#### **Updates**

November 20, 2024

FERC Meeting Agenda Summaries for November 2024



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Item No. Company

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

A-1	AD25-1- 000	Agency Administrative Matters
	AD25-2- 000	Customer Matters, Reliability, Security, and Market Operations
A-3	<u>AD06-3-</u> <u>000</u>	Market Update

#### **ELECTRIC**

E-1

Building for the Future Through Electric Regional Transmission Planning and Cost Allocation. On May 13, 2024, FERC issued Order No. 1920 that adopted specific requirements for transmission providers to conduct long-range planning for regional transmission facilities and adopt cost allocation methodologies for such facilities, among other things. Numerous rehearing requests were filed.

Agenda item E-1 may be an order on rehearing.

Item	Docket No.
No.	Docket No.

## **Company**

RM05-5-

Standards for Business Practices and Communication Protocols for Public Utilities. On April 25, 2024, FERC issued a notice of proposed rulemaking that would amend FERC's regulations to incorporate by reference, with certain exceptions, the latest version (Version 004) of the Standards for Business Practices and Communication Protocols for Public Utilities adopted by the Wholesale Electric Quadrant of the North American Energy Standards Board.

Agenda item E-2 may be an order on this proposed rule.

## ISO New England Inc. and New England Power Pool Participants Committee; ISO New **England Inc.**

On May 5, 2023, FERC granted in party and denied in party a request by Dynegy Marketing and Trade, LLC seeking to recover \$903,339.36 in unrecovered costs it incurred because its resources were subject to market power mitigation in the ISO New England (ISO-NE) realtime energy market on December 24, 2022, as well as associated regulatory costs. FERC also instituted a proceeding under Section 206 of the FPA to examine ISO-NE's market power mitigation Tariff provisions. On December 12, 2023, the Commission accepted an Upward Mitigation Fix Filing that resolved most of the issues involved in the proceeding. On February 7, 2024, FERC held the show cause proceeding in abeyance pending completion of the stakeholder process through which further revisions to ISO-NE's Transmission, Markets, and Services Tariff were being proposed and vetted. On July 24, 2024, ISO-NE and the New England Power Pool Participants' Committee filed revisions to the energy market mitigation rules in Appendix A to Market Rule 1 of its tariff. The revisions address the two remaining outstanding issues: (1) whether certain market power mitigation provision(s)—those that do not allow different fuel prices to apply to different offer segments of the "Reference Level"—are just and reasonable and not unduly discriminatory or preferential, and (2) whether the duration for which a Resource's Supply Offer is mitigated under the general threshold energy mitigation rules—which is tied to the length of time for which the supplier remains pivotal—is just and reasonable and not unduly discriminatory or preferential. Agenda item E-3 may be an order on ISO-NE's filing.

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E-4 OMITTED

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2971-000

Dan's Mountain Wind Force, LLC. Dan's Mountain Wind Force, LLC (Dan's Mountain) is developing a wind-powered generation facility, as well as related substation facilities and customer interconnection facilities, in Allegheny County, Maryland. Before energization, Dan's Mountain will transfer title to the new substation facilities to Potomac Edison but will require a waiver from FERC's Open Access Requirements (the open access transmission

TS24-5-000 tariff (OATT), open access same-time information system (OASIS), and Standards of Conduct requirement). On August 30, 2024, Dan's Mountain filed its request for temporary waiver of the Open Access Requirements.

Agenda item E-5 may be an order on the request for temporary waiver.

E-6 2016-000 MATL LLP. On May 15, 2024, MATL, LLC filed amendments to its OATT for compliance with FERC Order No. 2023.

Agenda item E-6 may be an order on MATL's compliance filing.

