

Expansion Project (Project), and would involve construction of approximately 40 miles of pipeline and appurtenant facilities located in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Delaware to provide 61,162 dekatherms per day of additional firm transportation service.

On January 11, 2017, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Project. This instant notice identifies the FERC staff's planned schedule for the completion of the EA for the Project.

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA—May 12, 2017.

90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline—August 10, 2017.

If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the Project's progress.

Project Description

The facilities to be constructed and operated under Section 7(c) include: (1) Six pipeline loop segments totaling 22.7 miles; (2) one 10-inch-diameter 16.9-mile-long mainline extension; (3) upgrades to an existing Meter and Regulator Station in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; (4) installation of an additional 3,750 horsepower compressor unit at the existing Daleville Compressor Station in Chester County, Pennsylvania; and (5) the addition of two pressure control stations in Sussex County, Delaware.

Background

On August 1, 2016, the Commission issued a *Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed 2017 Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues (NOI)*. The NOI was issued during the pre-filing review of the Project in Docket no. PF16-7 and was sent to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; Native American tribes; potentially affected landowners; and other interested individuals and groups in the Project area. In response to the Notice of Intent, the Commission received comments from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, West Sadsbury Township, the Chester Water

Authority, the Maryland Historical Trust, the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control—Division of Fish and Wildlife, the Franklin Township Historical Commission, and the National Park Service. The primary concerns raised were regarding wetland and waterbody impacts; potential damage to water mains; impacts on the White Clay Creek National Wild and Scenic River; potential impacts on bog turtles and their habitat; and potential impacts on historic, scenic, or cultural resources. Five private landowners filed comments expressing questions or concerns regarding the right-of-way acquisition process, overall public safety and pipeline reliability, restoration efforts, and the procedures to be used should future roadway widening occur where the pipeline is installed under the highway.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service are cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EA.

Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. 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. Additional information about the Project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (866) 208-FERC or on the FERC Web site (www.ferc.gov). Using the "eLibrary" link, select "General Search" from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and "Docket Number" excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, CP17-28), and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at (866) 208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. The eLibrary link on the FERC Web site also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2787-007]

Green Mountain Power; Ottauquechee Hydro Company, Inc.; Notice of Transfer of Exemption

1. By letter filed February 21, 2017 and supplemented on March 2, 2017, Enel Green Power North America, Inc. informed the Commission that the exemption from licensing for the Ottauquechee Woolen Mill Project No. 2787, originally issued August 13, 1982¹ has been transferred to the Green Mountain Power, effective January 29, 2017. The project is located on the Ottauquechee River in Windsor County, Vermont. The transfer of an exemption does not require Commission approval.

2. Green Mountain Power is now the exemptee of the Ottauquechee Woolen Mill Project No. 2787. All correspondence should be forwarded to: Green Mountain Power, 163 Acorn Lane, Colchester, VT 05446.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7146 or <http://www.epa.gov/nepa>.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements (EISs),

Filed 03/06/2017 Through 03/10/2017.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

Notice

Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies. EPA's comment letters on EISs are available at: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/eisdata.html>.

EIS No. 20170032, Draft, USFS, OR, Ringo Project, Comment Period Ends: 05/01/2017, Contact: Lillian Cross, 541-433-3200.

¹ Order Granting Exemption from Licensing of a Small Hydroelectric Project of 5 MW or Less. *White Current Corporation*, 20 FERC ¶ 62,271 (1982).

EIS No. 20170033, Draft, BPA, WA,
Melvin R. Sampson Hatchery Yakima
Basin Coho Project, Comment Period
Ends: 05/01/2017, Contact: Dave
Goodman, 503-230-4764.

EIS No. 20170034, Draft, USFS, CA,
Trinity Post Fire Hazard Reduction
and Salvage, Comment Period Ends:
05/01/2017, Contact: Thomas Hall,
530-628-1200.

EIS No. 20170035, Final Supplement,
USFS, ID, Johnson Bar Fire Salvage,
Review Period Ends: 04/17/2017,
Contact: Tam White, 208-926-6416.

EIS No. 20170036, Final, USFS, AK,
Shoreline II Outfitter/Guide, Review
Period Ends: 04/17/2017, Contact:
Carey Case, 907-772-5906.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 20160261, Draft, USFS, ID,
Coeur d Alene Basin Natural Resource
Restoration Plan, Comment Period
Ends: 04/17/2017, Contact: Jo
Christensen, 208-765-7417.

Revision to FR Notice Published 11/
10/2016; Reopening Comment Period to
End 04/17/2017.

EIS No. 20170002, Draft, DOE, CA,
Remediation of Area IV and the
Northern Buffer Zone of the Santa
Susana Field Laboratory, Comment
Period Ends: 04/13/2017, Contact:
Stephie Jennings, 1-805-842-3864.

