

- Land use;
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands;
- Cultural resources;
- Vegetation and wildlife;
- Air quality and noise;
- Endangered and threatened species;
- Public safety; and
- Cumulative impacts

We will also evaluate reasonable alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

The EA will present our independent analysis of the issues. The EA will be available in the public record through eLibrary. We will publish and distribute the EA to the public for an allotted comment period. We will consider all comments on the EA before making our recommendations to the Commission. To ensure we have the opportunity to consider and address your comments, please carefully follow the instructions in the Public Participation section, beginning on page 2.

With this notice, we are asking agencies with jurisdiction by law and/or special expertise with respect to the environmental issues of this project to formally cooperate with us in the preparation of the EA.<sup>5</sup> Agencies that would like to request cooperating agency status should follow the instructions for filing comments provided under the Public Participation section of this notice.

### Consultations Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

In accordance with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's implementing regulations for section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, we are using this notice to initiate consultation with the applicable State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPO), and to solicit their views and those of other government agencies, interested Indian tribes, and the public on the project's potential effects on historic properties.<sup>6</sup> We will define the project-specific Area of Potential Effects (APE) in consultation with the SHPOs as the project develops. On natural gas facility projects, the APE at a minimum encompasses all areas

<sup>5</sup> The Council on Environmental Quality regulations addressing cooperating agency responsibilities are at Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1501.6.

<sup>6</sup> The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulations are at Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 800. Those regulations define historic properties as any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

subject to ground disturbance (examples include construction right-of-way, contractor/pipeline storage yards, compressor stations, and access roads). Our EA for this project will document our findings on the impacts on historic properties and summarize the status of consultations under section 106.

### Environmental Mailing List

The environmental mailing list includes federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American Tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. This list also includes all affected landowners (as defined in the Commission's regulations) who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within certain distances of aboveground facilities, and anyone who submits comments on the project. We will update the environmental mailing list as the analysis proceeds to ensure that we send the information related to this environmental review to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project.

Copies of the EA will be sent to the environmental mailing list for public review and comment. If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the document instead of the CD version or would like to remove your name from the mailing list, please return the attached Information Request (appendix 2).

### Notice of Onsite Review

On June 18–20, 2018, the Office of Energy Projects staff will be in Fauquier, Prince William, Fluvanna, and Pittsylvania Counties, Virginia to gather data related to the environmental analysis of the Southeastern Trail Project. Staff will review environmental resources on the proposed Manassas Loop and visit Stations 175 and 165 to review the extent of proposed ground-disturbing activities. This will assist staff in completing its comparative evaluation of environmental impacts of the proposed project. Viewing of these facilities is anticipated to be from existing Transco right-of-way and at existing Transco stations.

### Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208-FERC, or on the FERC website at [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.*, CP18–186). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which 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).

Finally, public sessions or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at [www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx](http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx) along with other related information.

Dated: June 1, 2018.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP18–491–000]

### Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization: National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation

Take notice that on May 24, 2018, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel), 6363 Main Street, Williamsville, New York 14221, filed in the above referenced docket, a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205, 157.208, and 157.210 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and National Fuel's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83–4–000, for authorization to (1) increase certificated maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) of a 10.6-mile-long portion of existing 16-inch-diameter Line KNYS, (2) install a new Over Pressure Protection Station, and (3) install appurtenances, all located in Cattaraugus County, New York and McKean County, Pennsylvania (Line KNYS Update Project). Increasing MAOP from 335 pounds per square inch

gauge (psig) to 454 psig will allow National Fuel to transport an additional 15,000 dekatherms per day of firm transportation capacity under EFT Rate Schedule, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

The filing may also be viewed on the 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, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this application may be directed to Margaret Sroka, Attorney, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation, 6363 Main Street, Williamsville, New York 14221, by telephone at (716) 857-7066 or by email at [srokam@natfuel.com](mailto:srokam@natfuel.com); or Janet R. Bayer, Senior Regulatory Analyst, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation, 6363 Main Street, Williamsville, New York 14221, by telephone at (716) 857-7429 or by email at [jrbferc@natfuel.com](mailto:jrbferc@natfuel.com).

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 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 EA.

Any person may, within 60 days after the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention. Any person filing to intervene or the Commission's staff may, pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205) file a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for protest. If a protest is

filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests, and interventions via the internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the "e-Filing" link.

Dated: June 1, 2018.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 3407-086]

#### **Magic Reservoir Hydroelectric, Inc., Big Wood Canal Company; Notice of Application for Transfer of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests**

On May 10, 2018, Magic Reservoir Hydroelectric, Inc. (transferor) and Big Wood Canal Company (transferee) filed an application for the transfer of license of the Magic Dam Project No. 3407. The project is located on the Big Wood River in Blaine and Camas counties, Idaho and occupies Federal lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

The applicants seek Commission approval to transfer the license for the Magic Dam Project from the transferor to the transferee.

*Applicants Contact:* For transferor: Mr. James B. Alderman, Secretary, Magic Reservoir Hydroelectric Inc., c/o J.R. Simplot Company, 1099 W Front Street, Boise, ID 83702, Phone: 208-780-7316.

*For transferee:* Mr. Carl Pendleton, Chairman of the Board, Big Wood Canal Company, 409 North Apple Street, Shoshone, ID 83352, Phone: 208-420-6401 and Mr. Ted S. Sorenson, 1032 Grandview Drive, Ivins, UT 84738.

*FERC Contact:* Patricia W. Gillis, (202) 502-8735, [patricia.gillis@ferc.gov](mailto:patricia.gillis@ferc.gov).

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests: 30 days from the date that the Commission issues this notice. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can

submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-3407-086.

Dated: June 6, 2018.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL18-168-000]

#### **Notice of Complaint: North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation v. Duke Energy Progress, LLC**

Take notice that on May 31, 2018, pursuant to sections 206, 306, and 309 of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 824e, 825e, and 825h and Rule 206 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.206, North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation (Complainant) filed a formal challenge and complaint against Duke Energy Progress, LLC (Respondent) alleging that Respondent is violating its formula rate, its Joint Open Access Transmission Tariff and Commission orders, regulations and generally applicable ratemaking policies by failing to reflect in its Annual Updates of wholesale transmission charges, the reduction in the federal corporate income tax rate that went into effect January 1, 2018 and the adjustments to the Accumulated Deferred Income Tax balances, as more fully explained in the complaint.

Complainant certifies that copies of the complaint were served on contacts for the Respondent listed on the Commission's list of Corporate Officials and the North Carolina Utilities Commission and the South Carolina Public Service Commission.

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