

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Project No. 8093–022]****Methuen Falls Hydroelectric Company; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, and Approving Use of The Traditional Licensing Process**

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process.

b. *Project No.:* 8093–022.

c. *Date Filed:* February 26, 2021.

d. *Submitted By:* Methuen Falls Hydroelectric Company (Methuen Hydro).

e. *Name of Project:* Methuen Falls Project.

f. *Location:* On the Spicket River in Essex County, Massachusetts. No federal lands are occupied by the project works or located within the project boundary.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 5.3 and 5.5 of the Commission's regulations.

h. *Potential Applicant Contact:* Kevin Olson, Olson Electric Development Company, Inc., 30r Hampshire Street, Methuen, MA 01844; (978) 975–0400; email at [kevin@olsonelectric.com](mailto:kevin@olsonelectric.com).

i. *FERC Contact:* John Baummer at (202) 502–6837; or email at [john.baummer@ferc.gov](mailto:john.baummer@ferc.gov).

j. Methuen Hydro filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on February 26, 2021, and provided public notice of the request on February 26, 2021. In a letter dated April 12, 2021, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved Methuen Hydro's request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.

k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR part 402; and NOAA Fisheries under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.920. We are also initiating consultation with the Massachusetts State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106 of the 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 Methuen Hydro as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act; and consultation pursuant to section

106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

m. On February 26, 2021, Methuen Hydro filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

n. A copy of the PAD may be viewed and/or printed 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. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID–19), issued on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY).

o. The licensee states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a subsequent license for Project No. 8093. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.20, each application for a subsequent license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by February 28, 2024.

p. Register online at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FEROnline.aspx> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: April 12, 2021.

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

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY****[FRL–10021–42–Region 9]****Delegations of the Prevention of Significant Deterioration Air Permitting Program to the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection and the Washoe County Health District**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of delegations of authority.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 9, has revised its delegation agreements with the Nevada

Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) and the Washoe County Health District (WCHD) for implementation of the Federal Clean Air Act Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permitting program. The revised and updated delegation agreements authorize the NDEP and the WCHD to continue to conduct PSD review for proposed new and modified major stationary sources, to issue initial federal PSD permits, and to revise existing federal PSD permits, subject to the terms and conditions of the applicable delegation agreement.

**DATES:** The revised delegation agreement with the NDEP became effective on January 21, 2020, and the revised delegation agreement with the WCHD became effective on March 22, 2021. Pursuant to section 307(b)(1) of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7607(b)(1), judicial review of these final agency actions, to the extent it is available, may be sought by filing a petition for review in the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit within 60 days of April 16, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** The revised delegation agreements are available on Region 9's website at <https://www.epa.gov/caa-permitting/air-permit-delegation-and-psd-sip-approval-status-epas-pacific-southwest-region-9>. For additional information, please contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Laura Yannayon, EPA Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street (AIR–3–1), San Francisco, California 94105. By phone at (415) 972–3534, or by email at [yannayon.laura@epa.gov](mailto:yannayon.laura@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to 40 CFR 52.21(u), on April 23, 2014 and March 13, 2008, EPA Region 9 signed PSD delegation agreements with the NDEP and the WCHD, respectively. The delegation agreements authorized the NDEP and the WCHD to implement the PSD program under sections 160–169 of the Clean Air Act (CAA) and 40 CFR 52.21, including conducting PSD review and the issuance and revision of PSD permits.

On January 21, 2020 and March 22, 2021, EPA Region 9 signed the revised and updated delegation agreements with the NDEP and the WCHD, respectively. Both agreements set forth the terms and conditions according to which the agencies will implement the PSD regulations at 40 CFR 52.21. Under the PSD program, major stationary sources of air pollutants must apply for and receive a permit prior to construction of new facilities or certain modifications to existing facilities.