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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 6470-008]

Winooski Hydroelectric Company; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission and Soliciting Additional Study Requests and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Relicensing and a Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

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.:* 6470-008.
- c. *Date Filed:* July 30, 2021.
- d. *Applicant:* Winooski Hydroelectric Company (WHC).
- e. *Name of Project:* Winooski 8 Hydroelectric Project (project).
- f. *Location:* On the Winooski River in Washington County, Vermont. No federal lands are occupied by the project works or located within the project boundary.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r)
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Mathew Rubin, General Partner, Winooski Hydroelectric Company, 26 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont 05602; (802) 793-5939; or email at m@mrubin.biz.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Kristen Sinclair at (202) 502-6587, or kristen.sinclair@ferc.gov.

j. *Cooperating agencies:* Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item l below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. *See* 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

k. Pursuant to section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the application, and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

l. *Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status:* September 28, 2021.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOOnline.aspx>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. All filings must clearly identify the project name and docket number on the first page: Winooski 8 Hydroelectric Project (P-6470-008).

m. The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. *Project Description:* The existing Winooski 8 Hydroelectric Project consists of: (1) A 222.5-foot-long, 26-foot-high concrete gravity dam impounding a reservoir with a storage capacity of approximately 20 acre-feet at an elevation of 615 feet mean sea level; (2) a 148-foot-long spillway with 4-foot-high flashboards built into the crest of the dam; (3) a 24-foot-long,

hydraulically operated crest gate built into the crest of the dam; (4) a 1,100-square-foot forebay located adjacent to the project impoundment; (5) three hydraulically operated trashracks; (6) a 1,550-square-foot powerhouse that contains two semi-Kaplan turbines and one fixed propeller turbine for a total installed capacity of 856 kilowatts; (7) a 100-foot-long tailrace; (8) a 1,000 kilovolt-amp station transformer; (9) a 30-foot long, 13-kilovolt transmission line and (10) appurtenant facilities. The project generates an annual average of 3,507 megawatt-hours. WHC proposes to continue to operate the project in an automated run-of-river mode. WHC also proposes to add 3.6 acres to the existing project boundary to enclose a 4,100-foot-long dirt road currently used by WHC to access the dam and powerhouse and to enclose an existing unimproved site that provides access to the river for boating and fishing activities downstream of the dam.

o. In addition to publishing the full text of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this notice, as well as other documents in the proceeding (e.g., license application) 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 (P-6470). 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 FERCOOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

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

p. *Procedural Schedule:* The application will be processed according to the following preliminary schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Issue Deficiency Letter (if necessary)—August 2021
Request Additional Information (if needed)—September 2021
Issue Notice of Acceptance—December 2021
Issue Scoping Document 1 for comments—January 2022

Issue Scoping Document 2—March 2022
Issue Notice of Ready for Environmental
Analysis—March 2022

q. Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

Dated: August 5, 2021.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 7656–000]

Village of Highland Falls High-Point Utility, LDC; 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 Buttermilk Falls Hydroelectric Project No. 7656 (Buttermilk Falls Project) was issued to the original licensee, John A. Dodson, on June 24, 1986, for a term of 40 years, ending May 31, 2026.¹ The project became non-operational in 2012 due to damage caused by Hurricanes Sandy and Irene, and has remained non-operational since. The license was transferred to the current licensee, Village of Highland Falls High-Point Utility, LDC (High-Point Utility) on September 21, 2017.² The 75-kilowatt (kW) project is located on Buttermilk Falls Brook, a tributary of the Hudson River, in Orange County, New York.

The principal project works consist of: (1) An 18-inch-high, 15-foot-long dam; (2) an 18-inch-diameter, 400-foot-long PVC penstock; (3) a powerhouse containing one 55-kW and one 20-kW generating unit, for a total of installed generating capacity of 75-kW; (4) two 480-volt generator leads; (5) a 300-foot-long, 480-volt transmission line; and (6) a 0.48/13.6-kilovolt cable connecting the transformer to the area distribution system.

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.³

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.⁴

Because the current license expires on May 31, 2026, the NOI was due to be filed no later than the close of business on May 31, 2021.⁵ High-Point Utility, the current licensee for the Buttermilk Falls Project, failed to file an NOI by this date.⁶

Any party interested in filing a license application for the Buttermilk Falls Project No. 7656 must first file a NOI⁷ and pre-application document (PAD)⁸ pursuant to Part 5 of the Commission's regulations. Although the integrated licensing process 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.⁹

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 an alternative licensing process.

Applications for a subsequent license from potential (non-licensee) applicants must be filed with the Commission at

³ 18 CFR 16.19(b) (2020) (citing 18 CFR 16.6(b)). Section 16.19(b) applies to licenses not subject to Parts 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act.

⁴ 18 CFR 16.24(b) (2020).

⁵ The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure provide that if a filing deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday, holiday, or other day when the Commission is closed for business, the filing deadline does not end until the close of business on the next business day. 18 CFR 2007(a)(2) (2020). Because the deadline to file the NOI fell on a federal holiday (*i.e.*, Memorial Day), the filing deadline was extended until the close of business on Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

⁶ On June 23, 2021, High-Point Utility filed a letter indicating that it intended to proceed with relicensing for the Buttermilk Falls Hydroelectric Project No. 7656, however, the filing was not in conformance with the noticing requirements of section 5.5 of the Commission's regulations, because among other things, it did not identify the principle project works and it did not include the names and mailing addresses of nearby municipalities, counties, political subdivisions, or affected Indian tribes. It also did not include a pre-application document as required by section 5.6 of the regulations.

⁷ 18 CFR 5.5 (2020).

⁸ 18 CFR 5.6 (2020).

⁹ 18 CFR 5.3(b) (2020).

least 24 months prior to the expiration of the current license.¹⁰ Because the current license expires on May 31, 2026, applications for license for this project must be filed by May 31, 2024.¹¹

Questions concerning this notice should be directed to Samantha Pollak at (202) 502–6419 or samantha.pollak@ferc.gov.

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Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC21–36–000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–725G1 and FERC– 725G4); Consolidated Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of information collections and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collections, FERC–725G1 (Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System: Reliability Standard PRC–004–6) and FERC–725G4 (Mandatory Reliability Standards: Reliability Standard PRC–010–2 (Undervoltage Load Shedding)).

DATES: Comments on the collections of information are due October 12, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit your comments (identified by Docket No. IC21–36–000) on FERC–725G1 and/or FERC–725G4 by one of the following methods:

Electronic filing through <http://www.ferc.gov> is preferred.

- **Electronic Filing:** Documents must be filed in acceptable native applications and print-to-PDF, but not in scanned or picture format.
- For those unable to file electronically, comments may be filed by USPS mail or by hand (including courier) delivery:

¹⁰ 18 CFR 16.20 (2020).

¹¹ 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 May 31, 2024 deadline.

¹ See John A. Dodson, 35 FERC ¶ 62,532 (1986).

² See John A. Dodson, *Village of Highland Falls High-Point Utility, LDC*, 160 FERC ¶ 62,239 (2017).