

FERC-725L—MANDATORY RELIABILITY STANDARD FOR THE MOD

	Number of respondents ¹⁴	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden & cost per response ¹⁵	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
MOD-032-1 Annual Review and Record Retention.	491 (GO)	1	491	20 hrs.; \$1,270.40	9,820 hrs.; \$623,766.40	1,270.40
Total .....	.....	.....	491	.....	9,820 hrs.; \$623,766.40	1,270.40

FERC-725G—MANDATORY RELIABILITY STANDARD FOR THE PRC

	Number of respondents ¹⁶	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden & cost per response ¹⁷	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
PRC-012-2 Annual Review and Record Retention.	491 (GO)	1	491	40 hrs.; \$2,540.80	19,640 hrs.; \$1,247,532.80	2,540.80
PRC-017-1 Annual Review and Record Retention.	491 (GO)	1	491	40 hrs.; \$2,540.80	19,640 hrs.; \$1,247,532.80	2,540.80
Total .....	.....	.....	982	.....	39,280 hrs.; \$2,495,065.60	5,081.60

FERC-725A—MANDATORY RELIABILITY STANDARD FOR THE TOP

	Number of respondents ¹⁸	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden & cost per response ¹⁹	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
TOP-003-6.1 Annual Review and Record Retention.	491 (GO) 310 (GOP)	1 1	491 310	8 hrs.; \$508.16	3,928 hrs.; \$249,506.56	508.16
Total .....	.....	.....	801	.....	6,408 hrs.; \$407,036.16	1,016.32

FERC-725X—MANDATORY RELIABILITY STANDARD FOR THE VAR

	Number of respondents ²⁰	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden & cost per response ²¹	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
VAR-001-5 Annual Review and Record Retention.	491 (GO)	1	491	8 hrs.; \$508.16	3,928 hrs.; \$249,506.56	508.16
VAR-002-4.1 Annual Review and Record Retention.	310 (GOP)	1	310	8 hrs.; \$508.16	2,480 hrs.; \$157,529.60	508.16
VAR-001-5 Annual Review and Record Retention.	491 (GO)	1	391	8 hrs.; \$508.16	3,928 hrs.; \$249,506.56	508.16
VAR-002-4.1 Annual Review and Record Retention.	310 (GOP)	1	310	8 hrs.; \$508.16	2,480 hrs.; \$157,529.60	508.16
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12,816 hrs.; \$814,072.32	2,032.64

Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of

the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP26-11-000]

Columbia Gulf Transmission, LLC; Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Pulaski Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental document that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Pulaski Project involving construction and operation of facilities

¹⁴ See note 10.
¹⁵ See note 11.
¹⁶ See note 10.
¹⁷ See note 11.
¹⁸ See note 10.
¹⁹ See note 11.
²⁰ See note 10.
²¹ See note 11.

by Columbia Gulf Transmission, LLC (Columbia) in Lincoln County and Pulaski County, Kentucky. The Commission will use this environmental document in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

On November 24, 2025, FERC staff issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Pulaski Project and Notice of Public Scoping Session*. It was brought to FERC staff attention that the notice may not have been mailed properly to the environmental mailing list. This notice is being sent to an updated environmental mailing list and extends the scoping period for the project.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies regarding the project. As part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process, the Commission takes into account concerns the public may have about proposals and the environmental impacts that could result from its action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. This gathering of public input is referred to as “scoping.” The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the environmental document on the important environmental issues. Additional information about the Commission’s NEPA process is described below in the *NEPA Process and Environmental Document* section of this notice.

By this notice, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of issues to address in the environmental document. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on January 20, 2025. Comments may be submitted in written. Further details on how to submit comments are provided in the *Public Participation* section of this notice.

Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the environmental document. Commission staff will consider all comments during the preparation of the environmental document.

If you submitted comments on this project to the Commission before the opening of this docket on October 15, 2025, you will need to file those comments in Docket No. CP26–11–000 to ensure they are considered as part of this proceeding.

This notice is being sent to the Commission’s current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives should notify their constituents of this proposed project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, a pipeline company representative may contact you about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable easement agreement. You are not required to enter into an agreement. However, if the Commission approves the project, the Natural Gas Act conveys the right of eminent domain to the company. Therefore, if you and the company do not reach an easement agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in court. In such instances, compensation would be determined by a judge in accordance with state law. The Commission does not subsequently grant, exercise, or oversee the exercise of that eminent domain authority. The courts have exclusive authority to handle eminent domain cases; the Commission has no jurisdiction over these matters.

