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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Powerex Corp.

V.

Docket No. EL12-21-000

United States Department of Energy, Western Area Power Administration -Sierra Nevada Region

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

Take notice that on December 30, 2011, pursuant to sections 206, 211A, 306, 307, and 309 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), and 18 CFR 385.206 (2011), Powerex Corp. (Complainant) filed a complaint against United States Department of Energy, Western Area Power Administration - Sierra Nevada Region (Respondent). As further explained in its filed complaint, Complainant alleges that the Respondent has violated certain provisions of its filed reciprocity open access transmission tariff (OATT), business practices under the OATT, applicable Standards of Conduct, and the Commission's OASIS regulations (18 CFR 37.6(e)(1)) to provide transmission services that comport with the Commission's open access principles.

Complainant certifies that copies of the Complaint were served on the contacts for Respondent and MSCG listed on the Commission's list of Corporate Officials.

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 CFR 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. The Respondent's answer and all interventions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. The Respondent's answer, motions to intervene, and protests must be served on the Complainants.

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Comment Date: 5:00 pm Eastern Time on January 11, 2012.

Dated: January 3, 2012

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.

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