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A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to DOE's National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (10 CFR part 1021) and after DOE determines that the proposed action will not have an adverse impact on the sufficiency of supply or reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above, by accessing the program website at <http://energy.gov/node/11845>, or by emailing Angela Troy at Angela.Troy@hq.doe.gov.

Signed in Washington, DC, on October 1, 2019.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2333-091-Maine]

Rumford Falls Hydro, LLC; Notice of Environmental Site Review

On September 27, 2019, Rumford Falls Hydro, LLC filed a Notice of Intent (NOI) and Pre-Application Document to re-license its 44.5-megawatt Rumford Falls Hydroelectric Project No. 2333. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will conduct an environmental site review for the project on October 24, 2019. The project is located on the Androscoggin River, in Oxford County, Maine.

The environmental site review is being held to provide all stakeholders, interested in the project's future relicensing proceedings, an opportunity to view the project's facilities and surrounding areas.

Under the Commission's Integrated Licensing Process, the Commission conducts its National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) scoping meeting within 90 days of the filing of the licensee's NOI. An environmental site review is typically held in conjunction with that scoping meeting. However, access to some project facilities may be

limited by winter weather during December of 2019 when scoping for this project is currently anticipated. For this reason, the Commission will conduct the environmental site review in October before the onset of winter; additional site reviews will not be conducted in conjunction with NEPA scoping meetings for the project in December of 2019. Therefore, we are waiving 5.8(b)(viii) of the Commission's regulations requiring an environmental site review within 30 days of issuance of a notice of commencement of proceeding to facilitate the early environmental site review. The Commission encourages all interested parties to participate in the October environmental site review to facilitate productive scoping meetings later this year. Details of the project specific environmental site review follow.

Date and Time: October 24, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Location: Rumford Falls Hydroelectric Project, 299 Prospect Avenue (Route 2), Rumford, Maine 04276.

Directions and Logistics

Please notify Mr. Randy Dorman of Great Lakes Hydro America at (207) 755-5605 or at randy.dorman@brookfieldrenewable.com on or before October 21, 2019, if you plan to attend the environmental site review.

If you need further logistical information or directions, please contact the Mr. Randy Dorman with the information above. All other questions regarding the environmental site review or the Commission's Integrated Licensing Process may be directed to Ryan Hansen of the Commission's staff at (202) 502-8074 or via email at ryan.hansen@ferc.gov.

Dated: October 1, 2019.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP19-509-000]

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Texas Eastern Transmission, LP Proposed Marshall County Mine Panel 19E Project and 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 Marshall County Mine Panel 19E Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Texas Eastern Transmission, LP (Texas Eastern) in Marshall County, West Virginia. 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 about issues regarding the project. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from its action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity/authorization. NEPA also requires the Commission to discover concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as "scoping." The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this notice, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of issues to address in the EA. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on October 31, 2019.

You can make a difference by submitting 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. Commission staff will consider all filed comments during the preparation of the EA.

If you sent comments on this project to the Commission *before* the opening of this docket on September 4, 2019, you will need to file those comments in Docket No. CP19-509-000 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 easement agreement. You are not required to enter into an agreement. However, if the Commission approves the project, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if you and the company do not reach an easement agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in court. In such instances, compensation would be determined by a judge in accordance with state law.

Texas Eastern provided landowners with a fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled “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 website (www.ferc.gov) at <https://www.ferc.gov/resources/guides/gas/gas.pdf>.

Public Participation

The Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which makes it easy to stay informed of all issuances and submittals regarding the dockets/projects to which you subscribe. These instant email notifications are the fastest way to receive notification and provide a link to the document files which can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings. To sign up go to www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has staff available to assist you at (866) 208–3676 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded.

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the *eComment* feature, which is located on the Commission’s website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to *Documents and Filings*. Using *eComment* is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can file your comments electronically by using the *eFiling* feature, which is located on the Commission’s website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to *Documents and Filings*. With *eFiling*, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New *eFiling* users must first create an account by clicking on *eRegister*. You will be asked to select the

type of filing you are making; a comment on a particular project is considered a Comment on a Filing; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address. Be sure to reference the project docket number (CP19–509–000) with your submission: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426

Summary of the Proposed Project

Texas Eastern proposes to excavate and elevate pipeline segments of its Lines 10, 15, 25, and 30, and these pipelines range from 30-inch to 36-inch diameter. Concurrent with pipeline elevation, portions of Lines 10 and 15 will be replaced with new pipe to accommodate a minimum Class 2 design.¹ Texas Eastern would also perform maintenance activities on segments of Lines 25 and 30. The four mainline segments will remain in-service and be elevated using sandbags and skids for about 18 months until the longwall mining activities have completed and any potential ground subsidence has settled. Once any longwall mining-induced subsidence and the 2020–2021 heating season have both ended, the four elevated pipeline segments will be re-installed belowground, hydrostatically tested, and placed back into service. Texas Eastern estimates such activities will be completed in approximately October 2021.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.²

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction workspace would disturb about 34.2 acres of land for the pipeline excavation, elevation, and/or replacement. Following construction, Texas Eastern would maintain about 12.0 acres of existing right-of-way for permanent operation of the project’s facilities; the remaining acreage would be restored and revert to former uses.

¹ Lines 10 and 15 were installed prior to the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act, and are grandfathered to operate at greater than 72% of Specified Minimum Yield Strength. The portions of these pipelines included in this Project will be replaced with pipe that meets or exceeds the current Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration regulations. See 49 CFR 192.611(a) (2019).

² The appendices referenced in this notice will not appear in the **Federal Register**. Copies of appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at 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.

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 eLibrary³ 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 of the EA.⁴ 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(s), and to solicit their views and those of other

³ For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice.

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

government agencies, interested Indian tribes, and the public on the project's potential effects on historic properties.⁵ 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). *If you need to make changes to your name/address, or if you would like to remove your name 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 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.*, CP09-509). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at 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 along with other related information.

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Secretary.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Records Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(b), of the receipt of prohibited and exempt off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive a prohibited or exempt off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested proceeding, to deliver to the Secretary of the Commission, a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication.

Prohibited communications are included in a public, non-decisional file

associated with, but not a part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become a part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such a request only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication shall serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications are included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e) (1) (v).

The following is a list of off-the-record communications recently received by the Secretary of the Commission. The communications listed are grouped by docket numbers in ascending order. These filings are available for electronic review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website 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 or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202)502-8659.

Docket No.	File date	Presenter or requestor
Prohibited: None.		
Exempt: CP17-40-000	9-23-2019	U.S. Congressman Rodney Davis.
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⁵ 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.