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Docket Numbers: ER25–919–000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: Tariff Amendment: Notice of Cancellation of ISA, SA No. 6447; AE2–046 re: withdrawal to be effective 3/15/2025.

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Docket Numbers: ER25–920–000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Amendment to GIA SA No. 7346; Project Identifier No. AE2–339 to be effective 3/15/2025.

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Docket Numbers: ER25–921–000.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 1977R21 Nemaha-Marshall Electric Cooperative NITSA and NOA to be effective 1/1/2025.

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Docket Numbers: ER25–922–000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Original GIA, SA No. 7471; Project Identifier No. AG1–259/AG1–260 to be effective 1/2/2025.

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Docket Numbers: ER25–923–000.

Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2025–01–14 SA 3480 ATC–WEPCo 2nd Rev GIA (J850) to be effective 1/6/2025.

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Docket Numbers: ER25–924–000.

Applicants: Santa Paula Energy Storage, LLC.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Santa Paula Amended Co-Tenancy and SFA to be effective 1/15/2025.

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Docket Numbers: ER25–925–000.

Applicants: California Independent System Operator Corporation.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2025–01–14 Certificate of Concurrence—CAISO, PG&E & Metcalf to be effective 11/29/2024.

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Take notice that the Commission received the following public utility holding company filings:

Docket Numbers: PH25–4–000.

Applicants: ECP ControlCo, LLC.

Description: ECP ControlCo, LLC submits FERC 65–B Notice of Change in Fact to Waiver Notification.

Filed Date: 1/13/25.

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Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/3/25.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp>) by querying the docket number.

Any person desiring to intervene, to protest, or to answer a complaint in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211, 214, or 206 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214, or 385.206) 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: <https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

The Commission's Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, environmental justice communities, Tribal members and others, access publicly available information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502–6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

Dated: January 14, 2025.

Carlos D. Clay,

Acting Deputy Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–OGC–2025–0019; FRL–12555–01–OGC]

Proposed Consent Decree, Clean Water Act Claim

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed consent decree; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator's March 18, 2022, memorandum regarding "Consent Decrees and Settlement Agreements to resolve Environmental Claims Against the Agency," notice is hereby given of a proposed consent decree in *Delaware Riverkeeper Network et al. v. U.S. EPA et al.*, Docket No. 2:24-cv-05308 (E.D. Pa.). On October 2, 2024, Delaware Riverkeeper Network and Maya K. van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper, filed a complaint in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. The complaint alleges that: the EPA failed to comply with its mandatory duty under the Clean Water Act (CWA) to promulgate revised water quality standards to protect aquatic life in the Delaware River within 90 days of proposal; and the EPA's failure to promulgate revised water quality standards is an unreasonable delay under the Administrative Procedure Act. The EPA seeks public input on a proposed consent decree prior to its final decision-making with regard to potential settlement of the litigation.

DATES: Written comments on the proposed consent decree must be received by February 20, 2025

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OGC–2025–0019 online at <https://www.regulations.gov> (EPA's preferred method). Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket ID number for this action. Comments received may be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on sending comments, see the "Additional Information About Commenting on the Proposed Consent Decree" heading under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Additional Information About the Proposed Consent Decree**

While states have the primary responsibility for reviewing, establishing, and revising water quality standards for their waters, CWA section 303(c) directs the EPA to promulgate water quality standards where the EPA Administrator determines that a new or revised standard is necessary to meet the requirements of the CWA. CWA section 303(c)(4)(B). Such a determination is referred to as an “Administrator’s Determination.”

On December 1, 2022, the EPA issued an Administrator’s Determination for part of the Delaware River in Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania pursuant to CWA section 303(c)(4)(B).¹ The EPA determined that two types of revised water quality standards are necessary to meet the requirements of the CWA in the Delaware River: (1) revised aquatic life designated uses that provide for propagation of fish; and (2) corresponding dissolved oxygen criteria that protect the propagation use.

On December 21, 2023, the EPA proposed revised water quality standards for an approximately 38-mile stretch of the Delaware River from river miles 108.4 to 70.0. 88 FR 88315 (December 21, 2023). Specifically, the EPA proposed a designated use of protection and propagation of resident and migratory aquatic life along with dissolved oxygen criteria to protect that use.

