DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Extension of Comment Period, Draft Waste Incidental to Reprocessing Evaluation for Vitrified Low-Activity Waste Disposed Onsite at the Hanford Site, Washington

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On May 26, 2020, the U.S. Department of Energy (“DOE”) published in the Federal Register a Notice of Availability of the Draft Waste Incidental to Reprocessing Evaluation for Vitrified Low-Activity Waste Disposed Onsite at the Hanford Site, Washington (Draft WIR Evaluation). The original comment period began on May 26, 2020 and ended on September 26, 2020. This notice announces an extension of the comment period on the Draft WIR Evaluation until November 27, 2020; any comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practical.

DATES: The comment period in the Notice of Availability, published on May 26, 2020 (85 FR 31479), is extended until November 27, 2020. Any comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practical.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by email to ILAWDraftWIR@rl.gov. Alternately, written comments may also be sent by mail to: Jennifer Colburn, U.S. Department of Energy, P.O. Box 450, MSIN H6–60, Richland, WA 99354. The Draft WIR Evaluation is available on the internet at https://www.hanford.gov/page.cfm/VitrifiedLowActivityWaste and will be publicly available for review at the following locations once these facilities re-open following resolution of public health concerns associated with the coronavirus: U.S. DOE Public Reading Room, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, phone: (202) 586–5955, or fax: (202) 586–0575; and U.S. DOE Public Reading Room located at 2770 University Drive, Consolidated Information Center (CIC), Room 101L, Richland, WA 99354, phone: (509) 372–7303.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Gary L. Pyles by email at gary.pyles@rl.doe.gov, by mail at U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office, 2420 Stevens Center Place H520, Richland, WA 99354, or by phone at (509) 376–2670.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 26, 2020, DOE published in the Federal Register a notice of availability of the Draft WIR Evaluation for comment by States, Tribal Nations, stakeholders and the public (85 FR 31479). The original comment period began on May 26, 2020 and ended on September 26, 2020. In response to requests to extend the comment period, DOE is extending the comment period by 60 days, until November 27, 2020. DOE will consider comments received after that date to the extent practical.

After carefully considering comments received, consulting with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and performing any necessary revisions of analyses and technical documents, DOE plans to issue a final WIR Evaluation. Based on the final WIR Evaluation, DOE may determine, in a future WIR Determination, whether the VLAB is incidental to reprocessing, is not HLW, and may be managed (disposed of onsite at the Integrated Disposal Facility) as low-level radioactive waste.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on September 15, 2020, by Elizabeth A. Connell, Associate Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Regulatory and Policy Affairs, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the Federal Register.
except for production data. Production data will be considered public and may be publicly released in an identifiable form. For the past six years, the items "Respondent and Contact Identification", "Company Name", and all of "Item 1: Facility Information" on Forms EIA–851Q and EIA–851A are considered public information and are publicly released in company or individually identifiable form on EIA’s website. Data protection methods will continue to be applied to the statistical information reported on Forms EIA–851A and EIA–851Q, except for production data.

The data protection statement in the instructions to Forms EIA–851A and EIA–851Q will state:

The ‘Respondent and Contact Identification’ (Company Name), ‘Item 1: Facility Information’, and production data reported on Form EIA–851Q/A are considered public information and may be released in company identify form. Additional information reported on this form may be protected and may not be disclosed to the public to the extent that it satisfies the criteria for exemption under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552, the Department of Energy (DOE) regulations, 10 CFR 1004, implementing the FOIA, and the Trade Secrets Act, 18 U.S.C. 1951.

The Federal Energy Administration Act requires EIA to provide company-specific data to other Federal agencies when requested for official use. The information reported on this form may also be made available, upon request, to another component of the Department of Energy (DOE); to any Committee of Congress, the Government Accountability Office, or other Federal agencies authorized by law to receive such information. A court of competent jurisdiction may obtain this information in response to an order. The information may be used for any non-statistical purposes such as administrative, regulatory, law enforcement, or adjudicatory purposes.

Data protection methods are applied to the statistical information reported on Forms EIA–851A and EIA–851Q, except for production data.

The reason EIA is proposing this change in the data protection for Forms EIA–851A and EIA–851Q is due to a material change in circumstances that occurred over the past 15 years in the domestic uranium production markets that was unforeseen when EIA initially placed these surveys under CIPSEA protection in 2004. Domestic uranium production has significantly decreased from a recent high of 4,891 thousand pounds U3O8 in 2014 to 174 thousand pounds U3O8 in 2019. Over 90% of the uranium purchased by owners and operators of U.S. civilian nuclear power reactors in 2019 was from uranium imports of foreign origin. The number of respondents reporting domestic production has steadily declined over the past 15 years as imports of uranium dominate U.S. uranium markets and domestic firms either cease operations or merge with other companies. As fewer respondents contribute to the published aggregates, EIA needs to withhold from publication all of the data at the state and regional level. The practical utility of the information collected is undermined by EIA withholding most of the data it collects on these survey forms.

