

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 Maine State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, 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 Brookfield White Pine Hydro, LLC as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; and consultation pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

m. Brookfield White Pine Hydro, LLC 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. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at 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 new license for Project No. 2302. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.8, 16.9, and 16.10 each application for a new 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 August 31, 2024.

p. Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: September 15, 2021.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2150-147]

Puget Sound Energy, Inc.; Notice of Water Quality Protection Plan Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

Take notice that the following amendment application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Application Type:* Water Quality Protection Plan.

b. *Project No:* P-2150-147.

c. *Date Filed:* August 5, 2021.

d. *Applicants:* Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (licensee).

e. *Name of Projects:* Baker River Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Locations:* The project is located on the Baker River in Skagit and Whatcom counties, Washington. The project occupies federal lands administered by the U.S. Forest Service within the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Jory Oppenheimer, Consulting Engineer, Puget Sound Energy, P.O. Box 97034, Bellevue, WA 98009-9734; telephone: (425) 462-3556 and email jory.oppenheimer@pse.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Marybeth Gay, (202) 502-6125, Marybeth.Gay@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests:* October 18, 2021.

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/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, (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. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-2150-147. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not considered part of the Commission record.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. *Description of Request:* The Commission is requiring the licensee to grout one of the project's dams, the Lower Baker Dam, due to increasing leakage along its abutments. Upon completion of the seepage reduction project, the licensee would also make improvements to the crest of the Lower Baker Dam. As required by Article 401(a) of the project license, and condition 5.10 of the Washington Department of Ecology's May 11, 2007 Water Quality Certificate (WQC), attached to the license as Appendix C, the licensee developed the Water Quality Protection Plan (Plan) for the seepage reduction project and has filed the Plan for the Commission's approval. The Plan addresses the requirements set forth in condition 5.10 of the WQC, and includes: (1) An In-Water Work Protection Plan that specifies the best management practices (BMPs) for activities that require work within surface waters; (2) a Construction Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan that addresses land-disturbing activities along with BMPs and other control measures to prevent pollutants from entering the project's surface water and groundwater; and (3) procedures for monitoring water quality, and actions to implement if a water quality violation were to occur. Construction of the seepage reduction project is currently scheduled to begin in early November 2021.

The licensee previously filed a draft Biological Assessment (BA) with the Commission on March 8, 2021 for the proposed seepage reduction and crest improvement project. On April 28, 2021, Commission staff adopted the licensee's draft BA without changes as the Commission's final BA and requested formal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service.

l. *Locations of the Application:* This filing may be viewed on the Commission's website at <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. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant.

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, Protests, or Motions to Intervene:* Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214, respectively. 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, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. *Filing and Service of Documents:* Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting, protesting or intervening; 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. Any filing made by an intervenor 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: September 16, 2021.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PL21-3-000]

Technical Conference on Greenhouse Gas Mitigation: Natural Gas Act Sections 3 and 7 Authorizations; Notice of Technical Conference

Take notice that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will convene a Commission staff-led technical conference to discuss methods natural gas companies may use to mitigate the effects of direct and indirect greenhouse gas emissions resulting from Natural Gas Act sections 3 and 7 authorizations. The technical conference will be held on Friday, November 19, 2021, from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time. The conference will be held virtually.

The conference will be open for the public to attend virtually, and there is no fee for attendance. Supplemental notices will be issued prior to the conference with further details regarding the agenda and how to participate as a panelist. Information on this technical conference will also be posted on the Calendar of Events on the Commission's website, www.ferc.gov, prior to the event. Transcripts will be available for a fee from Ace Reporting, (202) 347-3700.

Commission conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations, please send an email to accessibility@ferc.gov, call toll-free (866) 208-3372 (voice) or (202) 208-8659 (TTY), or send a fax to (202) 208-2106 with the required accommodations.

For more information about this technical conference, please contact GHGTechConf@ferc.gov. For information related to logistics, please contact Sarah McKinley at sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov or (202) 502-8368. This notice is issued and published in accordance with 18 CFR 2.1.

Dated: September 16, 2021.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM21-17-000]

Building for the Future Through Electric Regional Transmission Planning and Cost Allocation and Generator Interconnection; Notice of Technical Conference

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will convene a staff-led technical conference regarding regional transmission planning in the above-referenced proceeding on Monday, November 15, 2021, from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The technical conference will seek to examine in detail issues and potential reforms related to regional transmission planning as described in the July 15, 2021 Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in this proceeding.¹ Specifically, the technical conference will examine issues related to incorporating sufficiently long-term and comprehensive forecasts of future transmission needs during regional transmission planning processes, including considering the needs of anticipated future generation in identifying needed transmission facilities. This may include: approaches to planning regional transmission facilities that identify transmission needs for anticipated future generation, e.g., use in regional transmission planning of future scenarios or geographic zones where future generation is anticipated to locate; factors shaping future transmission needs that are appropriate to consider as inputs into transmission planning studies; and evaluation criteria used by the transmission planning regions to identify and select the more efficient or cost-effective regional transmission facilities.

The conference will be held remotely. The Commission will issue a supplemental notice providing the agenda for the technical conference.

Individuals interested in participating as panelists should submit a self-nomination email by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on September 30, 2021, to Timothy.Bialecki@ferc.gov. Each nomination should state the proposed panelist's name, contact information, organizational affiliation, and what topics the proposed panelist would speak on.

¹ *Building for the Future Through Electric Regional Transmission Planning and Cost Allocation and Generator Interconnection*, 176 FERC ¶ 61,024 (2021).