

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 2179–043—California; Project No. 2467–020—California]

**Merced Irrigation District, Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Merced River and Merced Falls Hydroelectric Projects**

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) regulations contained in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) (18 CFR part 380 [FERC Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897]), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the applications for license for the Merced River Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2179), and the Merced Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2467) and prepared a draft multi-project environmental impact statement (EIS) for the projects.

Both projects are located on the Merced River. The Merced River Project is located at river mile (RM) 62.5 and 56.3, respectively, about 23 miles northeast of the city of Merced in Mariposa County, California. The Merced River Project occupies 3,154.9 acres of federal land administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The Merced Falls Project is located at RM 55 on the border of Merced and Mariposa Counties, California. The Merced Falls Project occupies 1.0 acre of federal land administered by BLM.

The draft EIS contains staff's analysis of the applicants' proposals and the alternatives for relicensing the Merced River and Merced Falls projects. The draft EIS documents the views of governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, affected Indian tribes, the public, the license applicants, and Commission staff.

A copy of the draft EIS is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "e-Library" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits, to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects.

For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

All comments must be filed by Friday, May 29, 2015, and should reference Project Nos. 2179–043 and 2467–020. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments 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. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support. In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Anyone may intervene in this proceeding based on this draft EIS (18 CFR 380.10). You must file your request to intervene as specified above. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Commission staff will hold two public meetings for the purpose of receiving comments on the draft EIS. The daytime meeting will focus on resource agency, Indian tribe, and non-governmental organization comments, while the evening meeting is primarily for receiving input from the public. All interested individuals and entities will be invited to attend the public meeting. A notice detailing the exact date, time, and location of the public meetings will be forthcoming.

For further information, please contact Matt Buhyoff at (202) 502–6824 or at [matt.buhyoff@ferc.gov](mailto:matt.buhyoff@ferc.gov).

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP15–61–000]

**Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Staff Protest to Proposed Blanket Certificate Activity**

Commission staff (Protestor) hereby protests the prior notice request filed under the provisions of part 157, subpart F, of the Commission's regulations, by Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) on January 20,

2015 in the above referenced docket. Pursuant to its part 157, subpart F, blanket certificate authority, Northern proposes to construct and abandon facilities in Clark and Codington Counties, South Dakota. Protestor seeks to have this prior notice request processed as a case-specific application filed under section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and part 157, subpart A, of the Commission's regulations.<sup>1</sup>

Protestor notes that on February 27, 2015, Northern filed a data response which described communication with the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation (tribe). The tribe indicated that it would be necessary to conduct a Traditional Cultural Properties (TCP) survey to ensure that no TCPs would be affected by construction. Northern has not yet provided the results of the TCP survey. Northern must file with the FERC the results of the TCP survey and/or updated communication with the tribe to ensure the project's compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as required under Appendix II to Subpart F of Part 157 of the Commission's regulations. Without this information, environmental concerns cannot be adequately assessed before the protest period expires today.

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Secretary.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**Notice of Attendance at PJM Interconnection, LLC Meetings**

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) hereby gives notice that members of the Commission and Commission staff may attend upcoming PJM Interconnection, LLC (PJM) Members Committee and Markets and Reliability Committee meetings, as well as other PJM committee, subcommittee or task force meetings.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Section 157.205(f) provides that a protested prior notice filing shall be treated as though it had filed a case-specific application under NGA section 7, unless, pursuant to section 157.205(g) the protestor withdraws its protest within 30 days after protests were due.

<sup>1</sup> For example, PJM subcommittees and task forces of the standing committees (Operating, Planning and Market Implementation) and senior standing committees (Members and Markets and Reliability) meet on a variety of different topics; they convene and dissolve on an as-needed basis.

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The Commission and Commission staff may attend the following meetings:

#### **PJM Members Committee**

- April 23, 2015 (Wilmington, DE)
- May 19–21, 2015 (Atlantic City, NJ)
- June 25, 2015 (TBD)
- August 27, 2015 (TBD)
- September 24, 2015 (TBD)
- October 22, 2015 (TBD)
- November 19, 2015 (TBD)

#### **PJM Markets and Reliability Committee**

- April 23, 2015 (Wilmington, DE)
- May 28, 2015 (Wilmington, DE)
- June 25, 2015 (Wilmington, DE)
- July 23, 2015 (Wilmington, DE)
- August 27, 2015 (Wilmington, DE)
- September 24, 2015 (TBD)
- October 22, 2015 (TBD)
- November 19, 2015 (TBD)
- December 17, 2015 (TBD)

#### **PJM Market Implementation Committee**

- April 8, 2015 (Audubon, PA)
- May 6, 2015 (Audubon, PA)
- June 10, 2015 (Audubon, PA)
- July 8, 2015 (Audubon, PA)
- August 12, 2015 (Audubon, PA)
- September 9, 2015 (Audubon, PA)
- October 7, 2015 (Audubon, PA)
- November 4, 2015 (Audubon, PA)
- December 2, 2015 (Audubon, PA)

The discussions at each of the meetings described above may address matters at issue in pending proceedings before the Commission, including the following currently pending proceedings:

Docket No. EL05–121, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. EL08–14, *Black Oak Energy LLC, et al., v. FERC*  
 Docket No. ER09–1148, *PPL Electric Utilities Corporation*  
 Docket No. ER09–1256, *Potomac-Appalachian Transmission Highline, L.L.C.*  
 Docket Nos. ER09–1589 and EL10–6, *FirstEnergy Service Company*  
 Docket No. EL10–52, *Central Transmission, L.L.C. v. PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. EL11–54, *Buckeye Power, Inc. v. American Transmission Systems Incorporated*  
 Docket No. ER11–1844, *Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.*  
 Docket No. AD12–1 and ER11–4081, *Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.*  
 Docket No. AD12–16, *Capacity Deliverability Across the Midwest Independent Transmission System*

*Operator, Inc./PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. Seam*  
 Docket No. EL12–54, *Viridity Energy, Inc. v. PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. ER12–91, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. ER12–92, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C., et al.*  
 Docket No. ER12–2399, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. ER12–2708, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. EL13–47, *FirstEnergy Solutions Corporation v. PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. et al.*  
 Docket No. ER13–90, *Public Service Electric and Gas Company and PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. ER13–195, *Indicated PJM Transmission Owners*  
 Docket No. ER13–198, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. ER13–349–001, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. ER13–535, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. ER13–1654, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. ER13–1924, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. ER13–1926, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. ER13–1927, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. ER13–1936, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. ER13–1944, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. ER13–1947, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. ER13–2108, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. EL14–20, *Independent Market Monitor v. PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. EL14–45, *Duke Energy Corporation, et al., v. PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. EL14–55, *FirstEnergy Service Company v. PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket Nos. EL14–94, EL14–36, *FirstEnergy Solutions Corporation and PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. ER14–972, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. ER14–503, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. ER14–504, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. ER15–746, *RC Cape May Holdings, LLC*  
 Docket No. ER14–822, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. ER14–1144, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. ER14–1145, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. ER14–1461, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*

Docket No. ER14–1485, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. ER14–2242, *Old Dominion Electric Cooperative*  
 Docket Nos. ER14–2864, ER14–2867, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C., and Baltimore Gas & Electric Company, et al.*  
 Docket No. ER14–2940, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. EL15–15, ER15–696, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. EL15–18, *Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. v. PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. EL15–31, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. EL15–38, *RTO Energy Trading, LLC*  
 Docket No. EL15–40, *Public Service Electric and Gas Company v. PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. EL15–41, *Essential Power Rock Springs, LLC, et al., v. PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. EL15–46, *Champion Energy Marketing LLC v. PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. ER15–61, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C., and American Transmission Systems, Incorporated*  
 Docket No. ER15–135, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket Nos. ER15–623, EL15–29, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. ER15–643, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. ER15–738, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. ER15–739, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. ER15–834, *Illinois Municipal Electric Agency*  
 Docket No. ER15–852, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. ER15–952, *New Jersey Energy Associates, A Limited Partnership*  
 Docket No. ER15–1193, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. ER15–1232, *Illinois Municipal Electric Agency*  
 Docket No. ER13–1957, *ISO New England Inc., New York Independent System Operator, Inc., and PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. ER13–1942, *New York Independent System Operator, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER13–1946, *New York Independent System Operator, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER13–1947, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*  
 Docket No. ER13–1960, *ISO New England Inc. and New England Power Pool Participants Committee*  
 Docket No. ER13–1926, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. and Duquesne Light Company*  
 Docket No. ER13–1944, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*

Therefore, the Commission and Commission staff may monitor the various meetings posted on the PJM Web site.

Docket No. ER13-1943, *Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.*

Docket No. ER13-1924, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. and Duquesne Light Company*

Docket No. ER13-1945, *Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.*

Docket No. ER13-1955, *Entergy Services, Inc.*

Docket No. ER13-1956, *Cleco Power LLC*

Docket No. ER15-376, *Calpine Energy Services, L.P.*

For additional meeting information, see: <http://www.pjm.com/committees-and-groups.aspx> and <http://www.pjm.com/Calendar.aspx>.

The meetings are open to stakeholders. For more information, contact Valerie Martin, Office of Energy Market Regulation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at (202) 502-6139 or [Valerie.Martin@ferc.gov](mailto:Valerie.Martin@ferc.gov).

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Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 516-482]

#### South Carolina Electric and Gas Company; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Application Type:* Non-Project Use of Project Lands and Waters.

b. *Project No:* 516-482.

c. *Date Filed:* March 19, 2015.

d. *Applicant:* South Carolina Electric and Gas Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Saluda Project.

f. *Location:* Saluda River in Richland, Lexington, Saluda, and Newberry counties, South Carolina.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r

h. *Applicant Contact:* Tommy Boozer, Manager, Lake Management Programs, South Carolina Electric and Gas Company, 6248 Bush River Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29212; Telephone: (803) 217-9007.

i. *FERC Contact:* Shana High at (202) 502-8674, or email: [shana.high@ferc.gov](mailto:shana.high@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests:* April 29, 2015.

All documents may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site 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. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and seven copies to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please include the project number (P-516-482) on any comments, motions, or recommendations filed.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. *Description of Request:* South Carolina Electric and Gas Company requests Commission approval to permit the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism to replace and expand its existing 33-slip Dreher Island Marina at Dreher Island State Park with a facility that would accommodate 100 boats.

l. *Locations of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing 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 field (P-516) to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-

866-208-3676 or email [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene:* Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214, respectively. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. *Filing and Service of Documents:* Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting, protesting or intervening; 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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