

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****[Docket No.: ED–2025–SCC–0517]****Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Required Information for Annual Improper Payment Estimation****AGENCY:** Federal Student Aid (FSA), Department of Education (ED).**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing a new information collection request (ICR).

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 27, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED–2025–SCC–0517. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) site is not available to the public for any reason, the Department will temporarily accept comments at [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov). Please include the docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting comments. Please note that comments submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to Carolyn Rose, U.S. Department of Education, Federal Student Aid, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Carolyn Rose, (202) 453–5967.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. The

Department is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection:* Required Information for Annual Improper Payment Estimation.

*OMB Control Number:* 1845–NEW.

*Type of Review:* New ICR.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Private Sector; State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 3,349.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 1,089.

*Abstract:* The Department executes a two-stage Sampling and Estimation Methodology Plan (S&EMP) that is based in part on the results of compliance audits to estimate its improper payments and unknown payments in accordance with the Public Law 116–117, Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019 (PIIA) and OMB Circular A–123, Part C (A–123C). This is a request for a new information collection to develop a form for institutions of higher education to have a mechanism to report to the Department information required to carry out the S&EMP and publish payment integrity information on an annual basis.

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*Chief Data Officer, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket Nos. UL25–2–000, UL25–4–000]****Green Mountain Power Corporation; Notice of Pending Jurisdictional Inquiry, and Soliciting Comments, Protests, and Motions To Intervene**

On May 30, 2025, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) received requests from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (Vermont DEC) for updated jurisdictional determinations for the unlicensed Middlesex and Gorge Hydroelectric Projects. The projects are located on the Winooski River in Washington and Chittenden Counties, Vermont.

Pursuant to section 23(b)(1) of the Federal Power Act (FPA),<sup>1</sup> a non-federal hydroelectric project must be licensed if it: (a) is located on a navigable water of the United States; (b) occupies lands or reservations of the United States; (c) utilizes surplus water or waterpower from a government dam;<sup>2</sup> or (d) is located on a stream over which Congress has Commerce Clause jurisdiction, is constructed or modified on or after August 26, 1935, and affects the interests of interstate or foreign commerce.

A stream is navigable under section 3(8) of the FPA<sup>3</sup> if: (1) it is currently being used or is suitable for use, or (2) it has been used or was suitable for use in the past, or (3) it could be made suitable for use in the future by reasonable improvements, to transport persons or property in interstate or foreign commerce.<sup>4</sup> Navigability under section 3(8) of the FPA is not destroyed by obstructions or disuse of many years; personal or private use may be sufficient to demonstrate the availability of the river for commercial navigation; and the seasonal floatation of logs is sufficient to determine that a river is navigable.

Commission staff previously investigated the Commission's jurisdiction over the Middlesex and Gorge Hydroelectric Projects. On August 24, 1979, staff determined that the projects were non-jurisdictional based on staff's finding that there was insufficient evidence that the Winooski River was navigable above Winooski Falls at river mile 9.5 (the Middlesex

<sup>1</sup> 16 U.S.C. 817(1).

<sup>2</sup> A project that meets condition (a), (b), or (c) is not required to be licensed if it holds a still valid pre-1920 federal permit.

<sup>3</sup> 16 U.S.C. 796(8).

<sup>4</sup> See *Rochester Gas and Elec. Corp.*, 344 F.2d 594, 596 (2d Cir. 1965).

Project is at river mile 49.3 and the Gorge Project is at river mile 10.6) and that there was no post-1935 construction at either project.<sup>5</sup> Commission staff's prior finding regarding navigability relied primarily on the lack of evidence of running logs above Winooski Falls. Vermont DEC requests that the Commission reexamine navigability of the Winooski River and look specifically at the river's use or suitability for commercial use. A stream's suitability for commercial use can be demonstrated based on its physical characteristics, as well as its actual use or suitability for use for recreational boating, if this information shows the river is suitable for the simpler types of commercial navigation.<sup>6</sup>

In response to Vermont DEC's requests, Commission staff is investigating the jurisdictional status of the Middlesex Hydroelectric Project (UL25-2-000) and the Gorge Hydroelectric Project (UL25-4-000). A copy of Vermont DEC's requests may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number, UL25-2-000 or UL25-4-000. 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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), for TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

The Commission is soliciting comments, motions to intervene, and protests in these proceedings. Comments, motions to intervene, and protests must be filed by 45 days from notice or October 6, 2025, by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules and Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 211, and 214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rule may become a party

to the proceedings. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, protests, and motions to intervene 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: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include Docket Numbers UL25-2-000 and/or UL25-4-000.

For further information, please contact Rebecca Martin at (202) 502-6012 or [rebecca.martin@ferc.gov](mailto:rebecca.martin@ferc.gov).

Dated: August 20, 2025.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2587-066]

#### Northern States Power Company; Notice of Reasonable Period of Time for Water Quality Certification Application

On August 11, 2025, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (Wisconsin DNR) submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) notice that it received a request for a Clean Water Act section

401(a)(1) water quality certification as defined in 40 CFR 121.5, from Northern States Power Company, in conjunction with the above captioned project on December 4, 2024. Pursuant to the Commission's regulations,<sup>1</sup> we hereby notify Wisconsin DNR of the following dates.

*Date of Receipt of the Certification Request:* December 4, 2024.

*Reasonable Period of Time to Act on the Certification Request:* One year, December 4, 2025.

If Wisconsin DNR fails or refuses to act on the water quality certification request on or before the above date, then the certifying authority is deemed waived pursuant to section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1341(a)(1).

Dated: August 20, 2025.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2610-012]

#### Northern States Power Company; Notice of Reasonable Period of Time for Water Quality Certification Application

On August 11, 2025, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (Wisconsin DNR) submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) notice that it received a request for a Clean Water Act section 401(a)(1) water quality certification as defined in 40 CFR 121.5, from Northern States Power Company, in conjunction with the above captioned project on December 4, 2024. Pursuant to the Commission's regulations,<sup>1</sup> we hereby notify Wisconsin DNR of the following dates.

*Date of Receipt of the Certification Request:* December 4, 2024.

*Reasonable Period of Time to Act on the Certification Request:* One year, December 4, 2025.

<sup>1</sup> 18 CFR 4.34(b)(5)(iii).

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<sup>5</sup> See *Green Mountain Power Corp.*, 8 FERC ¶ 62,077 (1979).

<sup>6</sup> See *FPL Energy Maine Hydro LLC v. FERC*, 287 F.3d 1151, 1158 (D.C. Cir. 2002) (affirming navigability finding based on stream characteristics and test trips by canoe).