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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 6440-010]

Lakeport Hydroelectric One, LLC and New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On August 30, 2021, Lakeport Hydroelectric One, LLC (Lakeport) and New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (New Hampshire DES) filed a relicense application for the 600-kilowatt Lakeport Hydroelectric Project No. 6440 (project). The project is located on the Winnepesaukee River in Laconia, Belknap County, New Hampshire.

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, on November 14, 2023, Commission staff issued a notice that the project was ready for environmental analysis (REA Notice). Based on the information in the record, including comments filed on the REA Notice, staff does not anticipate that licensing the project would constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, staff intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the application to relicense the project.

The EA will be issued and circulated for review by all interested parties. All comments filed on the EA will be analyzed by staff and considered in the Commission's final licensing decision.

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The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Commission issues EA.	August 2024. ¹
Comments on EA	September 2024.

Questions regarding this notice may be directed to Erin Kimsey at (202) 502-8621 or erin.kimsey@ferc.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP24-343-000.

Applicants: Big Sandy Pipeline, LLC.

Description: Compliance filing: Big Sandy Fuel Filing Effective 3-1-2024 to be effective N/A.

Filed Date: 1/26/24.

Accession Number: 20240126-5115.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/7/24.

¹ The Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) regulations under 40 CFR 1501.10(b)(1) require that EAs be completed within 1 year of the federal action agency's decision to prepare an EA. This notice establishes the Commission's intent to prepare an EA for the Lakeport Hydroelectric Project. Therefore, in accordance with CEQ's regulations, the EA must be issued within 1 year of the issuance date of this notice.

Docket Numbers: RP24-344-000.

Applicants: Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC.

Description: Compliance filing: VEP Incremental Rate Implementation CP21-498 to be effective 2/1/2024.

Filed Date: 1/26/24.

Accession Number: 20240126-5168.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/7/24.

Docket Numbers: RP24-345-000.

Applicants: Guardian Pipeline, L.L.C.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Combined Update to Non-Conforming and Negotiated Rate Agreements—January 2024 to be effective 2/26/2024.

Filed Date: 1/26/24.

Accession Number: 20240126-5170.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/7/24.

Docket Numbers: RP24-346-000.

Applicants: Alliance Pipeline L.P.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rates—Various Feb 1 2024 Releases to be effective 12/1/2023.

Filed Date: 1/29/24.

Accession Number: 20240129-5022.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/24.

Docket Numbers: RP24-347-000.

Applicants: Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rates—Yankee Gas to Emera Energy eff 1-27-24 to be effective 1/27/2024.

Filed Date: 1/29/24.

Accession Number: 20240129-5032.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/24.

Any person desiring to intervene, to protest, or to answer a complaint in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211, 214, or 206 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214, or 385.206) on or before 5 p.m. eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp>) by querying the docket number.

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Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 7242-060]

STS Hydropower, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On September 30, 2022, and supplemented on February 28 and April 28, 2023, STS Hydropower, LLC (licensee) filed an application to surrender its license for the Kanaka Hydroelectric Project No. 7242. The project is located on Sucker Run Creek, in Butte County, California. The project does not occupy any federal lands.

The project has been inoperable since August 2017 when the powerhouse, transmission lines, and electrical equipment were severely damaged or destroyed by the Ponderosa Wildfire. Considering the extensive damage to these project features, the licensee determined that it is not cost effective to restore project operation. Instead, the licensee proposes to surrender the license and remove most project features. The privately owned project dam would remain in place. A Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protest was issued on March 23, 2023. On April 24, 2023, the California State Water Resources Control Board filed a timely motion to intervene. No additional comments were received in response to the Commission's notice.

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the review of the proposed action. The planned schedule for the completion of the EA is June 2024.¹ Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate. The EA will be issued and made available for review by all interested parties. All comments filed on the EA

will be reviewed by staff and considered in the Commission's final decision on the proceeding.

With this notice, the Commission is inviting federal, state, local, and Tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues affected by the proposal to cooperate in the preparation of the EA planned to be issued June 2024. Agencies wishing to cooperate, or further discuss the benefits, responsibilities, and obligations of the cooperating agency role, should contact staff listed at the bottom of this notice by February 19, 2024. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of any environmental document cannot also intervene. *See* 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

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Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Diana Shannon at 202-502-6136 or *diana.shannon@ferc.gov*.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 7630-005]

Town of South Hill, Virginia; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On April 20, 2020, the Town of South Hill, Virginia (exemptee) filed an application to surrender its exemption from licensing for the Whittles Mill Dam Hydroelectric Project No. 7630. The project is located on the Meherrin River in the Town of South Hill in Mecklenburg County, Virginia. The project does not occupy Federal lands.

The exemptee proposes to surrender its exemption from licensing for the

project. The project has been disconnected from its power source and has not operated since May 16, 2014. No ground disturbing activities are proposed and project features would remain in place, as they are part of the Whittle's Mill Historic Site and Park. A Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protest was issued on June 3, 2020.

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed action. The planned schedule for the completion of the EA is June 2024.¹ Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate. The EA will be issued and made available for review by all interested parties. All comments filed on the EA will be reviewed by staff and considered in the Commission's final decision on the proceeding.

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Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Rebecca Martin at 202-502-6012 or *Rebecca.martin@ferc.gov*.

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¹ 42 U.S.C. 4336a(g)(1)(B) requires lead federal agencies to complete EAs within 1 year of the agency's decision to prepare an EA.

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