

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket Nos. CP16–357–000 and PF15–31–000]

Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Application

Take notice that on April 29, 2016, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia Gas) 5151 San Felipe, Suite 2500, Houston, Texas 77056, filed in Docket No. CP16–357–000 an application pursuant to sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations requesting authorization to construct and operate the Mountaineer XPress Project, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site web at <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 at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (866) 208–3676 or TTY, (202) 502–8659.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to S. Diane Neal, Assistant General Counsel, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC, 5151 San Felipe, Suite 2500, Houston, Texas 77056, at (713) 386–3745.

Specifically Columbia Gas proposes to: (i) Construct and operate approximately 170.1 miles of various diameter pipeline, (ii) modify three existing compressor stations, (iii) construct and operate three new compressor stations, (iv) and install various appurtenant and auxiliary facilities, all located in either Marshall, Wetzell, Tyler, Doddridge, Ritchie, Calhoun, Wirt, Roane, Jackson, Mason, Putnam, Kanawha, Cabell, and Wayne Counties, West Virginia. The project will provide approximately 2.7 million dekatherms per day of additional capacity for firm transportation service. Columbia Gas is proposing incremental rates for transportation service on the facilities proposed for construction herein. The cost of the project will be approximately \$2.059 billion.

On September 16, 2015 the Commission staff granted Columbia Gas' request to utilize the Pre-Filing Process and assigned Docket No. PF15–31–000 to staff activities involved in the Project. Now, as of the filing of the April 29, 2016 application, the Pre-Filing Process

for this project has ended. From this time forward, this proceeding will be conducted in Docket No. CP16–357–000, as noted in the caption of this Notice.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules (18 CFR 157.9), within 90 days of this Notice, the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit seven copies of filings made in the proceeding with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's

rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commentors will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commentors will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentors will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, 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 7 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on June 3, 2016.

Dated: May 13, 2016.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 1889–085; Project No. 2485–071]

FirstLight Hydro Generating Company; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Licensing and Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.

b. *Project Nos.:* 1889–085 and 2485–071.

c. *Date Filed*: April 29, 2016.

d. *Applicant*: FirstLight Hydro Generating Company (FirstLight).

e. *Name of Project*: In the final license application, FirstLight proposes to combine the existing Turners Falls Hydroelectric Project and Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project into a single project that would be named the Northfield Project.

f. *Location*: The existing projects are located on the Connecticut River in Franklin County, Massachusetts; Windham County, Vermont; and Cheshire County, New Hampshire. The project boundary includes approximately 20 acres of federal land.

g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)–825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact*: Gus Bakas, Director-Massachusetts Hydro, FirstLight Hydro Generating Company, Northfield Mountain Station, 99 Millers Falls Road, Northfield, MA 01360; Telephone: (413) 422–5915 or gus.bakas@gdfsuezna.com.

i. *FERC Contact*: Brandon Cherry, (202) 502–8328 or brandon.cherry@ferc.gov.

j. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

k. *The Project Description*: The Northfield Project would have a total installed capacity of 1,234.452 megawatts (MW). The project's average annual generation would be approximately 1,381,913 megawatt-hours (MWh) and average annual energy consumption from pumping would be approximately 1,437,464 MWh. The power generated by the project would be transmitted to the region through the New England Independent System Operator, a regional transmission organization that coordinates the movement of wholesale electricity.

Turners Falls Development

The proposed Turners Falls Development would consist of the following existing facilities: (1) A 630-foot-long, 35-foot-high dam (Montague dam) that includes: (i) Four 120-foot-wide, 13.25-foot-high bascule gates; and (ii) a 170-foot-long fixed section with a crest elevation of 185.5 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 (NGVD 29); (2) a 493-foot-long, 55-foot-high dam (Gill dam) that includes: (i) Three 40-foot-wide, 39-foot-high tainter gates; and (ii) 97.3- and 207.5-foot-long fixed sections with crest elevations of 185.5 feet NGVD 29; (3) a 2,110-acre impoundment with a useable storage volume of 16,150 acre-feet between elevations 176.0 feet and 185.0 feet NGVD 29; (4) a 214-foot-long, 33-foot-high gatehouse that includes six 9-foot-wide, 10.66-foot-high gates and nine

