

May 3, 2021

VIA FERC EFILING

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Re: *Versant Power*
Docket No. ER20-1977-000
Annual Transmission Charges Informational Filing

Dear Secretary Bose:

In accordance with the Protocols for Implementing and Reviewing Charges Established by the Attachment J Rate Formulas (“Protocols”) of the Versant Power Open Access Transmission Tariff for Maine Public District (“MPD OATT”), Versant Power (f/k/a Emera Maine)¹ hereby submits an informational filing setting forth charges for transmission service under the MPD OATT for the upcoming June 1, 2021, to May 31, 2022, rate year (the “2021-2022 MPD Charges”).

Versant Power will submit under separate cover an informational filing of its transmission real power loss factor that is to take effect June 1, 2021, as well as workpapers supporting the calculation of this loss factor. Versant Power has been unable to complete these calculations at this time and thus requests an extension of five business days, *i.e.*, until May 10, 2021, to submit that filing.

1. Description of Filing

Attachment J of the MPD OATT provides that Versant Power’s transmission charges are to be calculated annually using a formula rate. More specifically, Attachment J provides that annual updates to the transmission charges are to be filed with the Commission no later than May 1 of each year (or the next business day if May 1 does not fall on a business day), and that

¹ Emera Maine was renamed Versant Power on May 11, 2020.

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these updated charges are to take effect the immediately subsequent June 1 (*i.e.*, approximately 31 days later).

In compliance with this obligation, attached is an updated and populated version of the MPD OATT Attachment J formula rate (in both .pdf and Excel formats) detailing the 2021-2022 MPD Charges that are to take effect June 1, 2021, as well as the calculations supporting those charges.²

Versant Power notes the following with regards to the foregoing files and related matters.

First, the updated and populated version of the MPD OATT Attachment J formula rate reflects the additional workpapers that Versant Power proposed be added to the MPD OATT in compliance with Order No. 864, notwithstanding that this filing remains pending before the Commission.³

Second, Versant Power has made certain adjustments to retail charges in respect of the Offer of Settlement filed in Docket No. ER15-1429-015 on January 14, 2021, notwithstanding that it has not yet been approved by the Commission. More particularly, in accordance with the Offer of Settlement, Versant Power has reduced the Retail Transmission Revenue Requirement by \$471,088.⁴

Third, in view of the ongoing COVID-19 epidemic, the Customer Meeting required by Section V.B.1 of the Protocols will likely be held by televideo or telephone, rather than in person.

2. Service of Filing

In accordance with Section IV.A of the Protocols for Implementing and Reviewing Charges Established by the Attachment J Rate Formulas of the MPD OATT, a copy of this filing is being served on existing customers under the MPD OATT, the Maine Public Utilities Commission, the Office of the Public Advocate of the State of Maine, and the Northern Maine Independent System Administrator.

² See attached files named <2020-2021 Actual Charges> and <2021-2022 Estimated Charges>.

³ See *Emera Maine*, Docket No. ER20-1736-000, Changes to Maine Public District OATT in Compliance with Order No. 864, filed May 1, 2020.

⁴ Populated Formula Rate at WP Retail Adjustments, sum of 1d and 1e. See also *Emera Maine*, Docket No. ER15-1429-015, Joint Offer of Settlement Regarding Maine Public District Charges, filed Jan. 14, 2021, Exh. 2 (Stipulation and Agreement) § 5.2.2; *id.* Att. C (Pro Forma Refund Calculations), Tab “Retail Refunds” at Row 8, as updated to reflect 18 C.F.R. § 35.19a interest rate for Q2 2020 of 3.25%.

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3. Conclusion

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please direct any questions to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the foregoing document upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary for this proceeding.

Dated at Washington, DC, this 3rd day of May, 2021.

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