

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.

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

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 11322–000]

#### **Tuolumne Utilities District; Notice of Existing Licensee's Failure To File a Notice of Intent To File a Subsequent License Application, And Soliciting Notices of Intent To File a License Application and Pre-Application Documents**

The current license for Columbia Water Supply Hydroelectric Project No. 11322 was issued to Tuolumne Utilities District on August 28, 1995, for a term of 30 years, ending July 31, 2025.<sup>1</sup> The 350-kilowatt (kW) project is located near the town of Sonora in Tuolumne County, California.

The project consists of: (1) The 5-mile-long Columbia Ditch from its terminus to the project boundary of the Phoenix Hydroelectric Project No. 1061, licensed to Pacific Gas and Electric Company; (2) an intake structure on the Columbia Ditch; (3) an 18,700-foot-long steel penstock; (4) a powerhouse containing one generating unit with an installed capacity of 350 kW; (5) a 500-foot-long tailrace returning water to the Bureau of Reclamation's existing New Melones Reservoir; (6) a 2,600-foot-long transmission line; and (7) appurtenant facilities.

At least five years before the expiration of a license for a minor water power project in which sections 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act were waived, the Commission's regulations require the licensee to file with the Commission a notice of intent (NOI) that contains an unequivocal statement of the licensee's intention to file or not to file an application for a subsequent license, details on the principal project works and installed plant capacity, and other information.<sup>2</sup>

If such a licensee does not inform the Commission that it intends to file an application for, in this case, a subsequent license for the project, the licensee may not file an application for a subsequent license, either individually or in conjunction with an entity or entities that are not currently licensees of the project.<sup>3</sup>

Because the existing license expires on July 31, 2025, the NOI was due to be filed no later than the close of business on July 31, 2020. Tuolumne Utilities District, the existing licensee for the Columbia Water Supply Hydroelectric Project, failed to file an NOI for the project by this date.

Any party interested in filing a license application for the Columbia Water Supply Hydroelectric Project must first file an NOI<sup>4</sup> and a pre-application document (PAD)<sup>5</sup> pursuant to Part 5 of the Commission's regulations. Although the integrated licensing process (ILP) is the default pre-filing process, section 5.3(b) of the Commission's regulations allows a potential license applicant to request to use alternative licensing procedures when it files its NOI.<sup>6</sup>

This notice sets a deadline of 120 days from the date of this notice for interested applicants, other than the existing licensee, to file NOIs, PADs, and requests to use the traditional licensing process or alternative procedures.

Applications for a subsequent license from potential applicants must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license.<sup>7</sup> Because the existing license expires on July 31, 2025, applications for license for this project must be filed by July 31, 2023.<sup>8</sup>

Questions concerning this notice should be directed to Shannon Boyle at (202) 502–8417 or [shannon.boyle@ferc.gov](mailto:shannon.boyle@ferc.gov).

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<sup>3</sup> 18 CFR 16.24(b).

<sup>4</sup> 18 CFR 5.5.

<sup>5</sup> 18 CFR 5.6.

<sup>6</sup> 18 CFR 5.3(b).

<sup>7</sup> 18 CFR 16.20.

<sup>8</sup> To the extent an interested applicant files an NOI and PAD and elects or is required to use the Commission's ILP, a process plan will be issued within 180 days of this notice, which accelerates the steps of the ILP to allow for filing a subsequent license application by the July 31, 2023 deadline.

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER21–251–000]

#### **Degrees3 Transportation Solutions, LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization**

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of Degrees3 Transportation Solutions, LLC's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is November 19, 2020.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically may mail similar pleadings to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. Hand delivered submissions in docketed proceedings should be delivered to Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the eLibrary link. Enter

<sup>1</sup> *Tuolumne Utilities Dist.*, 72 FERC 62,178 (1995).

<sup>2</sup> 18 CFR 16.19(b) (2020) (citing 18 CFR 16.6(b)).