9.5-foot-wide, 12.6-foot-high gates; (5) a 2.1-mile-long, 120- to 920-foot-wide, 17- to 30-foot-deep power canal; (6) a 700-foot-long, 100-foot-wide, 16- to 23-foot-deep branch canal; (7) the Station No.1 generating facility that includes: (i) Eight 15-foot-wide bays with trashracks with 2.625-inch clear-bar spacing; (ii) four 100-foot-long, 13.1- to 14-foot-diameter penstocks; (iii) a 134-foot-long, 64-foot-wide powerhouse that contains five turbine-generator units with a total installed capacity of 5.636 MW; (iv) four 21-foot-long, 6.5-foot-diameter draft tubes; (v) five 40- to 70-foot-long, 2.4-kilovolt (kV) generator leads that connect the turbine-generator units to a generator bus; (vi) a 110-foot-long, 2.4-kV generator lead that connects the generator bus to a substation; and (vii) a 20-foot-long, 2.4-kV generator lead that connects the substation to three transformers; (8) the Cabot Station generating facility that includes: (i) An intake structure with 217-foot-wide, 31-foot-high trashracks with 0.94-inch and 3.56-inch clear-bar spacing; (ii) six 70-foot-long penstocks; (iii) a 235-foot-long, 79.5-foot-wide powerhouse that contains six turbine-generator units with a total installed capacity of 62.016 MW; (iv) six 41-foot-long, 12.5- to 14.5-foot-diameter draft tubes; (v) six 80- to 250-foot-long, 13.8-kV generator leads that connect the turbine-generator units to a generator bus; (vi) a 60-foot-long, 13.8-kV generator lead that connects the generator bus to the powerhouse roof; and (vii) a 200-foot-long, 13.8-kV generator lead that connects to a transformer; (9) eight 13.6-foot-wide, 16.7-foot-high power canal spillway gates that are adjacent to Cabot Station; (10) a 16.2-foot-wide, 13.1-foot-high log sluice gate in the Cabot Station forebay with an 8-foot-wide weir for downstream fish passage; (11) a 200-foot-long, 7-foot-diameter drainage tunnel (Keith Drainage Tunnel) and headgate; (12) a 955-foot-long, 5-foot-diameter lower drainage tunnel; (13) an 850-foot-long, 16-foot-wide, 10-foot-high fishway (Cabot fishway); (14) a 500-foot-long, 10-foot-wide, 10-foot-high fishway (Spillway fishway); (15) a 225-foot-long, 16-foot-wide, 17.5-foot-high fishway (Gatehouse fishway); and (16) appurtenant facilities.

Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Development

The proposed Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Development would consist of the following existing facilities: (1) A 1-mile-long, 30-foot-wide, 30- to 140-foot-high main dam that includes: (i) An intake structure with two 7-foot-wide, 9-foot-high sluice gates and an 8-foot-diameter outlet pipe;

and (ii) a 589-foot-long, 2-foot-diameter low-level outlet pipe; (2) a 425-foot-long, 25-foot-high dike (North dike); (3) a 2,800-foot-long, 45-foot-high dike (Northwest dike); (4) a 1,700-foot-long, 40-foot-long dike (West dike); (5) a 327-foot-long, 10- to 20-foot-high gravity dam; (6) an ungated 550-foot-long, 6-foot-high spillway structure with a 20-foot-long notch at an elevation of 1,005.0 feet NGVD 29; (7) a 286-acre impoundment (upper reservoir) with a useable storage volume of 12,318 acre-feet between elevations 938.0 feet and 1,000.5 feet NGVD 29; (8) a 2,110-acre impoundment (lower reservoir or Turners Falls impoundment); (9) a 1,890-foot-long, 130-foot-wide intake channel with a 63-foot-long, 9-foot-high submerged check dam and two 6-foot-wide, 2.75-foot-high sluice gates and two 18-foot-wide stoplogs; (10) a 200-foot-long, 55-foot-wide, 80-foot-high pressure shaft; (11) an 853-foot-long, 31-foot-diameter penstock; (12) two 22-foot-diameter, 100- to 150-foot-long penstocks; (13) four 340-foot-long, 9.5- to 14-foot-diameter penstocks; (14) a 328-foot-long, 70-foot-wide powerhouse that contains four reversible pump turbine-generator units with a total installed capacity of 1,166.8 MW; (15) four 25-foot-long, 11-foot-diameter draft tubes that transition to a 20-foot-long, 17-foot-diameter draft tube; (16) a 5,136-foot-long, 33-foot-wide, 31-foot-high horseshoe-shaped tailrace tunnel; (17) 35-foot-long, 40-foot-high trapezoid-shaped stoplogs with 74.3- to 99.5-foot-wide, 48-foot-high trashracks with 6-inch clear-bar spacing; (18) four 26-foot-long, 13.8-kV generator leads that connect the turbine-generator units to four transformers; (19) two 3,000-foot-long, 345-kV pipe-type cables from the transformers to the Northfield Switching Station; (20) a 650-foot-long, 15-foot-deep fixed-position fish barrier guide net; and (21) appurtenant facilities.