On August 2, 2024, the Delaware Riverkeeper Network and the Delaware Riverkeeper (collectively, Plaintiffs) sent the EPA a 60-day Notice of Intent to Sue pursuant to CWA section 505(b)(2) alleging the agency failed to promulgate revised water quality standards for a stretch of the Delaware River within 90 days of proposing them as required under CWA section 303(c)(4). On October 2, 2024, the Plaintiffs filed a complaint against the EPA in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. The Plaintiffs are seeking a declaratory judgement that the EPA violated the CWA and the Administrative Procedure Act by not promulgating revised water quality standards for the Delaware River within the statutory timeframe at CWA section 303(c)(4) and an injunction requiring the agency to promulgate such standards by a date certain.

The parties initiated settlement discussions, which produced the

proposed consent decree.² Under the proposed consent decree, the EPA Administrator would be required to sign a final rule promulgating revised water quality standards for miles 108.4 to 70.0 of the Delaware River on or before June 30, 2025. In addition, the EPA would be required to file status reports with the court every thirty days after a consent decree is entered until the final rule is signed.

For a period of thirty days following the date of publication of this notice, the EPA will accept written comments relating to the proposed consent decree from persons who are not parties to the litigation. The EPA or the Department of Justice may withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed consent decree if the comments received disclose facts or considerations that indicate that such consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the CWA.

II. Additional Information About Commenting on the Proposed Consent Decree**A. How can I get a copy of the proposed consent decree?**

The official public docket for this action (identified by Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OGC–2025–0019) contains a copy of the proposed consent decree. The official public docket is available for public viewing at the Office of Environmental Information (OEI) Docket in the EPA Docket Center, EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566–1744, and the telephone number for the OEI Docket is (202) 566–1752.

The electronic version of the public docket for this action contains a copy of the proposed consent decree and is available through <https://www.regulations.gov>. You may use <https://www.regulations.gov> to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, key in the appropriate docket identification number then select “search.”

B. How and to whom do I submit comments?

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OGC–2025–

0019 via <https://www.regulations.gov>. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from this docket. The EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit to EPA’s docket at <https://www.regulations.gov> any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.*, on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>. For additional information about submitting information identified as CBI, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

If you submit an electronic comment, the EPA recommends that you include your name, mailing address, and an email address or other contact information in the body of your comment. This ensures that you can be identified as the submitter of the comment and allows the EPA to contact you in case the EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties or needs further information on the substance of your comment. Any identifying or contact information provided in the body of a comment will be included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket and made available in EPA’s electronic public docket. If the EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, the EPA may not be able to consider your comment.

Use of the <https://www.regulations.gov> website to submit comments to the EPA electronically is EPA’s preferred method for receiving comments. The electronic public docket system is an “anonymous access” system, which means the EPA will not know your identity, email address, or other contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment.

Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the close of the comment period will be

¹ The Delaware River is co-managed by multiple states, including Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, as well as the Delaware River Basin Commission.

² In the litigation, the EPA filed an answer to the Plaintiffs’ complaint on December 9, 2024.

marked “late.” The EPA does not plan to consider these late comments.

Dawn Messier,

Acting Associate General Counsel.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–ORD–2020–0682; FRL 12506–01–ORD]

Notice of the Final Biofuels and the Environment: Third Triennial Report to Congress

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the availability of a final document titled, “Biofuels and the Environment: Third Triennial Report to Congress” (EPA/600/R–24/343F). The document was prepared by EPA’s Offices of Research and Development (ORD) and Air and Radiation (OAR), in consultation with the U.S. Departments of Agriculture and Energy.

DATES: The document will be available on or about January 17, 2025.

ADDRESSES: The final report will be available primarily via the internet on <https://www.epa.gov/risk/biofuels-and-environment> or the public docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>, Docket ID: EPA–HQ–ORD–2020–0682.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical information, contact Christopher Clark; phone: 202–564–4183; or email: Clark.Christopher@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Information About the Document

In 2007, Congress enacted the Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA) with the stated goals of “mov[ing] the United States toward greater energy independence and security [and] to increase the production of clean renewable fuels.” In accordance with these goals, EISA revised the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) Program, which was created under the 2005 Energy Policy Act and is administered by EPA, to increase the volume of renewable fuel required to be blended into transportation fuel to 36 billion gallons per year by 2022. Section 204 of EISA directs EPA, in consultation with the U.S. Departments of Agriculture and Energy, to assess and report triennially to Congress on the environmental and

resource conservation impacts of the RFS Program.

