payment status will be required to use this form when reporting their budget, requesting funds, and accessing funds. Current Department regulations sections 74.20–74.28 and 74.50–74.53 address the financial management and reporting requirements of grantees. The new form developed in G5 serves as the mechanism for grantees to report expenditures and track their spending in order to ensure compliance with Department regulations. The currently used budget form, the SF 524, is not comprehensive enough to meet the needs of grant monitors to efficiently and effectively monitor this sub-set of grantees. This new data collection will enhance the ability of grant monitors to track the budgeting of grantees and the management of their funds.


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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Commission Staff Attendance

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) hereby gives notice that members of the Commission’s staff may attend the following meeting related to the wholesale markets of ISO New England Inc.:  

Integrating Markets and Public Policy: May 17, 2017, 9:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (EST) Doubletree Hotel, 5400 Computer Drive, Westborough, MA 01581.

Further information may be found at www.nepool.com/IMAPP.php.

The discussion at the meeting described above may address matters at issue in the following proceedings:


Docket No. EL16–19, ISO New England Inc. Participating Transmission Owners Administrative Committee

Docket No. RP16–618, Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC

Docket No. ER12–1650, Emera Maine


Docket No. ER15–1429. Emera Maine


Docket No. ER16–2451, ISO New England Inc. and New England Power Pool Participants Committee


Docket No. ER17–933, Exelon Generation Company, LLC

Docket No. ER17–1441, ISO New England Inc. and New England Power Pool Participants Committee

Docket No. ER17–1542, ISO New England Inc. and New England Power Pool Participants Committee

For more information, contact


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Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2685–029]

New York Power Authority; 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 No.: 2685–029.

c. Date Filed: April 27, 2017.


e. Name of Project: Blenheim-Gilboa Pumped Storage Project (Blenheim-Gilboa Project).

f. Location: The existing project is located on Schoharie Creek in the towns of Blenheim and Gilboa in Schoharie County, New York. The project does not occupy lands of the United States.

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

h. Applicant Contact: Robert A. Daly, Licensing Manager, New York Power Authority, 123 Main Street, White Plains, New York 10601; (914) 681–6564; Robert.Daly@nypa.gov.

i. FERC Contact: Andy Bernick, (202) 502–8660 or andrew.bernick@ferc.gov.

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

k. Project Description: The existing Blenheim-Gilboa Project consists of the following: (1) a 2.25-mile-long, 30-foot-wide earth and rock fill embankment dike with a maximum height of 110 feet, constructed at Brown Mountain and forming the 399-acre Upper Reservoir (operating at the maximum and extreme minimum elevations of 2,003 feet and 1,955 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 [NGVD 29], respectively) with 15,085 acre-feet of usable storage and dead storage of 3,706 acre-feet below elevation 1,955 feet NGVD 29; (2) a 655-foot-long emergency spillway with a 25-foot-wide asphaltic concrete crest at elevation 2,005 feet NGVD 29 and a capacity of 10,200 cubic feet per second (cfs); (3) an intake system that includes: (i) A 125-foot-wide hexagonal-shaped intake cover with trash racks with a clear spacing of 5.25 inches; (ii) a 1,042-foot-long, 28-foot-diameter, concrete-lined vertical shaft in the bottom of the Upper Reservoir; (iii) a 906-foot-long horizontal, concrete-lined rock tunnel; and (iv) a 460-foot-long concrete-lined manifold that distributes flow to four 12-foot-diameter steel-lined penstocks, each with a maximum length of about 1,960 feet, to four pump-turbines located at the powerhouse; (4) a 526-foot-long, 172-foot-wide, and 132-foot-high multi-level powerhouse located along the east bank of the Lower Reservoir at the base of Brown Mountain, containing four reversible pump turbines that each produce approximately 290 megawatts (MW) in generation mode, and have a total maximum discharge of 12,800 cfs during generation and 10,200 cfs during pumping; (5) a bottom trash rack with a clear spacing of 5.625 inches, and four upper trash racks with a clear spacing of 5.25 inches; (6) an 1,800-foot-long central core, rock-filled lower dam with a maximum height of 100 feet that impounds Schoharie Creek to form the 413-acre Lower Reservoir (operating at the maximum and minimum elevations of 900 feet and 860 feet NGVD 29, respectively) with 12,422 acre-feet of usable storage and dead storage of 3,745 acre-feet below 860 feet NGVD 29; (7) three 38-foot-wide by 45.5-foot-high Tainter gates at the left end of the lower dam; (8) a 425-foot-long, 134-foot-wide concrete spillway structure with a crest elevation of 855 feet NGVD 29; (9) a 238-foot-long, 68.5-foot-deep concrete stilling basin; (10) a low level outlet with four discharge valves of 4, 6, 8, and 10 inches for release of 5 to 25 cfs; and two 36-inch-diameter Howell-Bunger valves to release a combined flow of 25...
to 700 cfs; (10) a switchyard on the
eastern bank of Schoharie Creek
adjacent to the powerhouse; and (11)
appurtenant facilities.