Cognitive research showed that the majority of the respondents to Forms EIA–851A and EIA–851Q are not concerned if informed users infer reported values from published statistical aggregates in data tables. The main reason survey respondents provided was that the information reported on Forms EIA–851A and EIA–851Q is already publicly available. In addition, since 2016, the current instructions to Forms EIA–851A and EIA–851Q have stated the name and address of the respondent are considered public information.

(5) Annual Estimated Number of Respondents: 102;
(6) Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses: 135;
(7) Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours: 1098;
(8) Annual Estimated Number Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: EIA estimates that there are no capital and start-up costs associated with this data collection. The information is maintained during the normal course of business. The cost of the burden hours is estimated to be $87,993.72 (1,098 burden hours times $80.14 per hour). Other than the cost of burden hours, EIA estimates that there are no additional costs for generating, maintaining, and providing this information.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

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

Docket Numbers: EC20–102–000.
Applicants: Terra-Gen Power Holdings II, LLC, Golden NA Power Holdings LLC, Energy Capital Partners III, LLC.
Filed Date: 9/15/20.
Accession Number: 20200915–5141.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/6/20.

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

Applicants: Townsite Solar, LLC.
Description: Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status of Townsite Solar, LLC.
Filed Date: 9/15/20.
Accession Number: 20200915–5041.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/6/20.

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

Applicants: Entergy Arkansas, Inc.
Description: Report Filing: EAL Refund Report (ER18–1247–001) to be effective N/A.
Filed Date: 9/16/20.
Accession Number: 20200916–5056.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/7/20.
Docket Numbers: ER18–1639–007.
Applicants: Constellation Mystic Power, LLC.
Description: Compliance filing:
Revised Mystic Agreement Compliance Filing to be effective 6/1/2022.
Filed Date: 9/15/20.
Accession Number: 20200915–5070.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/6/20.
Applicants: Puget Sound Energy, Inc.
Description: Compliance filing: Order 864 Amended Compliance Filing to be effective 1/27/2020.
Filed Date: 9/15/20.
Accession Number: 20200915–5064.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/6/20.
Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.
Description: Tariff Amendment: First Amendment to Wholesale Distribution Tariff Rate Case 2020–09–16, Deficiency Response to Intermittent Resource Deliverability Filing to be effective 8/19/2020.
Filed Date: 9/16/20.
Accession Number: 20200916–5083.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/7/20.
Description: Tariff Amendment: First Amendment to Wholesale Distribution Tariff Rate Case 2020 (WDT3), CCSF to be effective 11/15/2020.
Filed Date: 9/16/20.
Accession Number: 20200916–5057.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/7/20.
Description: Tariff Amendment: Second Amendment to Wholesale Distribution Tariff Rate Case 2020 (WDT3), Port to be effective 11/15/2020.
Filed Date: 9/16/20.
Accession Number: 20200916–5069.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/7/20.
Docket Numbers: ER20–2887–000.
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Joint NYISO & NMPC 205 filing re: SGIA SA2544 Pattersonville Solar Facility, LLC to be effective 9/3/2020.
Filed Date: 9/16/20.
Accession Number: 20200916–5010.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/7/20.
Docket Numbers: ER20–2888–000.
Applicants: Townsite Solar, LLC.
Description: Baseline eTariff Filing: Townsite Solar, LLC MBR Tariff to be effective 9/17/2020.
Filed Date: 9/16/20.
Accession Number: 20200916–5043.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/7/20.
Docket Numbers: ER20–2889–000.
Applicants: Alabama Power Company.
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Swallowtail Solar LGIA Filing to be effective 9/1/2020.
Filed Date: 9/16/20.
Accession Number: 20200916–5044.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/7/20.
Docket Numbers: ER20–2890–000.
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2020–09–16 Hybrid Resources to be effective 12/1/2020.
Filed Date: 9/16/20.
Accession Number: 20200916–5055.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/7/20.
Docket Numbers: ER20–2891–000.
Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Original WMPA, Service Agreement No. 5759; Queue No. AF2–277 to be effective 8/18/2020.
Filed Date: 9/16/20.
Accession Number: 20200916–5070.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/7/20.
Docket Numbers: ER20–2892–000.
Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2020–09–16 SA 2974 Termination of Missouri Basin-Marshall Cogen GIA (J391) to be effective 4/19/2020.
Filed Date: 9/16/20.
Accession Number: 20200916–5073.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/7/20.
Docket Numbers: ER20–2893–000.
Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Original WMPA, Service Agreement No. 5760; Queue No. AF2–278 to be effective 8/18/2020.
Filed Date: 9/16/20.
Accession Number: 20200916–5076.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/7/20.
Docket Numbers: ER20–2894–000.
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Original WMPA, Service Agreement No. 5761; Queue No. AF2–279 to be effective 8/18/2020.
Filed Date: 9/16/20.
Accession Number: 20200916–5079.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/7/20.
Docket Numbers: ER20–2895–000.
Description: Notice of Cancellation of Large Generator Interconnection Agreement (First Revised Service Agreement,