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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Baldev Dhillon, EHSS-74, (301)-903-0990, [Baldev.Dhillon@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Baldev.Dhillon@hq.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the extended collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

This information collection request contains:

(1) *OMB No.:* 1910-0300;  
 (2) *Information Collection Request Titled:* Environment, Safety and Health;  
 (3) *Type of Review:* Renewal;  
 (4) *Purpose:* The collections are used by DOE to exercise management oversight and control over its contractors in the ways in which the DOE contractors provide goods and services for DOE organizations and activities in accordance with the terms of their contract(s); the applicable statutory, regulatory and mission support requirements of the Department.;

(5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 775.

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 73,040.

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 33,771.

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* \$2,966,783.

*Statutory Authority:* Section 641 of the Department of Energy Organization Act, codified at 42 U.S.C. 7251, and the following additional authorities:

*Computerized Accident/Incident Reporting System (CAIRS):* DOE Order 231.1B (November 28, 2012).

*Occurrence Reporting and Processing System (ORPS):* DOE Order 232.2A (October 4, 2019).

*Radiation Exposure Monitoring System (REMS):* 10 CFR part 835; DOE Order 231.1B (November 28, 2012).

*Annual Fire Protection Summary Application:* DOE Order 231.1B (November 28, 2012).

*Safety Basis Information System:* 10 CFR part 830; DOE Order 231.1B (November 28, 2012).

*DOE OPEXShare Lessons Learned System:* DOE Order 210.2A (April 8, 2011).

#### Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on April 3, 2023, by Todd N. Lapointe, Director, Office of Environment, Health, Safety and Security, 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 April 4, 2023.

**Treana V. Garrett,**

*Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14634-006]

#### New England Hydropower Company, LLC; 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.:* 14634-006.

c. *Date Filed:* January 17, 2023.

d. *Submitted By:* New England Hydropower Company, LLC (NEHC).

e. *Name of Project:* Ashton Dam Hydroelectric Project (project).

f. *Location:* On the Blackstone River in Providence County, Rhode Island. 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:* Ms. Carol Wasserman, New England Hydropower Company, LLC, 100 Cummings Center, Suite 451C, Beverly, MA 01915; Phone at (339) 293-3157, or email at [carol@nehydropower.com](mailto:carol@nehydropower.com).

i. *FERC Contact:* Arash Barsari at (202) 502-6207; or email at [Arash.JalaliBarsari@ferc.gov](mailto:Arash.JalaliBarsari@ferc.gov).

j. NEHC filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on January 17, 2023, and provided public notice of its request on January 19, 2023 and January 26, 2023. In a letter dated March 2, 2023, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved NEHC’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 Rhode Island 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 NEHC 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 January 17, 2023, NEHC 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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). 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.

o. The applicant states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for an original license for Project No. 14634.

p. Register online at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCONline.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 3, 2023.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD23-4-000]

#### Review of Cost Submittals by Other Federal Agencies for Administering Part I of the Federal Power Act; Notice Requesting Questions and Comments on Fiscal Year 2022 Other Federal Agency Cost Submissions

In its *Order On Rehearing Consolidating Administrative Annual Charges Bill Appeals And Modifying Annual Charges Billing Procedures*, 109 FERC ¶ 61,040 (2004) (October 8 Order), the Commission set forth an annual process for Other Federal Agencies (OFAs) to submit their costs related to Administering Part I of the Federal Power Act. Pursuant to the established process, the Chief of Financial Operations, Financial Management Division, Office of the Executive Director, on October 27, 2022, issued a letter requesting the OFAs to submit their costs by January 31, 2023 using the OFA Cost Submission Form.

Upon receipt of the agency submissions, the Commission posted the information in eLibrary, and issued, on March 9, 2023, a notice announcing the date for a technical conference to review the submitted costs. On March 23, 2023, the Commission held the technical conference. Technical conference transcripts, submitted cost forms, and detailed supporting documents are all available for review under Docket No. AD23-4. These documents are accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the “eLibrary” link and are available for review in the Commission’s Public Reference Room in Washington, DC.

Interested parties may file specific questions and comments on the FY 2022 OFA cost submissions with the Commission under Docket No. AD23-4, no later than April 28, 2023. Once filed, the Commission will forward the questions and comments to the OFAs for response.

Anyone with questions pertaining to the technical conference or this notice should contact Raven A. Rodriguez at (202) 502-6276 (via email at [raven.rodriguez@ferc.gov](mailto:raven.rodriguez@ferc.gov)).

Dated: April 3, 2023.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15300-000]

#### Heard County Pumped Storage Project; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On January 31, 2023, BOST1 Hydroelectric, LLC., filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of a pumped storage hydropower project located near the City of Enon Grove, Heard County, Georgia. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners’ express permission.

The proposed Heard County Pumped Storage Project would consist of the following: (1) a 20-foot-long, 30-foot-deep reinforced concrete intake structure with trash racks, and a pumping station on Hilly Mill Creek; (2) a 24-inch-diameter fill pipeline to the upper reservoir; (3) a geotextile lined rock filled embankment forming an enclosed upper reservoir; (4) a 66-foot-deep enclosed upper reservoir with a storage capacity of 5,300 acre-feet; (5) a lower underground reservoir consisting of concentric circular tunnels reaching a depth of 2,100 feet below the surface, with the total length of the tunnels being 170,000 feet; (6) a reinforced morning glory type water intake situated within the upper reservoir with an outer diameter of 95 feet and an inside diameter of 38 feet; (7) a 23-foot-diameter, 2,300-foot-long granite bedrock vertical tunnel trifurcating into three 10-foot-diameter steel lined penstocks leading to three reversible Francis pump turbines; (8) a 460-foot-long, 80-foot-wide, 160-foot-high

powerhouse, 200 feet below the lower reservoir containing the three pump turbine units with a total installed capacity of 1,000 megawatts; (9) a separate 60-foot-wide, 410-foot-long, 160-foot-high underground transformer gallery near the powerhouse; and (10) a 1-mile-long, 500 kilovolt transmission line east of the proposed upper reservoir. The lower reservoir tunneling would be accomplished using two 42.5-foot-diameter tunnel boring machines with an access ramp of the same size from the surface. The powerhouse would be excavated using traditional drill and blast methods. The proposed project would have an estimated annual generation of 2,628,000 megawatt-hours.

*Applicant Contact:* Douglas Spaulding, Nelson Energy, 8441 Wayzata Blvd., Suite 101, Golden Valley, MN 55426; phone: (952) 544-8133.

*FERC Contact:* Michael Spencer; phone: (202) 502-6093, or by email at [michael.spencer@ferc.gov](mailto:michael.spencer@ferc.gov).

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the Commission’s eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/eFiling.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. 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](mailto: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-15300-000.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the “eLibrary” link of the Commission’s website at