The existing Turners Falls Hydroelectric Project operates in peaking and run-of-river modes depending on inflows. The existing license requires maintaining the impoundment between elevations 176.0 feet and 185.0 feet NGVD 29, and releasing a continuous minimum flow of 1,433 cubic feet per second, or inflow (whichever is less), from the project. FirstLight did not propose any changes to operation of this facility in its application.

The existing Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project generally operates in pumping mode during low-load periods and generating mode during high-load periods. In the summer and winter, the project generally operates in a peaking mode in the

morning and late afternoon. In the spring and fall, the project may operate in a peaking mode one or two times a day depending on electricity demand. The existing license requires maintaining the upper reservoir between elevations 938.0 feet and 1,000.5 feet NGVD 29 (i.e., a maximum reservoir drawdown of 62.5 feet).

FirstLight proposes to increase the maximum water surface elevation of the upper reservoir to 1,004.5 feet NGVD 29 and decrease the minimum water surface elevation of the upper reservoir to 920.0 feet NGVD 29 (i.e., a maximum reservoir drawdown of 84.5 feet) year-round.

l. *Locations of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for

review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <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, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

m. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects.

For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. *Procedural Schedule:* In the final license application, FirstLight states that it will file an amended final license application after it completes all of the required studies in the approved study plan. On May 5, 2016, Commission staff issued a revised process plan and schedule that include milestones and dates for the filing and review of FirstLight's outstanding study reports. After FirstLight completes and files the outstanding study reports and amended final license application, Commission staff will issue a revised procedural schedule with target dates for the post-filing milestones listed below.

Milestone	Target date
Amended Final License Application	TBD
Notice of Acceptance/Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis	TBD
Filing of recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and fishway prescriptions	TBD
Commission issues Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)	TBD
Comments on Draft EIS	TBD
Modified terms and conditions	TBD
Commission issues Final EIS	TBD

o. Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

Dated: May 13, 2016.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric corporate filings:

Docket Numbers: EC08-126-001.
Applicants: LS Power Development, LLC, Luminus Management, LLC.

Description: Request for Suspension of Reporting Obligations, LS Power Development, LLC and Luminus Management, LLC.

Filed Date: 5/11/16.

Accession Number: 20160511-5306.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 5/26/16.

Take notice that the Commission received the following exempt wholesale generator filings:

Docket Numbers: EG16-98-000.

Applicants: Paulding Wind Farm III LLC.

Description: Self-Certification of EWG of Paulding Wind Farm III LLC.

Filed Date: 5/13/16.

Accession Number: 20160513-5046.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 6/3/16.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

Docket Numbers: ER10-2331-055; ER10-2319-046; ER10-2317-046; ER13-1351-028; ER10-2330-053.

Applicants: J.P. Morgan Ventures Energy Corporation, BE Alabama LLC, BE CA LLC, Florida Power Development LLC, Utility Contract Funding, L.L.C.

Description: Notice of Non-Material Change in Status of the JPMorgan Sellers.

Filed Date: 5/12/16.

Accession Number: 20160512-5259.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 6/2/16.

Docket Numbers: ER16-1331-001.
Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: Tariff Amendment: Amended Filing-Clarify Process to Study Requests for Short-Term Service to be effective 5/31/2016.

Filed Date: 5/13/16.

Accession Number: 20160513-5047.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 6/3/16.

Docket Numbers: ER16-1689-000.
Applicants: ArcelorMittal Cleveland LLC.

Description: Baseline eTariff Filing: Petition for Acceptance of Market-Based Rate to be effective 6/30/2016.

Filed Date: 5/13/16.

Accession Number: 20160513-5001.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 6/3/16.

Docket Numbers: ER16-1690-000.
Applicants: Public Service Company of Colorado.

Description: Compliance filing: 20160513 ER16-524 CSU Renewable Energy Credits to be effective 4/16/2016.

Filed Date: 5/13/16.

Accession Number: 20160513-5070.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 6/3/16.

Docket Numbers: ER16-1691-000.
Applicants: Escalante Solar III, LLC.

Description: Compliance filing: Comp. Filing—Amendment to MBR Tariff Limits, and Exemptions to be effective 7/12/2016.

Filed Date: 5/13/16.

Accession Number: 20160513-5072.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 6/3/16.

Docket Numbers: ER16-1692-000.
Applicants: Arizona Public Service Company.

Description: Section 205(d) Rate Filing: Rate Schedule Nos. 44, 98, 211—Four Corners Acquisition to be effective 12/31/9998.

Filed Date: 5/13/16.

Accession Number: 20160513-5076.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 6/3/16.

Docket Numbers: ER16-1693-000.
Applicants: Arizona Public Service Company.

Description: Section 205(d) Rate Filing: Reassignment of Service Agreement Nos. 350, 351 and 352 to be effective 4/15/2016.