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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the extended collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

This information collection request contains:

(1) *OMB No.*: 1910–5177;

(2) *Information Collection Request Titled*: Department of Energy Recognition for 50001 Ready and ISO 50001 Certification Information Collection Request. This information collection request was formerly titled “Department of Energy Superior Energy Performance 50001 Program Certification and 50001 Ready Recognition Information Collection Request” and is being retitled to reflect updated DOE recognition pathways for energy management systems implementation;

(3) *Type of Review*: Revision;

(4) *Purpose*: This Information Collection Request applies to the Department of Energy (DOE) voluntary recognition pathways for 50001 Ready and ISO 50001 certification for industrial companies, commercial and institutional organizations. 50001 Ready recognition is provided to facilities that self-attest their implementation of an energy management system based on the ISO 50001 international energy management system standard. DOE also recognizes organizations and facilities that achieved third-party certification to the ISO 50001 standard. Respondents include industrial, commercial, and institutional facilities.

(5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents*: 400;

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses*: 400;

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours*: 300;

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden*: \$20,425.
Statutory Authority: Accelerating Investment in Industrial Energy Efficiency, Executive Order 13624, 77 FR 54779 (Aug. 30, 2012); 42 U.S.C. 16191.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on January 5, 2026, by Abraham Shultz, Director, Industrial Technologies Office, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on January 5, 2026.

Treena V. Garrett,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15407–000]

Nightfall Renewables Inc.; Notice of Effectiveness of Withdrawal of Preliminary Permit Application

On June 24, 2025, Nightfall Renewables Inc. (Nightfall Renewables) filed a preliminary permit application for the Juniper Pumped Storage Project No. 15407 (Juniper Project). On November 17, 2025, Nightfall Renewables filed a notice of withdrawal of the preliminary permit application.

No motion in opposition to the notice of withdrawal has been filed, and the Commission has taken no action to disallow the withdrawal. Pursuant to Rule 216(b) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure,¹ the withdrawal of the application became effective on December 2, 2025, and this proceeding is hereby terminated.

(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1)

¹ 18 CFR 385.216(b) (2025).

Dated: January 5, 2026.

Carlos D. Clay,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP26–19–000]

Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed NKY Gate Enhancement 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 NKY Gate Enhancement Project (Project) involving construction and operation of facilities by Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia) in Mason, Nicholas, Bracken, Pendleton and Campbell Counties, Kentucky, and Hamilton County, Ohio. The Commission will use this environmental document in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

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 February 4, 2026. Comments may be