

### Land Requirements for Construction

The A-line disconnection would temporarily disturb 2 acres of land. The construction of pipeline loops and associated aboveground appurtenances would disturb about 121.6 acres of land. Following construction, Northern would maintain 16.9 acres for permanent operation of the proposed project's facilities; the remaining acreage would be restored and revert to former use. At the disconnect sites, 100% of the A-line is co-located with other Northern pipelines.

### The EA Process

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils;
- water resources and wetlands;
- vegetation and wildlife;
- threatened and endangered species;
- cultural resources;
- land use;
- air quality and noise;
- public safety; and
- cumulative impacts

Commission staff 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 Commission staffs' independent analysis of the issues. The EA will be available in electronic format in the public record through eLibrary<sup>3</sup> and the Commission's website (<https://www.ferc.gov/industries/gas/enviro/eis.asp>). If eSubscribed, you will receive instant email notification when the EA is issued. The EA may be issued for an allotted public comment period. Commission staff will consider all comments on the EA before making recommendations to the Commission. To ensure Commission staff have the opportunity to address your comments, please carefully follow the instructions in the Public Participation section, beginning on page 2.

With this notice, the Commission is asking agencies with jurisdiction by law and/or special expertise with respect to the environmental issues of this project to formally cooperate in the preparation

notice in the mail and are available at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) using the link called "eLibrary" or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice.

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of the EA.<sup>4</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.

### Consultation 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, the Commission is using this notice to initiate consultation with the applicable State Historic Preservation Office, 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>5</sup> The EA for this project will document 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. Commission staff will update the environmental mailing list as the analysis proceeds to ensure that Commission notices related to this environmental review are sent to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project.

If the Commission issues the EA for an allotted public comment period, a *Notice of Availability* of the EA will be sent to the environmental mailing list and will provide instructions to access the electronic document on the FERC's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)). If you need to make changes to your name/address, or if you would like to remove your name

<sup>4</sup>The Council on Environmental Quality regulations addressing cooperating agency responsibilities are at Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1501.6.

<sup>5</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.

from the mailing list, please return the attached "Mailing List Update Form" (appendix 2).

### 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 in the "Docket Number" field, excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, CP19-500-000). 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 (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

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: September 18, 2019.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD06-6-000]

### Notice of Joint Meeting of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will hold a joint meeting on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at the headquarters of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The open meeting is expected to begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at approximately 11:15 a.m. Eastern Time. Members of the public may attend the open session. Commissioners from both agencies are expected to participate.

The format for the joint meeting will consist of discussions between the two sets of Commissioners following presentations by their respective staffs. In addition, representatives of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) will attend and participate in this meeting. Attached is an agenda of the meeting.

A free webcast of this event will be made available through the NRC website, at [www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov). In addition, the event will be transcribed and the transcription will be made available through the NRC website approximately three business days after the meeting.

All interested persons are invited to the open meeting. Pre-registration is not required and there is no fee to attend this joint meeting. Questions about the meeting should be directed to Sarah McKinley at [sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov](mailto:sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov) or by phone at 202-502-8004.

Dated: September 18, 2019.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Intent To File License Applications, Filing of Pre-Application Documents (PADs), Commencement of Pre-Filing Process, and Scoping; Request for Comments on the Pads and Scoping Document, and Identification of Issues and Associated Study Requests

	Project No.
Center Rivers Power, NH LLC .....	2287-053
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Great Lakes Hydro America, LLC .....	2300-052
Great Lakes Hydro America, LLC .....	2311-067
Great Lakes Hydro America, LLC .....	2326-054
Great Lakes Hydro America, LLC .....	2327-047
Great Lakes Hydro America, LLC .....	2422-058
Great Lakes Hydro America, LLC .....	2423-031

a. *Type of Filing:* Notices of Intent to File License Applications for New Licenses and Commencing Pre-filing Process.

b. *Submitted By:* Center Rivers Power, NH LLC and Great Lakes Hydro America, LLC.

c. *Name of Projects:* J. Brodie Smith, Gorham, Shelburne, Upper Gorham, Cross Power, Cascade, Sawmill, and Riverside Hydroelectric Projects.

d. *Location:* On the Androscoggin River, in Coos County, New Hampshire.

e. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR part 5 of the Commission's Regulations.

f. *Potential Applicant Contacts:* Mr. Curtis R. Mooney, Project Manager, Central Rivers Power NH, LLC, 59 Ayers Island Road, Bristol, New Hampshire 03222, (603) 744-0846. Randy Dorman, Great Lakes Hydro America, LLC, Brookfield Renewable, 150 Main St., Lewiston, Maine 04240, (207) 755-5605, [randy.dorman@brookfieldrenewable.com](mailto:randy.dorman@brookfieldrenewable.com).

g. *FERC Contact:* Ryan Hansen at (202) 502-8074 or email at [ryan.hansen@ferc.gov](mailto:ryan.hansen@ferc.gov).

h. *Cooperating agencies:* Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with 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 m 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).

i. *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.

j. With this notice, we are designating Center Rivers Power, NH LLC and Great Lakes Hydro America, LLC as the Commission's non-federal representatives for carrying out informal consultation, pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

k. Center Rivers Power, NH LLC and Great Lakes Hydro America, LLC filed with the Commission Pre-Application Documents (PADs; including a proposed process plan and schedule), pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

l. Copies of the PADs are 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](mailto:FERCONlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). Copies are also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph f.

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

m. With this notice, we are soliciting comments on the PADs and

Commission's staff Scoping Document 1 (SD1), as well as study requests. All comments on the PADs and SD1, and study requests should be sent to the address above in paragraph f. In addition, all comments on the PADs 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](mailto: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(s) P-2287-053, P-2288-057, P-2300-052, P-2311-067, P-2326-054, P-2327-047, P-2422-058, and/or P-2423-031.

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 PADs or SD1, and any agency requesting cooperating status must do so by November 25, 2019.

n. 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 projects 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,