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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Kimberly D. Bose
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: Benson Power, LLC
Docket No. EG15-_____

Dear Secretary Bose:

Attached please find the notice of self-certification of exempt wholesale generator status submitted for filing by Benson Power, LLC pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 366.7 (2014). Also attached is a form of notice of this filing suitable for publication in the Federal Register.

Please contact the undersigned at the number above with any questions regarding this Notice.

Sincerely,

/s/ Margaret H. Claybour
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Counsel to Benson Power, LLC

Attachments

cc: Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

Benson Power, LLC

) **Docket No. EG15-____-000**

**NOTICE OF SELF-CERTIFICATION OF
EXEMPT WHOLESALE GENERATOR STATUS**

Pursuant to the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005 (PUHCA 2005),¹ and section 366.7 of the regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission), 18 C.F.R § 366.7 (2014), Benson Power, LLC (Applicant) hereby submits this notice of self-certification as an exempt wholesale generator (EWG), as defined in section 366.1 of the Commission's regulations, 18 C.F.R. § 366.1.

I. COMMUNICATIONS

All communications regarding this Notice should be directed to:

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¹ Pub. L. No. 109-58, 119 Stat. 594, § 1266 (Aug. 8, 2005).

II. REPRESENTATIONS

1. Applicant will own and operate a 64 MW (nameplate) poultry-litter and other biomass-fueled electric generating facility located in Benson, Minnesota (Facility).³
2. Applicant will be engaged directly and exclusively in the business of owning and operating the Facility and selling electric energy at wholesale.
3. The Facility is certified and operated as a qualifying small power production facility under PURPA.
4. Applicant does not intend to make any foreign sales of power from the Facility.
5. The Facility is an eligible facility as defined in section 32(a)(2) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, which is incorporated by reference in section 366.1 of the Commission's regulations, 18 C.F.R. § 366.1.
6. The electricity produced by the Facility is sold exclusively at wholesale to Northern States Power, d/b/a Xcel Energy under a long-term power purchase agreement.
7. The Facility is interconnected to the transmission system owned by Great River Energy, Inc. and operated by the Midcontinent Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (MISO) regional transmission organization. The Facility includes interconnection equipment and a step-up transformer.
8. There are no lease arrangements involving the Facility pursuant to which Applicant is the lessor.

³ Applicant has filed an application under section 203 of the Federal Power Act for authorization to acquire the Facility. See Application for Authorization for Disposition of Jurisdictional Facilities and Request for Expedited Action, filed with FERC in Docket No. EC15-76-000 on February 18, 2015. The Commission has granted Applicant market-based rate authority. See Benson Power, LLC, Letter Order, Docket No. ER15-936-000 (Mar. 11, 2015).

9. No portion of the Facility is owned or operated by an electric utility company that is an affiliate or associate company of Applicant, as those terms are defined in PUHCA 2005.

10. No rate or charge for, or in connection with, the construction of the Facility, or for electric energy produced by the Facility, was in effect under the law of any state on October 24, 1992. As such, no determination or certification by any state commission is necessary prior to certification of Applicant as an EWG.

11. Concurrently with the filing of this Notice with the Commission, Applicant is filing a copy of this Notice with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, which is the state regulatory authority of the state in which the Facility is located.

12. A form of notice of Applicant's notice of self-certification suitable for publication in the Federal Register is attached.

III. CONCLUSION

Wherefore, based upon the facts, representations, and statements above, Applicant respectfully requests that the Commission accept this notice of self-certification of EWG status.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE OF FILING

Take notice that on March 20, 2015, pursuant to the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005, and section 366.7 of the regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission), 18 C.F.R § 366.7 (2014), Benson Power, LLC (Applicant) submitted a notice of self-certification as an exempt wholesale generator, as defined in section 366.1 of the Commission's regulations, 18 C.F.R. § 366.1.

Applicant will own and operate a 64 MW (nameplate) electric generation facility located in Benson, Minnesota. The Facility is interconnected to the transmission system owned by Great River Energy, Inc. and operated by the Midcontinent Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. regional transmission organization.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 C.F.R. 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. There is an "eSubscription" link on the web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Comment Date: 5:00 pm Eastern Time on _____, 2015.

Kimberly D. Bose
Secretary

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