

the existing Corps facility access road and a parking area; and (8) appurtenant facilities.

The proposed RC Byrd Project would operate in a run-of-release mode, whereby outflow from the project would approximate inflow made available for generation by the Corps. The RC Byrd Project is projected to have an annual energy generation of about 165,169 megawatt-hours.

m. A copy of the application is available for review via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov>), using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field, to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or call toll free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY (202) 502-8659.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS," "REPLY COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS"; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

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*.

You may also register online at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOnline.aspx> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. The applicant must file the following on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 16, 2026: (1) copy of the water quality certification; (2) a copy of the request for certification, including proof of the date on which the certifying agency received the request; or (3) evidence of a waiver of water quality certification.

o. Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on February 13, 2026.

p. The project is covered under Title 41 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST-41). Under FAST-41, agencies are to publish completion dates for all federal environmental reviews and authorizations. This notice identifies the Commission's anticipated schedule for issuance of the single Environmental Assessment.

Issue Single Environmental Assessment: September 29, 2026

A future notice will identify the Commission's anticipated schedule for issuance of the final license order for the project, pending information received on the anticipated schedule for completion of consultation under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the expected date of the applicant's request for water quality certification under section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

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Dated: January 14, 2026.

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

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**FERC Contact:** Steven Sachs, Phone: (202) 502-8666, Email: *Steven.Sachs@ferc.gov*.

**Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests:** February 13, 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 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 number P-8866-016. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not considered part of the Commission record.

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*.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 8866-016]

### Black Canyon Bliss, LLC; JK Potatoes, LLC; Notice of Application of Transfer of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

On November 18, 2025, Black Canyon Bliss, LLC (transferor) and JK Potatoes, LLC (transferee) filed an application for a transfer of license for the 24-kilowatt Stevenson No. 2 Hydroelectric Project No. 8866. The project is located on a tributary of the Snake River in Gooding County, Idaho and occupies federal land within the Sequoia National Forest administered by the U.S. Forest Service.

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 801, the applicants seek Commission approval to transfer the license for the project from Black Canyon Bliss, LLC to JK Potatoes, LLC. The transferee will be required by the Commission to comply with all the requirements of the license as though it were the original licensee.

**Applicants Contact:** David Jentzsch, 20511 F Street, Rupert, ID 83350, Phone: (208) 530-8278, Email: *david@hcanyonfarms.com*.

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD24-7-000]

### Federal and State Current Issues Collaborative: Notice Announcing Meeting

On March 21, 2024, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) established a Federal and State Current Issues Collaborative (Collaborative) to explore cross-jurisdictional issues relevant to the

Commission and state utility commissions.<sup>1</sup>

The fourth public meeting of the Collaborative will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, from approximately 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST, at the Westin Downtown Washington hotel in Washington, DC. The meeting will be open to the public for listening and observing and will be on the record. There is no fee for attendance and registration is not required. The public may also attend via Webcast. This meeting will be transcribed. Transcripts will be available for a fee from Ace Reporting, 202-347-3700.

The overarching topic the Collaborative will discuss is the impact of growth on affordability. As explained in the Establishing Order, the Commission will issue agendas for each meeting, after consulting with members of the Collaborative and considering suggestions from state commissions.<sup>2</sup> The Commission will issue the specific agenda for the fourth public meeting no later than January 28, 2026.

Commission conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations, please send an email to [accessibility@ferc.gov](mailto:accessibility@ferc.gov) or call toll free 1-866-208-3372 (voice) or 202-208-8659 (TTY), or send a fax to 202-208-2106 with the required accommodations.

More information about the Collaborative is available here: <https://www.ferc.gov/federal-state-current-issues-collaborative>. For questions, please contact: Robert Thormeyer, 202-502-8694, [robert.thormeyer@ferc.gov](mailto:robert.thormeyer@ferc.gov); Joseph Popely, 202-502-8513, [joseph.popely@ferc.gov](mailto:joseph.popely@ferc.gov); Zoe Philippides, 202-502-8826, [zoe.philippides@ferc.gov](mailto:zoe.philippides@ferc.gov); or Kimberly Duffley, 202-898-1305, [kduffle@naruc.org](mailto:kduffle@naruc.org).

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**Carlos D. Clay,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP26-14-000]

### Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Mountain Valley Pipeline Boost Project

On October 23, 2025, Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC (Mountain Valley) filed an application in Docket No. CP26-14-000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to construct and operate certain natural gas pipeline facilities. The proposed project is known as the Mountain Valley Pipeline Boost Project (Project) and would provide about 600,000 dekatherms of natural gas per day from interconnection points with Equitans, L.P. and EQM Gathering Opcos, LLC to delivery points on the Mountain Valley Pipeline Mainline system and Mountain Valley Pipeline Southgate system.

On November 5, 2025, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's environmental document for the Project.

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the Project and the planned schedule for the completion of the environmental review.<sup>1</sup> The EA will be issued for a 30-day comment period.

### Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA August 7, 2026  
90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline<sup>2</sup> November 5, 2026

If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies

<sup>1</sup> For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1767605403.

<sup>2</sup> The Commission's deadline applies to the decisions of other federal agencies, and state agencies acting under federally delegated authority, that are responsible for federal authorizations, permits, and other approvals necessary for proposed projects under the Natural Gas Act. Per 18 CFR 157.22(a), the Commission's deadline for other agency's decisions applies unless a schedule is otherwise established by federal law.

are kept informed of the Project's progress.

### Project Description

Mountain Valley proposes to make modifications to three existing compressor stations (CS) and construct and operate the new Swann CS. The Project would consist of the following facilities:

- installation of one additional natural gas turbine and auxiliary facilities to add an additional 23,470 horsepower (hp) to the Bradshaw CS in Wetzel County, WV;
- relocation of existing blowdown silencers and installation of one additional natural gas turbine and auxiliary facilities to add an additional 52,500 hp to the Harris CS in Braxton County, WV;
- relocation of existing blowdown silencers and installation of two additional natural gas turbines and auxiliary facilities and upgrades to two existing natural gas turbines to add an additional 52,880 hp to the Stallworth CS in Fayette County, WV;
- installation of a new compressor station with three natural gas turbines, for a total of 136,900 hp at the Swann CS in Montgomery County, VA; and
- installation of a new pig launcher and receiver,<sup>3</sup> mainline valve, and auxiliary facilities at the Swann CS.

### Background

On November 19, 2025, the Commission issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed MVP Boost Project* (Notice of Scoping). The Notice of Scoping was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. In response to the Notice of Scoping, the Commission received comments from 11 non-governmental organizations, five municipalities, two counties, four state agencies, one federal agency, three companies, six state-elected officials, one Congressmember, and more than 80 individuals. The primary issues raised by the commenters are concerns regarding groundwater, waterbodies, wildlife, traffic, air emissions, noise and vibration effects, compressor station site and facility alternatives, pipeline safety associated with the increased capacity, human health, climate change, segmentation, and the length of the

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>1</sup> Fed. and State Current Issues Collaborative, 186 FERC ¶ 61,189 (2024) (Establishing Order).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* P 7.