

generated by the Ceredo and Crawford Compressor Stations is consistent with the Commission's policy regarding noise levels at legacy compression stations<sup>1</sup> that were built and operated prior to the Commission's noise level criteria included in environmental condition 31.<sup>2</sup>

The legacy reciprocating units are the most dominant noise source at the Ceredo Compressor Station, and Columbia Gas's proposed amendment would also modify its operation of the Ceredo Compressor Station authorized in the Leach XPress Project Order to reduce operational noise levels on noise sensitive areas by the following: (1) Using four instead of five of the seven legacy reciprocating units at any given time, and (2) increasing the horsepower (hp) rate from 11,000 hp to 13,000 hp from each of three electric-driven compressor units installed since issuance of the Leach XPress Project Order. This proposed operational change would not involve any construction activities.

The general location of the Ceredo and Crawford Compressor Station facilities is shown in appendix 1.<sup>3</sup>

#### Land Requirements for Construction

Given that no ground disturbance or material construction would take place within Ceredo or Crawford Compressor Stations, no land would be required for the amendment.

#### The EA Process

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur to noise quality as a result of the amendment's operational changes and noise mitigation proposed by Columbia Gas. Commission staff will also evaluate reasonable alternatives to the proposed amendment, and may make recommendations on how to

<sup>1</sup> If the noise generated by an existing compressor station already exceeds an day-night sound level of 55 decibels on the A-weighted scale, any proposed modification or expansion of the compressor station should not increase above current levels after installing the new project equipment (*Guidance Manual for Environmental Report Preparation* for applications filed under the Natural Gas Act, February 2017, p.4–133; also see 18 CFR 157.206(b)(5)(ii)(B)).

<sup>2</sup> The Ceredo Compressor Station was originally constructed in the mid-1950s and the Crawford Compressor Station was originally constructed prior to 1920 and has existing compressor units installed in the 1950s and 1960s. Both compressor stations continue to use legacy facilities to support system operations.

<sup>3</sup> 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](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.

lessen or avoid impacts on noise quality.

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>4</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 amendment to formally cooperate 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.

#### Environmental Mailing List

The environmental mailing list includes noise sensitive receivers within 0.5 mile of the Ceredo and Crawford Compressor Stations and anyone who submits comments on the amendment. 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 amendment.

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

<sup>4</sup> For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice.

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

#### Additional Information

Additional information about the amendment 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.*, CP20–12). 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.

Dated: February 26, 2020.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

#### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 3452–017]

#### Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P.; Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis, and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* Subsequent Minor License.

b. Project No.: 3452–017.

c. *Date Filed:* June 28, 2019.

d. *Applicant:* Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P.

e. *Name of Project:* Oak Orchard Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located adjacent to the New York State Canal Corporation's barge canal in the Village of Medina, Orleans County, New York. The project does not occupy federal land.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Steven P. Murphy, Director, U.S. Licensing, Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P., 33 West 1st Street South, Fulton, NY 13069; (315) 598–6130; email: [steven.murphy@brookfieldrenewable.com](mailto:steven.murphy@brookfieldrenewable.com).

i. *FERC Contact:* Laurie Bauer at (202) 502–6519; or email at [laurie.bauer@ferc.gov](mailto:laurie.bauer@ferc.gov).

j. Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions: 60 days from the issuance date of this notice; reply comments are due 105 days from the issuance date of this notice.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions 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-3452-017.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. This application has been accepted and is ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. The Oak Orchard Project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) A concrete gravity dam containing a spillway with a crest elevation of 507.6

feet mean sea level (msl) surmounted by 2-foot-high flashboards and two 5-foot-high, 5-foot-wide flood gates; (2) a forebay with a surface area of 0.25 acre and a storage capacity of 3 acre-feet at the normal pool elevation of 509.6 feet msl; (3) an intake structure with trashracks; (4) a 7-foot-diameter, 85-foot-long welded steel penstock from the intake to the turbine; (5) a 20-foot-long, 43-foot-wide powerhouse containing a single turbine-generator unit with a rated capacity of 350 kilowatts; (6) a tailrace located on the left (west) bank of Oak Orchard Creek; (7) a 55-foot-long underground generation lead; (8) three single-phase 167-kilovolt-ampere pole-mounted power transformers; (9) a 400-foot-long access road; and (10) appurtenant facilities.

Erie operates the project off of flows provided to it from the barge canal. During the navigation season, the Canal Corporation provides approximately 225 cubic feet per second (cfs) of water. Under normal operating conditions, Erie uses approximately 200 cfs of the provided water for project operation and the remaining water (approximately 25 cfs) is discharged directly to Oak Orchard Creek. During the period from 2009 to 2016, the average annual generation was approximately 1,147 megawatt-hours.

m. 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 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, contact FERC Online Support. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title COMMENTS, REPLY COMMENTS, RECOMMENDATIONS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS, or PRESCRIPTIONS; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

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. A license applicant must file no later than 60 days following the date of issuance of this notice: (1) A copy of the water quality certification; (2) a copy of the request for certification, including proof of the date on which the certifying agency received the request; or (3) evidence of waiver of water quality certification.

o. Procedural schedule: The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions .....	April 2020.
Reply comments due .....	June 2020.
Commission issues EA .....	September 2020.
Comments on EA due .....	October 2020.

Dated: February 26, 2020.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

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**WBI Energy Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Application**

Take notice that on February 14, 2020, WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. (WBI), 1250 West Century Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota 58503, filed in the above

referenced docket an application pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, requesting authorization to construct, modify, operate, and maintain the North Bakken Expansion Project located in northwestern North Dakota, all as more fully described in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

The filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the