Columbia provided landowners with a fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled “An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?” which addresses typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission’s proceedings. This fact sheet along with other landowner topics of interest are available for viewing on the FERC website (www.ferc.gov) under the Natural Gas, Landowner Topics link.

Public Participation

Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has staff available to assist you at (866) 208–3676 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature, which is located on the Commission’s website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to FERC Online. Using eComment is an easy method for

submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can file your comments electronically by using the eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission’s website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to FERC Online. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on “eRegister.” You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; a comment on a particular project is considered a “Comment on a Filing”; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the Commission. Be sure to reference the project docket number (CP26–11–000) on your letter. 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, MD 20852.

It is important to note that the Commission provides equal consideration to all comments received.

Additionally, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which makes it easy to stay informed of all issuances and submittals regarding the dockets/projects to which you subscribe. These instant email notifications are the fastest way to receive notification and provide a link to the document files which can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings. Go to <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to register for eSubscription.

For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation at (202) 502–6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Columbia proposes to install and operate 41.3 miles of new 30-inch-diameter greenfield natural gas pipeline from Lincoln County Kentucky to the new South Somerset Delivery Meter Station located in Pulaski County, Kentucky, with additional aboveground facilities. The Pulaski Project would provide about 253 million standard cubic feet of natural gas per day to the John S. Cooper Power Station in Pulaski County, Kentucky. According to Columbia, its project would service its new and existing generation resources.

The Pulaski Project would consist of the following facilities:

- 41.3 miles of new 30-inch-diameter greenfield natural gas pipeline;
- a proposed tie-in to the Columbia Mainline in Lincoln County, Kentucky, including a new launcher/receiver and bidirectional pig¹ trap;
- a new meter and regulator station designated as the South Somerset Delivery Meter Station in Pulaski County, Kentucky, including a tie-in to East Kentucky Power Cooperative's (EKPC's) John S. Cooper Power Station, a new launcher/receiver, and a bidirectional pig trap; and
- four new mainline valves.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would disturb about 657.2 acres of land for the aboveground facilities and the pipeline. Following construction, Columbia would maintain about 254.0 acres for permanent operation of the project's facilities; the remaining acreage would be restored and revert to former uses. About 27 percent of the proposed pipeline route parallels existing EKPC and/or Kentucky Utilities Company rights-of-way.

NEPA Process and the Environmental Document

Any environmental document issued by the Commission will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under the relevant general resource areas:

- geology and soils;
- water resources and wetlands;
- vegetation and wildlife;
- threatened and endangered species;
- cultural resources;
- land use;
- socioeconomics;
- air quality and noise; and
- reliability and safety.

Commission staff will also evaluate reasonable alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas. Your comments will help Commission staff identify and focus on the issues that might have an effect on the human environment and potentially eliminate others from further study and discussion in the environmental document.

Following this scoping period, Commission staff will determine

¹ A "pig" is a tool that the pipeline company inserts into and pushes through the pipeline for cleaning the pipeline, conducting internal inspections, or other purposes.

whether to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EA or the EIS will present Commission staff's independent analysis of the issues. If Commission staff prepares an EA, a *Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment* will be issued. The EA may be issued for an allotted public comment period. The Commission would consider timely comments on the EA before making its decision regarding the proposed project. If Commission staff prepares an EIS, a *Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS/ Notice of Schedule* will be issued, which will open up an additional comment period. Staff will then prepare a draft EIS which will be issued for public comment. Commission staff will consider all timely comments received during the comment period on the draft EIS and revise the document, as necessary, before issuing a final EIS. Any EA or draft and final EIS will be available in electronic format in the public record through eLibrary² and the Commission's natural gas environmental documents web page (<https://www.ferc.gov/industries-data/natural-gas/environment/environmental-documents>). If eSubscribed, you will receive instant email notification when the environmental document is issued.

With this notice, the Commission is asking agencies with jurisdiction by law and/or special expertise with respect to the environmental issues of this project to formally cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document.³ Agencies that would like to request cooperating agency status should follow the instructions for filing comments provided under the *Public Participation* section of this notice.

Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

In accordance with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's implementing regulations for section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Commission is using this notice to initiate consultation with the applicable State Historic Preservation Office(s), and to solicit their views and those of other government agencies, interested Indian tribes, and the public on the project's potential effects on historic properties.⁴

² For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice.