During operation, the Blenheim-
Gilboa Project’s pump-turbines may be
turned on or off several times
throughout the day, but the project
typically generates electricity during
the day when consumer demand is high and
other power resources are more
dependable. Pumping usually occurs at
night and on weekends when there is
excess electricity in the system available
for use. According to a July 30, 1975,
settlement agreement, NYPA releases a
minimum flow of 10 cubic feet per
second (cfs) during low-flow periods
when 1,500 acre-feet of water is in
storage, and 7 cfs when less than 1,500
acre-feet is in storage. For the period
2007 through 2016, the project’s average
annual generation was about 374,854
megawatt-hours (MWh) and average
annual energy consumption from
pumping was about 540,217 MWh.

1. 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: On
September 6, 2016, Commission staff
issued a revised process plan and
schedule with milestones and dates for
the filing and review of NYPA’s
remaining study reports. NYPA filed its
remaining study report on February 17,
2017. The Director, Office of Energy
Projects will make a final determination
on the need to modify the approved
study plan for the remaining study by
June 18, 2017. At this time, the
application is expected to be processed
according to the following preliminary
Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to
the schedule may be made following the
Director’s determination on the
remaining study, and as appropriate.

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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 9, 2017.
Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Northwest Pipeline LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed North Fork Nooksack Line Lowering Project Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an
environmental assessment (EA) that will
discuss the environmental impacts of
the North Fork Nooksack Line Lowering Project (Nooksack Lowering Project or Project)
that will involve construction and
operation of facilities by Northwest
Pipeline LLC (Northwest) in Whatcom
County, Washington. The Commission
will use this EA in its decision-making
process to determine whether the
project is in the public convenience and
necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the
scoping process the Commission
will use to gather input from the public
and interested agencies on the project.
You can make a difference by providing
us with your specific comments or
concerns about the project. Your
comments should focus on the potential
environmental effects, reasonable
alternatives, and measures to avoid or
lessen environmental impacts. Your
input will help the Commission staff
determine what issues they need to
evaluate in the EA. To ensure that your
comments are timely and properly
recorded, please send your comments so
that the Commission receives them in
Washington, DC on or before June 8,
2017.

If you sent comments on this project to the Commission before the opening of
this docket on April 6, 2017, you will need to refile those comments in Docket
No. CP17–133–000 to ensure they are
considered as part of this proceeding.
This notice is being sent to the
Commission’s current environmental
mailing list for this project. State and
local government representatives should
notify their constituents of this
proposed project and encourage them to
comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this
notice, a pipeline company
representative may contact you about
the acquisition of an easement to
construct, operate, and maintain the
proposed facilities. The company would
seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable
agreement. However, if the Commission
approves the project, that approval
conveys with it the right of eminent
domain. Therefore, if easement
negotiations fail to produce an
agreement, the pipeline company could
initiate condemnation proceedings
where compensation would be
determined in accordance with state
law.

Northwest provided landowners with
a fact sheet prepared by the FERC
titled “An Interstate Natural Gas
Facility On My Land? What Do I Need
To Know?” This fact sheet addresses
a number of typically asked questions,
including the use of eminent domain
and how to participate in the
Commission’s proceedings. It is also
available for viewing on the FERC Web
site (www.ferc.gov).

Public Participation
For your convenience, there are three
methods you can use to submit your
comments to the Commission. The