

December 23, 2016 (81 FR 94424), notice is hereby provided of the re-establishment of the matching program between ED and VA.

#### Participating Agencies

ED and VA.

#### Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

ED is authorized to participate in the matching program under sections 480(c)(1) and 480(d)(1)(D) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA) (20 U.S.C. 1087vv(c)(1) and (d)(1)(D)). VA is authorized to participate in the matching program under 38 U.S.C. 523.

#### Purpose(s)

The purpose of this matching program is to assist the Secretary of Education (the Secretary) with verification of a veteran's status during the processing and review of applications for financial assistance under title IV of the HEA.

The Secretary is authorized by the HEA to administer programs under title IV of the HEA and to enforce the terms and conditions of the HEA.

Section 480(c)(1) of the HEA defines the term "veteran" to mean "any individual who—(A) has engaged in the active duty in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard; and (B) was released under a condition other than dishonorable." (20 U.S.C. 1087vv(c)(1)). Under section 480(d)(1)(D) of the HEA, an applicant who is a veteran (as defined in section 480(c)(1) of the HEA) is considered an independent student for purposes of title IV, HEA program assistance eligibility, and, therefore, does not have to provide parental income and asset information to apply for title IV, HEA program assistance. (20 U.S.C. 1087vv(d)(1)(D)).

#### Categories of Individuals

Individuals who have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) and have indicated that they are veterans.

#### Categories of Records

ED will disclose to the VA the Social Security number (SSN), first and last name, and date of birth (DOB) of each applicant for financial assistance under title IV of the HEA who indicates veteran status in their application.

VA will compare these data elements against the first and last name, SSN, and DOB of veterans. As a result of the match, VA will assign one of four values to the applicant records: (1) veteran status confirmed; (2) record found on database, but not a qualifying veteran;

(3) record not found on database; or (4) record found on database, but applicant on active duty. VA then will transmit applicant records back to ED.

#### System(s) of Records

*ED systems of records:* (1) Aid Awareness and Application Processing (AAAP) (18–11–21), last fully published in the **Federal Register** on June 15, 2023 (88 FR 39233); and (2) Common Origination and Disbursement (COD) System (18–11–02) last fully published in the **Federal Register** on June 28, 2023 (88 FR 41942). (*Note:* the ED Central Processing System (CPS) and Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Processing System (FPS) are the ED information systems that process FAFSA data from the Aid Awareness and Application Processing system of records. CPS will process this data through September 30, 2024, for Award Year (AY) 2023–24. FPS will become operational on or after December 1, 2023, and begin processing FAFSA data for AY 2024–25. After September 30, 2024, CPS will be decommissioned and will be fully replaced by FPS within AAAP. FPS will process data for all AYs thereafter. ED uses the COD System to determine the amounts and types of Title IV, HEA program assistance that an applicant for Title IV, HEA benefits will receive.)

*VA system of records:* "Compensation, Pension, Education, and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Records—VA" (58VA21/22/28), last fully published in the **Federal Register** at 86 FR 61858 (November 8, 2021).

*Accessible Format:* On request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, individuals with disabilities can obtain this document in an accessible format. The Department will provide the requestor with an accessible format that may include Rich Text Format (RTF) or text format (txt), a thumb drive, an MP3 file, braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc, or other accessible format.

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**Richard Cordray,**

*Chief Operating Officer, Federal Student Aid.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### National Petroleum Council

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the National Petroleum Council. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Tuesday, December 12, 2023, 9 a.m. to no later than 11:30 a.m. (EST).

**ADDRESSES:** Willard InterContinental, 1401 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20004. In-person meeting. Information to access a live stream of the meeting proceedings will be available at: [www.energy.gov/fecm/national-petroleum-council-npc](http://www.energy.gov/fecm/national-petroleum-council-npc).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy Johnson, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Resource Sustainability (FECM–30), 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585; telephone: (202) 586–6458 or email: [nancy.johnson@hq.doe.gov](mailto:nancy.johnson@hq.doe.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Purpose of the Committee:* To provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on matters relating to oil and natural gas, and the oil and natural gas industries.

Tentative Agenda:

- Call to Order and Introductory Remarks
- Department of Energy Remarks
- Progress Reports from the NPC Hydrogen Energy and GHG Emissions Committees
- Administrative Matters
- Discussion of Any Other Business Properly Brought Before the National Petroleum Council
- Adjournment

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. The Chair of the Council will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Members of the public who

wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Ms. Nancy Johnson at the address or telephone number listed above. Approximately 15 minutes will be reserved for public comments. The time allocated per speaker will depend on the number of requests received, but will not exceed five minutes. Requests for oral statements must be received at least seven days prior to the meeting. Those not able to attend the meeting or having insufficient time to address the Council are invited to send a written statement to [nancy.johnson@hq.doe.gov](mailto:nancy.johnson@hq.doe.gov). Any member of the public who wishes to file a written statement to the Council will be permitted to do so, either before or after the meeting.

*Minutes:* The minutes of the meeting will be available at <https://www.energy.gov/fecm/national-petroleum-council-npc>, or by contacting Ms. Johnson. She may be reached at the above postal address or email address.

Signed in Washington, DC, on November 20, 2023.

**LaTanya Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 4202-000]

#### KEI (Maine) Power Management (II) LLC; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

The license for the Lowell Tannery Hydroelectric Project No. 4202 was issued for a period ending September 30, 2023.

Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year-to-year an annual license to the then licensee(s) under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of section 15 of the FPA, then, based on section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires,

until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 4202 is issued to KEI (Maine) Power Management (II) LLC for a period effective October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before September 30, 2024, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

If the project is not subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that KEI (Maine) Power Management (II) LLC is authorized to continue operation of the Lowell Tannery Hydroelectric Project under the terms and conditions of the prior license until the issuance of a subsequent license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first.

Dated: November 17, 2023.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2375-124]

#### Andro Hydro, LLC; Notice of Application for Amendment of License, Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

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

- a. *Application Type:* Application for non-capacity amendment of license.
- b. *Project No.:* 2375-124.
- c. *Date Filed:* June 20, 2023.
- d. *Applicant:* Andro Hydro, LLC.
- e. *Name of Project:* Riley-Jay-Livermore Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* The project is located on the Androscoggin River in Oxford,

Franklin, and Androscoggin Counties in Maine.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Jody Smet, Eagle Creek Renewable Energy, LLC, 7315 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 1100W, Bethesda, MD 20814, (804) 382-1764, [jody.smet@eaglecreekre.com](mailto:jody.smet@eaglecreekre.com).

i. *FERC Contact:* Maryam Akhavan, (202) 502-6110, [Maryam.Akhavan@ferc.gov](mailto:Maryam.Akhavan@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing comments, interventions, and protests:* December 18, 2023.

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](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. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-2375-124. 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:* Andro Hydro, LLC (applicant), a subsidiary of Eagle Creek Renewable Energy, proposes to replace the existing flashboards at the Riley development with a rubber dam and install gorilla bars on the forebay entrance. The applicant maintains run-of-river operations during construction or after the rubber dam and gorilla bars are installed. In addition, the applicant proposes to replace one existing Unit 6 turbine-generator unit with two new