

Byrd Project or project), located on the Ohio River at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) Robert C. Byrd Locks and Dam (RC Byrd Locks and Dam), approximately 12.7 miles south of the confluence of the Ohio River and the Kanawha River, 9 miles south of the Town of Gallipolis, Gallia County, Ohio, and prepared a Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) for the project. The proposed project would occupy 7.6 acres of federal land administered by the Corps.

The FEA contains staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project and concludes that licensing the proposed project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the FEA is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, 202-502-8659.

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP14-96-000]

### Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Algonquin Incremental Market Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared a final environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Algonquin Incremental Market

Project (AIM Project), proposed by Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC (Algonquin) in the above-referenced docket. Algonquin requests authorization to expand its existing pipeline system from an interconnection at Ramapo, New York to deliver up to 342,000 dekatherms per day of natural gas transportation service to the Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts markets.

The final EIS assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the AIM Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed project would result in some adverse environmental impacts; however, most of these impacts would be reduced to less-than-significant levels with the implementation of Algonquin's proposed mitigation and the additional measures recommended in the final EIS.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration participated as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS. Cooperating agencies have jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to resources potentially affected by the proposal and participate in the NEPA analysis. Although the cooperating agencies provided input to the conclusions and recommendations presented in the final EIS, the agencies will present their own conclusions and recommendations in their respective records of decision or determinations for the AIM Project.

The final EIS addresses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of about 37.4 miles of pipeline composed of the following facilities:

- Replacement of 26.3 miles of existing pipeline with a 16- and 42-inch-diameter pipeline;
- extension of an existing loop<sup>1</sup> pipeline with about 3.3 miles of additional 12- and 36-inch-diameter pipeline within Algonquin's existing right-of-way; and
- installation of about 7.8 miles of new 16-, 24-, and 42-inch-diameter pipeline.

The AIM Project's proposed aboveground facilities consist of modifications to six existing compressor stations, to add a total 81,620 horsepower, in New York, Connecticut,

and Rhode Island. Algonquin also proposes to abandon four existing compressor units for a total of 10,800 horsepower at one compressor station in New York.

The FERC staff mailed copies of the final EIS to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups; newspapers and libraries in the area of the project; and parties to this proceeding. Paper copy versions of this final EIS were mailed to those specifically requesting them; all others received a CD version. However, we note that due to its voluminous size, the comment responses are provided as an electronic-only volume (Volume II) on a CD that was mailed to the entire mailing list. In addition, the final EIS is available for public viewing on the FERC's Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) using the eLibrary link. A limited number of copies are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8371.

In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) regulations implementing the NEPA, no agency decision on a proposed action may be made until 30 days after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency publishes a notice of availability of a final EIS. However, the CEQ regulations provide an exception to this rule when an agency decision is subject to a formal internal appeal process that allows other agencies or the public to make their views known. In such cases, an agency decision may be made at the same time the notice of the final EIS is published, allowing both periods to run concurrently. The Commission decision for this proposed action is subject to a 30-day rehearing period.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208-FERC, or on the FERC Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search," and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (*i.e.*, CP14-96). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or toll free at (866) 208-3676; for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission,

<sup>1</sup> A pipeline loop is a segment of pipe constructed parallel to an existing pipeline to increase capacity.

such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription that allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with

notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to [www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp).

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Meeting

	Docket Nos.
Nevada Power Company .....	ER10-2475-006, EL15-22-000
Sierra Pacific Power Company .....	ER10-2474-006
PacifiCorp .....	ER10-3246-003
Pinyon Pines Wind I, LLC .....	ER13-520-002
Pinyon Pines Wind II, LLC .....	ER13-521-002
Solar Star California XIX, LLC .....	ER13-1441-002
Solar Star California XX, LLC .....	ER13-1442-002
Topaz Solar Farms LLC .....	ER12-1626-003
CalEnergy, LLC .....	ER13-1266-003
CE Leathers Company .....	ER13-1267-002
Del Ranch Company .....	ER13-1268-002
Elmore Company .....	ER13-1269-002
Fish Lake Power LLC .....	ER13-1270-002
Salton Sea Power Generation Company .....	ER13-1271-002
Salton Sea Power L.L.C .....	ER13-1272-002
Vulcan/BN Geothermal Power Company .....	ER13-1273-002
Yuma Cogeneration Associates .....	ER10-2605-006
MidAmerican Energy Company.	
Bishop Hill Energy II LLC.	
Cordova Energy Company LLC.	
Power Resources, Ltd.	
Saranac Power Partners, L.P.	
Agua Caliente Solar, LLC .....	ER12-21-013]

On Thursday, January 29, 2015, Commission staff will meet with Nevada Power Company and its affiliates (collectively, the Berkshire MBR Sellers) in Washington, DC. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss matters related to the Commission's order issued in the above-captioned proceedings, pursuant to section 206 of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 824e (2012), instituting an investigation concerning the justness and reasonableness of the Berkshire MBR Sellers' market-based rate authorities in the PacifiCorp-East, PacifiCorp-West, Idaho Power Company, and NorthWestern balancing authority areas. *Nevada Power Company*, 149 FERC ¶ 61,219 (2014). The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission headquarters building located at 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. All interested parties are invited to observe the meeting in person or to listen to the meeting by telephone. For further information please contact Byron Corum at 202-502-6555.

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8659 (TTY), or send a FAX to 202-208-2106 with the required accommodations.

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**

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d. *FERC Contact:* Kelly Wolcott, [kelly.wolcott@ferc.gov](mailto:kelly.wolcott@ferc.gov) or (202) 502-6480.

e. *Purpose of Meeting:* To discuss the endangered species consultation under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act relative to the northern spotted owl; specifically, whether Snohomish PUD's comments on the environmental assessment and the Commission's recommendation for blasting restrictions to protect the northern spotted owl require additional consultation with FWS. Discussion pertaining to this topic will be limited to Commission staff, Snohomish PUD, and FWS. Other participants may listen in and provide any germane information related to this topic.

f. A summary of the meeting will be prepared and placed in the project's record.

g. All local, State, and Federal agencies, Indian tribes, and other interested parties are invited to participate by phone. Please contact Kelly Wolcott at [kelly.wolcott@ferc.gov](mailto:kelly.wolcott@ferc.gov) or (202) 502-6480 by close of business Tuesday, February 2, 2015, to RSVP and to receive specific instructions on how to participate.

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### [Project No. 13994-002]

### Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County; Notice of Technical Meeting

#### a. Project Name and Number:

Hancock Creek Hydroelectric Project No. 13994.

b. Date and Time of Meeting: February 5, 2015; 3:30 p.m. Eastern Time (12:30 p.m. Pacific Time).

c. Place: Telephone conference with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County (Snohomish PUD).