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k. *Description of Request:* The project is currently inoperable due to flooding in 2019-2020 that damaged the generating equipment. Due to costs associated with returning the project to operation, the applicant believes that continued project operation is no longer in the public interest and therefore, wishes to surrender the project exemption. The applicant proposes to leave the dam and other project features in place. No land-disturbing activities are proposed.

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: May 5, 2023.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2490-031]

Green Mountain Power Corporation; Notice Soliciting Scoping Comments

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.

b. *Project No.:* P-2490-031.

c. *Date Filed:* August 30, 2022.

d. *Applicant:* Green Mountain Power Corporation (GMP).

e. *Name of Project:* Taftsville Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Ottauquechee River in the Village of Taftsville, Windsor County, Vermont.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* John Greenan, Green Mountain Power Corporation, 2152 Post Road, Rutland, VT 05701; (802) 770-2195; or John.Greenan@greenmountainpower.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Monte TerHaar at (202) 502-6035; or monte.terhaar@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing scoping comments:* June 5, 2023.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file scoping

comments using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOnline.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, (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, MD 20852. All filings must clearly identify the following on the first page: Taftsville Hydroelectric Project (P-2490-031).

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

l. *Project Description:* (1) an existing 220-foot-long by 16-foot-high concrete gravity dam; (2) a 194-foot-long spillway section with a crest elevation of 637.12 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 (NGVD 29), topped with 18-inch wooden flashboards; (3) an existing 4,600-foot-long, 20.5-acre reservoir at normal water surface elevation 638.6 feet NGVD 29; (4) a powerhouse containing one 0.5-megawatt vertical Kaplan generating unit, with a minimum hydraulic capacity of 95 cubic feet per second (cfs) and maximum hydraulic capacity of 370 cfs; (5) a 200-foot-long tailrace section; (6) a 40-foot-long transmission line connecting the powerhouse to the Distribution Substation; (7) the Distribution Substation and Transmission West Substation; and (8) appurtenant facilities. Approximately 290 feet of the Ottauquechee River, between the dam and tailrace channel, are bypassed during normal operations. The project generates 1,038 megawatt-hours annually.

m. GMP proposes no modifications to the existing project facilities. GMP proposes to continue to operate the project in run-of-river mode, provide a 15 cfs release to the bypassed reach via spillage over the crest of the spillway, seasonally install wooden flashboards, and maintain recreation facilities, as it has under the current license, with modifications to: (1) Use no more than 10% of inflow to refill the impoundment after maintenance drawdowns; (2) Consult with resource agencies prior to conducting maintenance and unplanned drawdowns and repair work; (3) Restrict the removal of trees greater than or equal to 3 inches in diameter at breast height in the project boundary to the period of November 1 through March 31 for protection of the northern-long-eared bat; and (4) Update the historic properties management plan to address and mitigate project effects on historic properties.

n. Copies of the application can be viewed on the Commission's website at <https://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the project's 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.

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o. *Scoping Process:* Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Commission staff intends to prepare either an environmental assessment (EA) or an environmental impact statement (EIS) (collectively referred to as the "NEPA document") that describes and evaluates the probable effects, including an assessment of the site-specific and cumulative effects, if any, of the proposed action and alternatives. The Commission's scoping process will help determine the required level of analysis and satisfy the NEPA scoping requirements, irrespective of whether the Commission issues an EA or an EIS. At this time, we do not anticipate holding an on-site scoping meeting. Instead, we are soliciting written comments and suggestions on the preliminary list of issues and alternatives to be addressed in the NEPA document, as described in scoping document 1 (SD1), issued May 5, 2023.

Copies of the SD1 outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the

NEPA document were distributed to the parties on the Commission's mailing list and the applicant's distribution list. Copies of SD1 may be viewed on the web 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. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Project No. 15000-003]

Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P.; Notice Soliciting Scoping Comments

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

a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.

b. *Project No.:* 15000-003.

c. *Date filed:* June 30, 2022.

d. *Applicant:* Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P. (Erie).

e. *Name of Project:* Franklin Falls Hydroelectric Project (Franklin Falls Project or project).

f. *Location:* The existing project is located on the Saranac River, in the town of St. Armand in Essex County and the town of Franklin in Franklin County, New York.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Steven Murphy, Director, U.S. Licensing, Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P., 33 West 1st Street South, Fulton, New York 13069; phone: (315) 598-6130; email: steven.murphy@brookfieldrenewable.com; and Patrick Storms, Director of Operations, Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P., 800 Starbuck Avenue, Suite 201, Watertown, New York 13601; phone: (315) 779-2410; email: patrick.storms@brookfieldrenewable.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Joshua Dub at (202) 502-8138, or joshua.dub@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing scoping comments:* June 5, 2023.¹

¹ The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure provide that if a deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday, holiday, or other day when the Commission is closed for business, the deadline does not end until the close of business on the next business day. 18 CFR 385.2007(a)(2). Because the

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k. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. *The Franklin Falls Project consists of the following existing facilities:* (1) a 148-foot-long, 45-foot-high concrete overflow-type dam with a crest elevation of 1,462.88 feet² topped with 2-foot-high flashboards; (2) a reservoir with a surface area of 479 acres and a gross storage capacity of 5,580 acre-feet at a pool elevation of 1,464.88 feet; (3) an integrated 28-foot-long gated intake structure located on the dam's south side; (4) a 10.5-foot-diameter, 300-foot-long steel penstock that bifurcates into two 10-foot-diameter, 38-foot-long penstocks; (5) a 43-foot-high surge tank with a 20-foot-diameter steel shaft; (6) a powerhouse containing two turbine-generator units having a total rated capacity of 2.12 megawatts; (7) two 85-

30-day deadline falls on a Sunday (*i.e.*, June 4, 2023), the deadline is extended until the close of business on Monday, June 5, 2023.

² All elevations are in National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929.