro, LLC, and Northbrook Acquisition Corporation filed an application, pursuant to section 203 of the Federal Power Act, for authorizations for an indirect merger with Northbrook Carolina Hydro, LLC and Northbrook Acquisition Corp. that together own or control fourteen hydroelectric generating facilities that are qualifying facilities pursuant to part 292 of the regulations.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on March 31, 2006.

2. Tomen Corporation, and Toyota Tsusho Corporation

[Docket No. EC06-92-000]

Take notice that on March 10, 2006, Toyota Tsusho Corporation and Tomen Corporation (the Applicants), submitted an application pursuant to section 203 of the Federal Power Act, seeking authorization for a merger of holding companies in a holding company system that includes a transmitting utility or an electric utility company (the Transaction). Applicants state that the Transaction has no effect on competition, rates or regulation, does not result in cross-subsidization and is in the public interest.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on March 31, 2006.

3. Southwestern Power Administration

[Docket No. EF06-4011-000]

Take notice that on February 3, 2006, the Administrator of the Southwestern Power Administration, U.S. Department of Energy, submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission a memorandum advising the Commission that the Administrator approved and implemented a Discretionary Purchased Power Adder Adjustment to the Purchased Power Adder based on the formula included in Southwestern's Rate Schedules.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on March 27, 2006.

4. Indeck Energy Services of Silver Springs, Inc.

[Docket No. EG06-39-000]

Take notice that on March 10, 2006, Indeck Energy Services of Silver Springs, Inc. filed with the Commission an Application for Market-Based Rate Authority pursuant to section 205 of the Federal Power Act.