Revision to FR Notice Published 01/
13/2017; Extending the Comment Period
from 03/14/2017 to 04/13/2017.

EIS No. 20170004, Draft, USFWS, NPS,
WA, North Cascades Ecosystem Draft
Grizzly Bear Restoration Plan,
Comment Period Ends: 04/28/2017,
Contact: Karen Taylor-Goodrich, 360-
854-7205.

Revision to FR Notice Published 01/
13/2017; Extending the Comment Period
from 03/14/2017 to 04/28/2017.

EIS No. 20170031, Draft, USFS, ID, Big
Creek Hot Springs Geothermal
Leasing, Comment Period Ends: 05/
01/2017, Contact: Julie Hopkins, 208-
756-5279.

Revision to FR Notice Published 03/
10/2017; Reestablish the Comment
Period to End 05/01/2017.

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Dawn Roberts,

Management Analyst, NEPA Compliance
Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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GULF COAST ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION COUNCIL

[Docket No.: 103172017-1111-10]

Proposed Amendment to Initial Funded Priorities List

AGENCY: Gulf Coast Ecosystem
Restoration Council.

ACTION: Proposed amendment to Initial
Funded Priorities List.

SUMMARY: The Gulf Coast Ecosystem
Restoration Council (Council) seeks
public and Tribal comment on a
proposal to amend its Initial Funded
Priorities List (FPL) to approve
implementation funding and associated
actions for the Palm River Restoration
Project Phase II, East McKay Bay project
(Palm River), Florida. The Council is
proposing to approve \$768,680 in
implementation funding for Palm River.
The Council is also proposing to
reallocate \$87,750 from planning to
implementation. The total amount
available for implementation of Palm
River would be \$856,430. These funds
would be used for construction of three
stormwater ponds, exotic vegetation
removal, native planting, monitoring,
management of exotic species, and
maintenance of the culverts/stormwater
ponds along the Palm River at the
mouth of McKay Bay.

In the Initial FPL, components of the
Palm River project were split among two
sponsors: The Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA) and Florida. The EPA
portion of the Palm River project was
included with a larger set of restoration
measures within the FPL activity
entitled Tampa Bay National Estuary
Program. To enhance administrative
efficiency, the Council is proposing to
unify the two components of the Palm
River project under one sponsor,
Florida. The implementation funding
proposed above includes monies
originally budgeted for implementation
of the EPA component (\$271,430).

To comply with the National
Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and
other applicable laws, the Council is
proposing to adopt an existing
Environmental Assessment (EA) and
ensure compliance with the terms and
conditions of an associated Clean Water
Act (CWA) Section 404 permit that has
been issued for the project. In so doing,
the Council would expedite project
implementation, reduce planning costs
and potentially increase the ecological
benefits of this project.

DATES: Comments on this proposed
amendment are due April 17, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this proposed
amendment may be submitted as
follows:

By Email: Submit comments by email
to frcomments@restorethegulf.gov.
Email submission of comments ensures
timely receipt and enables the Council
to make them available to the public. In
general, the Council will make such
comments available for public
inspection and copying on its Web site,
www.restorethegulf.gov, without charge,
including any business or personal
information provided, such as names,
addresses, email addresses and
telephone numbers. All comments
received, including attachments and
other supporting materials, will be part
of the public record and subject to
public disclosure. You should only
submit information that you wish to
make publicly available.

By Mail: Send comments to Gulf Coast
Ecosystem Restoration Council, 500
Poydras Street, Suite 1117, New
Orleans, LA 70130.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please send questions by email to
frcomments@restorethegulf.gov or
contact John Ettinger at (504) 444-3522.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill led to
passage of the Resources and
Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist
Opportunities, and Revived Economies
of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012
(RESTORE Act) (33 U.S.C. 1321(t) and
note), which dedicates 80 percent of all
Clean Water Act administrative and
civil penalties related to the oil spill to
the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund
(Trust Fund). The RESTORE Act also
created the Council, an independent
Federal entity comprised of the five Gulf
Coast states and six Federal agencies.
Among other responsibilities, the
Council administers a portion of the
Trust Fund known as the Council-
Selected Restoration Component in
order to “undertake projects and
programs, using the best available
science, that would restore and protect
the natural resources, ecosystems,
fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats,
beaches, coastal wetlands, and economy
of the Gulf Coast.” Additional
information on the Council can be
found here: [https://
www.restorethegulf.gov](https://www.restorethegulf.gov).

On December 9, 2015, the Council
approved the FPL, which includes
projects and programs approved for
funding under the Council-Selected
Restoration Component, along with
other activities the Council identified as
priorities for potential future funding.
Activities approved for funding in the
FPL are included in “Category 1;” the
priorities for potential future funding