The first report to Congress was completed in 2011 and provided an assessment of the environmental and resource conservation impacts associated with increased biofuel production and use (EPA/600/R–10/183F). The overarching conclusions of this first report were: (1) the environmental impacts of increased biofuel production and use were likely negative but limited in impact; (2) there was a potential for both positive and negative impacts in the future; and (3) EISA goals for biofuels production could be achieved with minimal environmental impacts if best practices were used and if technologies advanced to facilitate the use of second-generation biofuel feedstocks (corn stover, perennial grasses, woody biomass, algae, and waste).

The second report to Congress was completed in 2018 and reaffirmed the overarching conclusions of the 2011 Report (EPA/600/R–18/195). The 2018 Report noted that the biofuel production and use conditions that led to the conclusions of the 2011 Report had not materially changed, and that the production of biofuels from cellulosic feedstocks anticipated by both the EISA and the 2011 Report had not materialized. Noting observed increases in acreage for corn and soybean production in the period prior to and following implementation of the RFS2 Program, the 2018 Report concluded that the environmental and resource conservation impacts associated with land use change were likely due, at least in part, to the RFS and associated production of biofuel feedstocks.

This third report to Congress builds on the previous two reports and provides an update on the impacts to date and likely future impacts of the RFS Program on the environment. This report assesses air, water, and soil quality; ecosystem health and biodiversity; and other effects. This third report also includes new additions and approaches not previously included in the first and second reports. In particular, this third report includes a new attribution analysis designed to separate the effects of the RFS Program from other factors that also affect biofuel production and consumption in the United States.

II. Information About Peer Review of the Document

Peer review of “Biofuels and the Environment: Third Triennial Report to Congress” (External Review Draft, EPA/600/R–22/273) was managed by EPA’s contractor, Eastern Research Group, Inc.

(ERG). On May 9, 2022, EPA announced through an FRN (87 FR 27634) that it was seeking public comment on a pool of twenty (20) candidates identified through a previous FRN seeking nomination of experts (87 FR 5479, February 1, 2022). After considering public comment, and the balance and collective expertise of the reviewers, ERG identified two (2) additional candidates to strengthen expertise gaps in ecology, water quality, and economics, and allow a more balanced panel. On August 1, 2022, EPA announced through an FRN (87 FR 46958) that it was seeking public comment on the two (2) additional peer review candidates.

After review and consideration of public comments on the candidates submitted in response to the previous FRNs (87 FR 27634, May 9, 2022, and 87 FR 46958, August 1, 2022), EPA’s contractor, ERG, selected nine (9) peer reviewers from the pool in a manner consistent with EPA’s Peer Review Handbook 4th Edition, 2015 (EPA/100/B–15/001) and independently conducted a conflict of interest (COI) screening of candidates to ensure that the selected experts have no COI in conducting this review. Candidates’ combined expertise spanned the following disciplines: economics, engineering, agronomics, land use change, remote sensing, air quality, biogeochemistry, water quality, hydrology, conservation biology, limnology, and ecology.

A peer review meeting to discuss the “Biofuels and the Environment: Third Triennial Report to Congress (External Review Draft)” (EPA/600/R–22/273) was held February 24–28, 2023, via webinar. EPA also announced a 60-day public comment period on January 3, 2023, via **Federal Register** notice (88 FR 72). The public comment period on the “Biofuels and the Environment: Third Triennial Report to Congress (External Review Draft)” (EPA/600/R–22/273) closed on March 6, 2023; EPA received fifteen public comments. The public were also invited to provide oral public comments at the February peer review meeting. The report was shared with the Office of Management and Budget for interagency review on November 13, 2023. After considering peer review, public comments, and interagency comments, EPA has prepared the final “Biofuels and the Environment: Third Triennial Report to Congress”.

Wayne Cascio,

Director, Center for Public Health and Environmental Assessment.

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