DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP21–57–000]

Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Amendment to the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Mountain Valley Pipeline Project

On February 19, 2021, Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC (Mountain Valley) filed an application in Docket No. CP21–057–000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act amending Mountain Valley’s certificate of public convenience and necessity for the Mountain Valley Pipeline Project (Amendment to the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Mountain Valley Pipeline Project or Amendment Project) to grant Mountain Valley the ability to change the crossing method for specific wetlands and waterbodies yet to be crossed by the project from the open-cut crossings to one of several trenchless methods. The Amendment Project would affect certain natural gas pipeline facilities in Wetzel, Lewis, Webster, Nicholas, Greenbrier, Summers, and Monroe Counties, West Virginia and Giles, Montgomery, Roanoke, Franklin, and Pittsylvania Counties, Virginia. Mountain Valley also proposes two minor route adjustments to avoid crossing wetlands and waterbodies.

On March 1, 2021, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff’s environmental document for the Project.

This notice identifies Commission staff’s intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the Amendment Project and the planned schedule for the completion of the environmental review.1

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA—August 13, 2021
90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline—November 11, 2021

If a schedule change becomes necessary, an additional notice will be

1 40 CFR 1501.10 (2020).


1. FERC Contact: Mr. Steven Sachs, (202) 502–8666, Steven.Sachs@ferc.gov.

j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests is 30 days from the issuance of this notice by the Commission. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests 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/doc-sfiling/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, (888) 208–3676 or TTY, (202) 502–8659.

k. Description of Request: The applicant requests a temporary amendment of its maximum reservoir drawdown limits from July 12, 2021 through September 13, 2021. The applicant plans to exceed the normal 4 foot drawdown limit by draining the reservoir in a phased approach by at least 14 feet to dewater it. The applicant states the drawdown is necessary to replace head gates.

l. 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://ferc.gov) using the “Library” 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 by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (866) 208–3676 or TTY, (202) 502–8659.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission’s mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. Comments, Motions to Intervene, or Protests: Anyone may submit comments, a motion to intervene, or a protest in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission’s Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, motions to intervene, or protests must be received on or before the specified deadline—November 11, 2021.

o. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents: Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title “COMMENTS”, “MOTION TO INTERVENE”, or “PROTEST” as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number(s) of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person intervening or protesting; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2010.

Dated: June 11, 2021.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

[F.R. Doc. 2021–12801 Filed 6–16–21; 8:45 am]
BILLING CODE 6717–01–P
provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the Project’s progress.

**Project Description**

On October 13, 2017, the FERC issued a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Mountain Valley Pipeline Project under Docket CP16–010–000. The Mountain Valley Pipeline Project consists of approximately 303.5 miles of new natural gas pipeline and multiple aboveground facilities located in West Virginia and Virginia.

The Amendment Project would change 120 crossings of 182 waterbodies and wetlands from open-cut crossings to trenchless crossings (this includes 117 conventional bore crossings, 1 Direct Pipe crossing, and 2 guided conventional bore crossings). It also includes a minor route adjustment near milepost 230.8 to avoid the need to cross a waterbody; and a minor alignment shift and workspace adjustment near milepost 0.7 to avoid the need to cross a wetland.

**Background**

On March 16, 2021, the Commission issued a Notice of Scoping Period and Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Amendment to the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Mountain Valley Pipeline Project (Notice of Scoping). The Notice of Scoping was sent to affected landowners; Federal, State, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. In response to the Notice of Scoping, the Commission received comments from the Environmental Protection Agency, the Monacan Indian Nation, U.S. Senator Tim Kaine, Roanoke County, Franklin County Board of Supervisors, the Lewis County Commission, multiple non-government agencies, and multiple individuals and landowners. The primary issues, among others, raised by the commenters are the need for the Amendment Project, requests for additional environmental reviews, and concerns with permits, the geology in the Project area, groundwater and drinking water, environmental compliance, environmental justice and outreach, greenhouse gas and climate change, safety and feasibility, and cultural resources. All substantive comments will be addressed in the EA.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EA.

**Additional Information**

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubcription. This service provides automatic notification of filings made to subscribed dockets, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview to register for eSubcription. 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. 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.

Dated: June 11, 2021.
Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER21–2118–000]

**Dodge Fiat Solar, 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 Dodge Flat Solar, 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 July 1, 2021.

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 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 by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (886) 208–3676 or TTY, (202) 502–8659.

Dated: June 11, 2021.
Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Deputy Secretary.