Item No.	Docket No.	Company
E-7	ER24- 2038-000	UNS Electric, Inc. On May 16, 2024, UNS Electric, Inc. (UNSE) filed revisions to the UNSE OATT Large Generator Interconnection Procedures (LGIP), Small Generator Interconnection Procedures (SGIP), Large Generator Interconnection Agreement (LGIA), and Small Generator Interconnection Agreement (SGIA), for compliance with FERC Order No. 2023.  Agenda item E-7 may be an order on UNSE's filing.
E-8	ER24- 1993-000	NorthWestern Corporation. On May 10, 2024, NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) filed revisions to Attachment M, Standard LGIP and LGIA, and Attachment N, SGIP and SGIA of its Montana OATT, for compliance with FERC Order No. 2023. Agenda item E-8 may be an order on NorthWestern's filing.
E-9	ER24- 2217-000	<b>SunZia Transmission, LLC.</b> On June 10, 2024, SunZia Transmission, LLC (SunZia) filed amendments to its OATT to include a revised LGIP, including an LGIA, and a revised SGIP, including an SGIA, for compliance with FERC Order No. 2023. Agenda item E-7 may be an order on SunZia's filing.
E-10	ER24-697- 001 ER24-698- 001	Westlands Solar Blue (OZ) Owner, LLC; Castanea Project, LLC. On April 18, 2024, FERC granted Westlands Solar Blue (OZ) Owner, LLC (Westlands) market-based rate authority to be effective December 19, 2023, under ER24-697, and also required Westlands to file a refund report related to certain sales made prior to effectiveness of its market-based rate authority. On April 18, 2024, FERC also granted Castanea Project, LLC (Castanea) market-based rate authority to be effective December 19, 2023, under ER24-698, and similarly required Castanea to file a refund report related to certain sales made prior to effectiveness of its market-based rate authority. Both Westlands and Castanea filed their respective refund reports on June 4, 2024.  Agenda item E-10 may be an order on the refund reports filed by Westlands and Castanea.
E-11	ER14-714- 003 ER18- 2002-003 EL25-6- 000	Essential Power Rock Springs, LLC. On August 19, 2024, Essential Power Rock Springs, LLC (Rock Springs) submitted an informational filing on Docket Nos. ER14-714-0003 and ER18-2002-003 in advance of a proposed transaction pursuant to which Q-Generation, LLC (Q-Gen) would acquire all of the indirect ownership interests in Essential Power Rock Springs from investment fund vehicles managed or advised by The Carlyle Group Inc. or affiliates thereof. Essential Power Rock Springs owns an approximately 773 MW (nameplate) simple-cycle natural gas-fired peaking facility located in Rising Sun, Maryland, in the PJM market.

Agenda item E-11 may be an order on this filing instituting a proceeding to review Rock Springs' reactive power rates.

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ER14-715- Essential Power OPP, LLC. On August 19, 2024, Essential Power OPP, LLC (OPP) submitted an informational filing in advance of a proposed transaction pursuant to which Q-Gen would acquire all of the indirect ownership interests in Essential Power OPP from investment fund vehicles managed or advised by The Carlyle Group Inc. or affiliates thereof. Essential Power OPP owns a 383 MW (nameplate rating) simple-cycle, natural gas-fired peaking facility located in Lakewood, New Jersey, in the PJM market.

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Agenda item E-12 may be an order on this filing instituting a proceeding to review OPP's reactive power rates.

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Southwest Power Pool, Inc. On July 1, 2024, Louisiana Public Service Commission, American Electric Power Service Corporation, Xcel Energy Services Inc., Oklahoma Gas & Electric Company, City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri, Kansas Board of Public Utilities, and Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Corporation (Requesters) requested rehearing of the Commission's May 31, 2024, Order accepting tariff revisions submitted by Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (SPP) to add Schedule 3 to Attachment J of its OATT to allow the remaining annual transmission revenue requirement for certain transmission facilities to be entirely allocated on a regional, postage stamp basis. On August 1, 2024, FERC issued an order denying the request for rehearing by operation of law and noted that it would address the request for rehearing in a future order.

Agenda item E-13 may be an order on the rehearing requests.

ER14-199-003

**Lakewood Cogeneration**, **L.P.** On August 19, 2024, Lakewood Cogeneration, L.P. submitted an information filing pursuant to Schedule 2 of the PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. Tariff in advance of a proposed transaction pursuant to which Q-Gen will acquire an 80% indirect ownership interest in Lakewood Cogeneration, L.P. from investment fund vehicles managed or advised by The Carlyle Group Inc. or affiliates.

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Agenda item E-14 may be an order on this filing instituting a proceeding to review Lakewood's reactive power rates.

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Bridgeport Energy LLC, Essential Power Massachusetts, LLC, Essential Power Newington, LLC, Essential Power OPP, LLC, Essential Power Rock Springs, LLC, Hamilton Liberty LLC, Hamilton Patriot LLC, Hamilton Projects Acquiror, LLC, Lakewood Cogeneration, L.P., Nautilus Power, LLC, Revere Power, LLC, Rumford Power LLC and Tiverton Power LLC. On August 23, 2024, Bridgeport Energy LLC, E-15 EC24-114- OPP, LLC, Essential Power Rock Springs, LLC, Hamilton Liberty LLC, Hamilton Patriot LLC. Hamilton Projects Acquirer LLC Lamilton Projects Ac Essential Power Massachusetts, LLC, Essential Power Newington, LLC, Essential Power LLC, Revere Power, LLC, Rumford Power LLC, and Tiverton Power LLC (Applicants) submitted an application requesting an order granting approval under FPA Section 203(a)(1) in connection with a transaction whereby Q-Gen will acquire an indirect ownership interest in Applicants from investment fund vehicles managed or advised by The Carlyle Group Inc. or affiliates.

Agenda item E-15 may be an order on this application.

