

for the information collection as follows:

FERC-714 (ANNUAL ELECTRIC BALANCING AUTHORITY AREA AND PLANNING AREA REPORT)

Number of respondents (1)	Annual number of responses per respondent (2)	Total number of responses (1) * (2) = (3)	Average burden & cost per response (4)	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (3) * (4) = (5)	Cost per respondent (\$) (5) ÷ (1)
177	1	177	87 hrs.; \$6,264.00	15,399 hrs.; \$1,108,728.00	\$6,264.00

Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: March 7, 2019.
Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14227-003]

The Nevada Hydro Company, Inc. ; Notice of Tribal Consultation Meeting

- a. *Date of Meeting:* Wednesday, March 20, 2019.
- b. *FERC Contact:* Jim Fargo, (202) 502-6095 or james.fargo@ferc.gov.
- c. *Purpose of Meeting:* Commission staff will meet with the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians (Pechanga Tribe) at 888 First Street NE, Washington DC to discuss Nevada Hydro's Corporation's application to license the proposed Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage Project No 14227.
- d. The meeting will be limited to tribal representatives of the Pechanga Tribe and the Commission's representatives. A summary of the

Accountants and Auditors (Code 13-2011), \$56.59/hr.
 Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Managers (Code 11-3071), \$75.34/hr.

meeting will be prepared and placed in the public record of these proceedings.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2514-186]

Appalachian Power Company; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document (PAD), Commencement of Pre-Filing Process, and Scoping; Request for Comments on the PAD and Scoping Document, and Identification of Issues and Associated Study Requests

- a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application for a New License and Commencing Pre-filing Process.
- b. *Project No.:* 2514-186.
- c. *Dated Filed:* January 7, 2019.
- d. *Submitted By:* Appalachian Power Company (Appalachian).
- e. *Name of Project:* Byllesby-Buck Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* On the New River near the City of Galax, Carroll County, Virginia. The project does not occupy federal lands.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR part 5 of the Commission's Regulations.
- h. *Potential Applicant Contact:* Elizabeth B. Parcell, Process Supervisor, Appalachian Power Company, 40 Franklin Road SW, Roanoke, VA, (540) 985-2441, ebparcell@aep.com.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Brandi Sangunett at (202) 502-8393 or email at brandi.sangunett@ferc.gov.
- j. *Cooperating agencies:* Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with

Power Distributors and Dispatchers (Code 51-8012), \$53.48/hr.

jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item o below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. See 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

k. *With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with:* (a) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, part 402, and (b) the State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. With this notice, we are designating Appalachian as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation, pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

m. On January 7, 2019, Appalachian filed with the Commission a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule), pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

n. A copy of the PAD is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website (<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, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). A copy is also available for

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inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.

Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

o. With this notice, we are soliciting comments on the PAD and Commission's staff Scoping Document 1 (SD1), as well as study requests. All comments on the PAD and SD1, and study requests should be sent to the address above in paragraph h. In addition, all comments on the PAD and SD1, study requests, requests for cooperating agency status, and all communications to and from Commission staff related to the merits of the potential application must be filed with the Commission.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file all documents 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. 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-2514-186.

All filings with the Commission must bear the appropriate heading: "Comments on Pre-Application Document," "Study Requests," "Comments on Scoping Document 1," "Request for Cooperating Agency Status," or "Communications to and from Commission Staff." Any individual or entity interested in submitting study requests, commenting on the PAD or SD1, and any agency requesting cooperating status must do so by May 7, 2019.

p. Although our current intent is to prepare an environmental assessment (EA), there is the possibility that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be required. Nevertheless, this meeting will satisfy the NEPA scoping requirements, irrespective of whether an EA or EIS is issued by the Commission.

Scoping Meetings

Commission staff will hold two scoping meetings in the vicinity of the project at the time and place noted

below. The daytime meeting will focus on resource agency, Indian tribes, and non-governmental organization concerns, while the evening meeting is primarily for receiving input from the public. We invite all interested individuals, organizations, and agencies to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist staff in identifying particular study needs, as well as the scope of environmental issues to be addressed in the environmental document. The times and location of these meetings are as follows:

Evening Scoping Meeting

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Hampton Inn-Galax, 205 Cranberry Road, Galax, VA 24333, Phone: (276) 238-4605.

Daytime Scoping Meeting

Date and Time: Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Location: Hampton Inn-Galax, 205 Cranberry Road, Galax, VA 24333, Phone: (276) 238-4605.

SD1, which outlines the subject areas to be addressed in the environmental document, was mailed to the individuals and entities on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of SD1 will be available at the scoping meetings, or may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link. Follow the directions for accessing information in paragraph n. Based on all oral and written comments, a Scoping Document 2 (SD2) may be issued. SD2 may include a revised process plan and schedule, as well as a list of issues, identified through the scoping process.

Environmental Site Review

The applicant and Commission staff will conduct an environmental site review of the project on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. All participants should meet at Byllesby Dam located at the intersection of Byllesby Road and the New River Trail near Ivanhoe, VA 24350; thereafter participants should be prepared to drive or carpool to other locations within the project boundary. To attend the environmental site review, please RSVP via email to Elizabeth B. Parcell at ebparcell@aep.com. Persons not providing an RSVP by April 3, 2019, will not be allowed on the environmental site review.

Meeting Objectives

At the scoping meetings, staff will: (1) Initiate scoping of the issues; (2) review and discuss existing conditions and resource management objectives; (3)

review and discuss existing information and identify preliminary information and study needs; (4) review and discuss the process plan and schedule for pre-filing activity that incorporates the time frames provided for in Part 5 of the Commission's regulations and, to the extent possible, maximizes coordination of federal, state, and tribal permitting and certification processes; and (5) discuss the appropriateness of any federal or state agency or Indian tribe acting as a cooperating agency for development of an environmental document.

Meeting participants should come prepared to discuss their issues and/or concerns. Please review the PAD in preparation for the scoping meetings. Directions on how to obtain a copy of the PAD and SD1 are included in item n. of this document.

Meeting Procedures

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will be placed in the public record of the project.

Dated: March 8, 2019.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Numbers: CP19-103-000.
Applicants: Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC.

Description: Abbreviated Application of Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC for Authorization to Abandon Exchange Service under Rate Schedule X-130.

Filed Date: 3/1/19.

Accession Number: 20190301-5263.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 3/13/19.

Docket Numbers: CP19-104-000.

Applicants: Texas Eastern Transmission, LP.

Description: Abbreviated Application for Authorization to Abandon Exchange Service (Rate Schedule X-128) of Texas Eastern Transmission, LP.

Filed Date: 3/1/19.

Accession Number: 20190301-5354.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 3/13/19.

Docket Number: PR19-46-000.

Applicants: The Brooklyn Union Gas Company.