RFI. Documents submitted electronically should clearly indicate which topic areas and specific questions are being addressed, and should be limited to no more than 25 MB in size. The complete RFI [DE–FOA–0002529] document is located at https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions may be addressed to HFTORFI@ee.doe.gov or to Michael Hahn at 240–562–1551. Further instruction can be found in the RFI document posted on EERE Exchange at https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: There are extensive opportunities to produce clean hydrogen from diverse domestic resources, and both the DOE Hydrogen Program and industry have identified opportunities for using that clean hydrogen across multiple applications and sectors. The Hydrogen Program is interested in hearing from stakeholders, which of these areas would provide potential locations for near-term, large-scale, clean hydrogen demonstration projects, where near-term refers to deployment in the next few years. The purpose of this RFI is to solicit feedback from industry, investors, developers, academia, research laboratories, government agencies, and other stakeholders on potential hydrogen demonstration projects and their associated locations, including potentially ideal locations in the United States. Specifically, DOE is requesting input on the following categories:

- Regional Hydrogen Production, Resources, and Infrastructure
- End Users for Hydrogen in the Region, Cost, and Value Propositions
- Greenhouse Gas and Pollutant Emissions Reduction Potential
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI), Jobs, and Environmental Justice
- Science and Innovation Needs and Challenges

- Additional Information
  Specific questions can be found in the RFI. The RFI is available at: https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/.

Confidential Business Information: Pursuant to 10 CFR 1004.11, any person submitting information that he or she believes to be confidential and exempt by law from public disclosure should submit via email two well-marked copies: One copy of the document marked “confidential” including all the information believed to be confidential, and one copy of the document marked “non-confidential” with the information believed to be confidential deleted. Submit these documents via email. DOE will make its own determination about the confidential status of the information and treat it according to its determination.

Signing Authority: This document of the Department of Energy was signed on May 24, 2021, by Dr. Sunita Satyapal, Director, Hydrogen and Fuel Cells Technology Office, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the Federal Register.

Signed in Washington, DC, on May 27, 2021.

Treena V. Garrett,
Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

On or before August 9, 2021, the facility is not licensed, or exempted from the licensing requirements of Part I of the FPA.

Preliminary Determination: The proposed North Loup Canal Hydroelectric Project will not alter the primary purpose of the conduit system, which is used to distribute water for agricultural irrigation. Therefore, based upon the above criteria, Commission staff preliminarily determines that the proposal satisfies the requirements for a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, which is not required to be licensed or exempted from licensing.

### Table 1—Criteria for Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility

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<th>Statutory provision</th>
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<td>FPA 30(a)(3)(A)</td>
<td>The conduit the facility uses is a tunnel, canal, pipeline, aqueduct, flume, ditch, or similar manmade water conveyance that is operated for the distribution of water for agricultural, municipal, or industrial consumption and not primarily for the generation of electricity.</td>
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<td>FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(i)</td>
<td>The facility is constructed, operated, or maintained for the generation of electric power and uses for such generation only the hydroelectric potential of a non-federally owned conduit.</td>
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<td>FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(ii)</td>
<td>On or before August 9, 2013, the facility is not licensed, or exempted from the licensing requirements of Part I of the FPA.</td>
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<td>FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(iii)</td>
<td>The facility has an installed capacity that does not exceed 40 megawatts.</td>
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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CD21–6–000]

North Loup River Public Power and Irrigation District; Notice of Preliminary Determination of a Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility and Soliciting Comments and Motions To Intervene

On May 21, 2021, North Loup River Public Power and Irrigation District filed a notice of intent to construct a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, pursuant to section 30 of the Federal Power Act (FPA). The proposed North Loup Canal Hydroelectric Project would have an installed capacity of 30 kilowatts (kW), and would be located in the applicant’s existing North Loup Main Canal in Valley County, Nebraska.

Applicant Contact: Amos Lange, 128 North 16th Street, Ord, NE 68862, Email: nlrrpid@yahoo.com.

FERC Contact: Christopher Chaney, Phone No. (202) 502–6778, Email: christopher.chaney@ferc.gov.

Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility Description: The proposed project would consist of: (1) Four approximately 1.8-meter by 2.3-meter by 2.4-meter hydrokinetic turbine modules with a total capacity of 30 kW; and (2) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an estimated annual generation of approximately 130 megawatt-hours.

A qualifying conduit hydropower facility is one that is determined or deemed to meet all the criteria shown in the table below.
Comments and Motions to Intervene: Deadline for filing comments contesting whether the facility meets the qualifying criteria is 30 days from the issue date of this notice.

Deadline for filing motions to intervene is 30 days from the issue date of this notice.

Anyone may submit comments or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210 and 385.214. Any motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular proceeding.

Filing and Service of Responsive Documents: All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the “COMMENTS CONTESTING QUALIFICATION FOR A CONDUIT HYDROPOWER FACILITY” or “MOTION TO INTERVENE, as applicable; (2) state in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) state the name, address, and telephone number of the person filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of sections 385.2001 through 385.2005 of the Commission’s regulations. All comments contesting Commission staff’s preliminary determination that the facility meets the qualifying criteria must set forth their evidentiary basis.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene and comments 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, toll free 1-866-208-3676 or email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. Copies of the notice of intent can be obtained directly from the applicant. 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 by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3676 or email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

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Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take note that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:
