

academic methods of the Naval Academy. The executive session of this meeting from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on March 27, 2017, will include discussions of new and pending administrative/minor disciplinary infractions and non-judicial punishment proceedings involving midshipmen attending the Naval Academy to include but not limited to individual honor/conduct violations within the Brigade; the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. For this reason, the executive session of this meeting will be closed to the public.

**DATES:** The open session of the meeting will be held on March 27, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The executive session held from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. will be the closed portion of the meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD. The meeting will be handicap accessible.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lieutenant Commander Eric Madonia, USN, Executive Secretary to the Board of Visitors, Office of the Superintendent, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD 21402-5000, 410-293-1503.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice of meeting is provided per the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.). The executive session of the meeting from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on March 27, 2017, will consist of discussions of new and pending administrative/minor disciplinary infractions and non-judicial punishments involving midshipmen attending the Naval Academy to include but not limited to, individual honor/conduct violations within the Brigade. The discussion of such information cannot be adequately segregated from other topics, which precludes opening the executive session of this meeting to the public. Accordingly, the Department of the Navy/Assistant for Administration has determined in writing that the meeting shall be partially closed to the public because the discussions during the executive session from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. will be concerned with matters protected under sections 552b(c) (5), (6), and (7) of title 5, United States Code.

(Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552b)

Dated: January 3, 2017.

**A.M. Nichols,**

*Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### National Energy Technology Laboratory

#### Notice of Intent To Grant an Exclusive License

**AGENCY:** National Energy Technology Laboratory, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to grant an exclusive license.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is issued in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(c)(1) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i). The National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) hereby gives notice that the Department of Energy (DOE) intends to grant an exclusive license to practice the invention described and claimed in U.S. Patent Application Number 14/619,501, "Variable Grid Method for Simultaneously Visualizing Uncertainty and Attribute Trends Associated with Spatial Data" to VariGrid Explorations, LLC, a small business, having its principal place of business in Missouri City, Texas. The patent application is owned by the United States of America, as represented by DOE. The prospective exclusive license complies with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

**DATES:** Written comments, objections, or nonexclusive license applications must be received at the address listed below no later than fifteen (15) days after the date of this published Notice. Objections submitted in response to this notice will not be made available to the public for inspection and, to the extent permitted by law, will not be released under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, applications for nonexclusive licenses, or objections relating to the prospective exclusive license should be submitted to Jessica Sosenko, Technology Transfer Program Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, P.O. Box 10940, Pittsburgh, PA 15236-0940 or via facsimile to (412) 386-4183.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jessica Sosenko, Technology Transfer Program Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, P.O. Box 10940, Pittsburgh, PA 15236; Telephone (412) 386-7417; Email: [jessica.sosenko@netl.doe.gov](mailto:jessica.sosenko@netl.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 209(c) of title 35 of the United States Code gives DOE the authority to grant exclusive or partially exclusive licenses in Department-owned inventions where a determination is made that, among other things, the desired practical application of the invention has not

been achieved, or is not likely to be achieved expeditiously, under a nonexclusive license. The statute and implementing regulations (37 CFR 404) require that the necessary determinations be made after public notice and opportunity for filing written comments and objections.

VariGrid Explorations, Inc., a small business, has applied for an exclusive license to practice the invention and has a plan for commercialization of the invention. DOE intends to grant the license, upon a final determination in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(c), unless within 15 days of publication of this notice, NETL's Technology Transfer Manager (contact information listed above), receives in writing any of the following, together with supporting documents:

(i) A statement from any person setting forth reasons why it would not be in the best interest of the United States to grant the proposed license; or

(ii) An application for a nonexclusive license to the invention, in which the applicant states that it already has brought the invention to practical application or is likely to bring the invention to practical application expeditiously.

The proposed license would be exclusive, subject to a license and other rights retained by the United States, and subject to a negotiated royalty. DOE will review all timely written responses to this notice, and will grant the license if, after expiration of the 15-day notice period, and after consideration of any written responses to this notice, a determination is made in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(c) that the license is in the public interest.

Issued: December 15, 2016

**Grace M. Bochenek,**

*Director, National Energy Technology Laboratory.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP17-27-000]

#### Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

Take notice that on December 23, 2016 Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern Natural), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124 filed a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.213(b) of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act for authorization to

abandon in-place the Fort Buford compressor station located in McKenzie County, North Dakota. Specifically, Northern Natural proposes to abandon in-place the Fort Buford compressor station consisting of one compressor building, three compressor units with 3,100 total horsepower, and associated piping in the station yard. All gas and service piping to the compressor units will be disconnected and sealed off either by the installation of blind flanges or weld caps, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this Application should be directed to Michael T. Loeffler, Senior Director, Certificates and External Affairs for Northern, 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124, by calling (402) 398-7278, or by fax (402) 398-7592, or by email at [mike.loeffler@nngco.com](mailto:mike.loeffler@nngco.com).

Any person may, within 60 days after the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention. Any person filing to intervene or the Commission's staff may, pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205) file a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS)

or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenter's will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenter's will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentary, will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests, and interventions via the internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the "e-Filing" link. Persons unable to file electronically should submit original and 5 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Dated: January 3, 2017.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Combined Notice of Filings #2

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

*Docket Numbers:* EG17-37-000.  
*Applicants:* CP Bloom Wind LLC.  
*Description:* Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status of CP Bloom Wind LLC.  
*Filed Date:* 1/4/17.

*Accession Number:* 20170104-5116.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/25/17.

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

*Docket Numbers:* ER17-741-000.  
*Applicants:* Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation.  
*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2017-01-04 OTP Sheyenne Ltr Agrmt—639—0.0.0 to be effective 3/6/2017.  
*Filed Date:* 1/4/17.  
*Accession Number:* 20170104-5077.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/25/17.  
*Docket Numbers:* ER17-742-000.  
*Applicants:* CP Bloom Wind LLC.  
*Description:* Baseline eTariff Filing: Initial Application for Market-Based Rate Authority to be effective 3/6/2017.  
*Filed Date:* 1/4/17.  
*Accession Number:* 20170104-5101.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/25/17.  
*Docket Numbers:* ER17-743-000.  
*Applicants:* American Falls Solar, LLC.

*Description:* Baseline eTariff Filing: Filing of Shared Facilities Agreement and Request Certain Waivers to be effective 1/5/2017.

*Filed Date:* 1/4/17.  
*Accession Number:* 20170104-5119.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/25/17.  
*Docket Numbers:* ER17-744-000.  
*Applicants:* American Falls Solar II, LLC.

*Description:* Baseline eTariff Filing: Filing of Shared Facilities Agreement and Request Certain Waivers to be effective 1/5/2017.

*Filed Date:* 1/4/17.  
*Accession Number:* 20170104-5120.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/25/17.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the links or querying the docket number.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Dated: January 4, 2017.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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