³ Cooperating agency responsibilities are addressed in Section 107(a)(3) of NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4336(a)(3)).

⁴ The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulations are at Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 800. Those regulations define

The environmental document for this project will document findings on the impacts on historic properties and summarize the status of consultations under section 106.

Environmental Mailing List

The environmental mailing list includes federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American Tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. This list also includes all affected landowners (as defined in the Commission's regulations) who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within certain distances of aboveground facilities, and anyone who submits comments on the project and includes a mailing address with their comments. Commission staff will update the environmental mailing list as the analysis proceeds to ensure that Commission notices related to this environmental review are sent to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project.

If you need to make changes to your name/address, or if you would like to remove your name from the mailing list, please complete one of the following steps:

(1) Send an email to GasProjectAddressChange@ferc.gov stating your request. You must include the docket number CP26-11-000 in your request. If you are requesting a change to your address, please be sure to include your name and the correct address. If you are requesting to delete your address from the mailing list, please include your name and address as it appeared on this notice. This email address is unable to accept comments.

OR

(2) Return the attached "Mailing List Update Form" (appendix 2).

Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the FERC website at www.ferc.gov using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number in the "Docket Number" field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or (866)

historic properties as any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

Public sessions or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at <https://www.ferc.gov/news-events/events> along with other related information.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2545–205]

Avista Corporation; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On July 3, 2024, Avista Corporation filed an application for non-capacity amendment at the Spokane River Hydroelectric Project No. 2545. The dam is located on the Spokane River in Spokane, Lincoln, and Stevens counties, Washington, and in Kootenai and Benewah counties, Idaho.

To rehabilitate the spillway at the North Channel Dam, the licensee proposed to replace all existing gates. The North Channel Dam is L-shaped, and its primary spillway structure currently consists of one 100-foot-long rolling sector gate, seven 21-foot-long Tainter gates, and one 12-foot-long Tainter gate. The proposed rehabilitation involves replacing the existing spillway gates within the same footprint without any significant change in elevation, surface area, or capacity. The project would not alter the project boundary, reservoir levels, down-ramping rate, or minimum flow requirements. The project would also continue to operate under the terms of its current license and applicable Water Quality Certification. The licensee states that no resource agencies have objected to the proposed rehabilitation, and no long-term effects to project operations or environmental resources are anticipated. Temporary impacts would be limited to ground disturbance in construction areas and a temporary suspension of aesthetic spills during construction.

On June 18, 2025, Commission staff issued a public notice for the proposed amendment, accepted the application

for filing, and solicited comments, motions to intervene, and protests. The public comment period closed on July 18, 2025. On July 17, 2025, the Idaho Governor's Office of Energy & Mineral Resources filed a response to the Commission's notice.

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) for the project.¹ Commission staff plans to issue an EA by April 10, 2026. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate. The EA will be issued for a 30-day comment period. All comments filed on the EA will be reviewed by staff and considered in the Commission's final decision on the proceeding.

For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation at (202) 502–6595 or *OPP@ferc.gov*.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Woohee Choi at 202–502–6336 or *Woohee.Choi@ferc.gov*. (Authority: 18 CFR 2.1.)

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2731–045; Project No. 2737–028]

Green Mountain Power Corporation; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, 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:* Extension of License Terms and Non-capacity Amendment of License.
- b. *Project Nos:* 2731–045 and 2737–028.
- c. *Date Filed:* July 1, 2025.
- d. *Applicant:* Green Mountain Power Corporation.
- e. *Name of Project:* Weybridge and Middlebury Lower Hydroelectric Projects.

¹ The unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX–019–20–000–1762338353.

f. *Location:* The Weybridge Project is located on the Otter Creek in the towns of Weybridge and New Heaven, Addison County, Vermont, and the Middlebury Lower Project is located on the Otter Creek in the towns of Middlebury and Weybridge, Addison County, Vermont. The projects do not occupy federal lands.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* John Tedesco, Green Mountain Power, 163 Acorn Lane Colchester, VT 05446, (802) 655–8753, *John.Tedesco@greenmountainpower.com*.

i. *FERC Contact:* Aneela Mousam, (202) 502–8357, *aneela.mousam@ferc.gov*.

j. *Cooperating agencies:* 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, that wish to cooperate in the preparation of any environmental document, if applicable, to follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item k below. 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).

k. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests:* January 20, 2026 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

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>. 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: 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, MD 20852. The first page of any filing should include the docket numbers P–2731–045 and P–2737–028. Comments emailed to