Item No.	Docket No.	Company
E- 16	ER22- 1804-000	Yaphank Fuel Cell Park, LLC. On June 27, 2022, the Commission granted Yaphank Fuel Cell Park LLC (Yaphank Fuel) market-based rate authorization (MBR Order) and ordering Yaphank Fuel to refund customers for sales made without MBR authorization. On August 11, 2022, Yaphank Fuel filed a Refund Report as directed by the Commission in the MBR Order. On June 5, 2024, the Commission rejected the Refund Report and directed Yaphank to recalculate the refund amounts and make cost-based refunds, with interest, using a month-bymonth calculation methodology (June 5 Order). Subsequently, Yaphank Fuel filed revised Refund Reports.  Agenda item E-16 may be an order on the revised Refund Reports.
E- 17 E- 18	ER22- 1804-001 ER24- 2520-000	Yaphank Fuel Cell Park, LLC. Yaphank Fuel filed a request for rehearing of the Commission's June 5 Order summarized in respect to agenda item E-16 above. On August 5, 2024, the request for rehearing was denied by operation of law.  Agenda item E-17 may be an order on Yaphank Fuel's request for rehearing.  Southwest Power Pool, Inc. On July 15, 2024, SPP submitted to the Commission revisions to Attachment AE of SPP's OATT to add a Multi-Day Economic Commitment process.  Agenda item E-18 may be an order regarding SPP's filing.

#### **HYDRO**

H-1

Establishment of Categorical Reasonable Period of Time for Action on Requests for Water Quality Certification under Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act and Clarifying Types of Hydroelectric Project Proceedings that May Require Water Quality Certification. On May 23, 2024, FERC issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NOPR) amending its regulations to clarify that for all proceedings before FERC that require a water quality certification pursuant to Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, "the reasonable period of time during which the certifying authority may act on the water quality certification request is one year from the certifying authority's receipt of the request." The proposed rules would also clarify that all FERC "authorizations that have the potential to discharge into waters of the United States require a section 401 water quality certification or waiver, including hydropower exemptions, amendments, and surrenders." Finally, the proposed rules would provide "updated terminology in [FERC's] hydropower regulations and update [] the timing of the filing requirements for [FERC's] expedited hydropower licensing process." Agenda item H-1 may be an order regarding the NOPR.

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H-3 P-77-321

RM24-5-

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**York Energy Storage LLC.** On November 9, 2023, York Energy Storage LLC (YES) resubmitted its application for a preliminary permit for a new pumped storage project in York County, Pennsylvania.

Agenda item H-2 may be an order on YES's application.

**Pacific Gas and Electric Company.** On July 29, 2024, the city of Ukiah requested rehearing of FERC's order approving Pacific Gas and Electric Company's request that FERC approve a temporary variance of certain flow and irrigation releases requirements. On August 29, 2024, FERC issued an order denying the request for rehearing by operation of law and noted that it would address the request for rehearing in a future order.

Agenda item H-3 may be an order on the city of Ukiah's request for rehearing.

#### **CERTIFICATES**

Item No.	Docket No.	Company
C - 1	<u>CP24-8-</u> <u>000</u>	Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America LLC. On October 18, 2023, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, LLC (Natural) filed an abbreviated application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct, install, modify, operate, and maintain the "Texas-Louisiana Expansion Project." The Project involves the construction and operation of new and modified facilities at two existing compressor stations, which would create 300,000 dekatherms per day of incremental firm eastbound transportation capacity on Natural's existing Louisiana Line along the Texas and Louisiana Gulf Coast region. Agenda Item C-1 may be an order on this application.
C - 2	<u>CP24-88-</u> 000	<b>Rover Pipeline LLC.</b> On March 3, 2024, Rover Pipeline LLC (Rover) filed an abbreviated application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Rover to construct, own, and operate one new pipeline delivery point sited within the existing Rover-Bulger Compressor Station Washington County, Pennsylvania. The delivery interconnection would deliver up to 400,000 dekatherms per day from Rover to ETC Northeast. Agenda item C-2 may be an order on this application.
C –	<u>CP23-375-</u> 000	Elba Liquefaction Company, L.L.C. and Southern LNG Company, L.L.C. On April 28, 2023, Elba Liquefaction Company, L.L.C. and Southern LNG Company, L.L.C. (collectively, Applicants) filed an application requesting amendment of existing authorizations, including approval to: (1) make modifications to ten existing Movable Modular Liquefaction System (MMLS) units; (2) construct and operate a new condensate

plant; (3) install three new liquid nitrogen vaporizers; and (4) increase the total liquefaction capacity of the MMLS units from approximately 2.5 to 2.9 million tons per annum to 2.9,

within the existing liquefied natural gas terminal in Chatham County, Georgia.

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Agenda item C-3 may be an order on this application.

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