

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission**

[Project No. 1971-079]

Idaho Power Company; Notice of Availability of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and Revised Procedural Schedule for the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380, the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed Idaho Power Company's (Idaho Power) application for a new license to continue to operate and maintain the Hells Canyon Hydroelectric Project No. 1971 (project) and has prepared a draft supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) for the project.¹ The project is located on the Snake River in Washington and Adams Counties, Idaho, and Wallowa, Malheur, and Baker Counties, Oregon and occupies a total of about 5,270 acres of federal land administered by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (Forest Service). The Hells Canyon Project consists of three developments (dams, reservoirs, and powerhouses) on the segment of the Snake River forming the border between Idaho and Oregon. The three developments are Brownlee, Oxbow, and Hells Canyon, which combined provide 1,222.3 megawatts of power generating capacity and an average of 5,571,005 megawatt-hours of electricity annually.

On August 31, 2007, Commission staff issued a final environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed relicensing of the project. On December 30, 2019, Idaho Power filed an Offer of Settlement and Stipulation and Implementation Agreement (2019 Settlement), resolving disputed issues related to spring Chinook salmon and summer steelhead passage and reintroduction with the states of Oregon and Idaho in the context of their respective water quality certifications for the project under section 401 of the Clean Water Act (401 certifications). Pursuant to the 2019 Settlement, the states of Oregon and Idaho each issued 401 certifications for the project on May

24, 2019. On July 8, 2020, Idaho Power filed a supplement to its license application that included new and revised environmental measures proposed under the 2019 Settlement, additional refinements to the proposed action, and new information on project-affected resources. On October 14, 2020, pursuant to the Endangered Species Act (ESA), Idaho Power filed revised draft biological assessments (BAs) for species managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service, which were subsequently revised again in July 1 and July 16, 2025, filings. On October 23, 2024, Idaho Power filed a settlement agreement on behalf of itself and the Forest Service (2024 Settlement), resolving between the parties the appropriate terms and conditions pursuant to section 4(e) of the Federal Power Act to be incorporated into any new license issued for the project for the protection and utilization of federal lands administered by the Forest Service.

In accordance with Commission staff's June 13, 2022 notice of intent to prepare a draft and final SEIS, staff has prepared this draft SEIS to supplement the final EIS with analyses of the new and revised proposed measures and mandatory conditions (*i.e.*, modified 4(e) conditions and 401 certification conditions) filed subsequent to the issuance of the final EIS, as well as the potential effects of the new and revised measures on federally listed species and their designated critical habitats. The draft SEIS describes staff's analysis of the applicant's proposal and the alternatives for relicensing the project and documents the views of governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, affected Indian tribes, the public, the license applicant, and Commission staff.

The Commission provides all interested persons with an opportunity to view and/or print the draft SEIS 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 Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

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.

Any comments should be filed by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on Monday, March 2, 2026.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 10,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support. 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 number P-1971-079.

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.

Anyone may intervene in this proceeding based on this draft SEIS (18 CFR 380.10). You must file your request to intervene as specified above.² You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

The notice of intent included a schedule for preparing a draft and final SEIS, which was revised by notices issued on October 12, 2023, May 17, 2024, and April 24, 2025. By this notice, Commission staff is updating the procedural schedule for completing the final SEIS. The revised schedule is shown below. Further revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Issue final SEIS	September 4, 2026.

For further information, contact Aaron Liberty, the Commission's relicensing coordinator for the project, at (202) 502-6862 or aaron.liberty@ferc.gov.

(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1)

¹ For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is SEIS-019-20-000-1756911632.

² Interventions may also be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

Dated: January 14, 2026.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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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: RP26-379-000.

Applicants: Northern Natural Gas Company.

Description: 4(d) Rate Filing: 20260113 Negotiated Rate Filing to be effective 1/14/2026.

Filed Date: 1/13/26.

Accession Number: 20260113-5103.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 1/26/26.

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 5:00 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. eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659. 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.

Dated: January 14, 2026.

Carlos D. Clay,
Deputy Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP26-16-000]

Texas Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Carnation Project

On October 31, 2025, Texas Gas Transmission, LLC (Texas Gas) filed an application in Docket No. CP26-16-000 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 Carnation Project (Project) and would increase the capacity of Texas Gas's interstate natural gas transmission system by about 170,000 dekatherms per day.

On November 13, 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.¹ The EA will be issued for a 30-day comment period.

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA—May 11, 2026

90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline²—August 9, 2026

If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the Project's progress.

Project Description

Texas Gas proposes to install one new 14,189-horsepower compressor unit and

¹ For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1767610234.

² 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.

associated facilities including one discharge filter separator, one emergency generator, and one unit blowdown silencer at its Crosby-Harrison Compressor Station in Hamilton County, Ohio. Texas Gas would also construct one electrical building and one storage building and install air compressor and receivers, associated piping and controls, and other auxiliary facilities.

At the New Haven Regulators Facility, also in Hamilton County, Texas Gas proposes to install two new single-run regulators with associated piping and controls on the MLS 26-1TT and MLS 26-2TT pipelines. About 20 feet of aboveground piping and 150 feet of below ground piping would be installed on the mainline pipelines.

Background

On December 3, 2025, the Commission issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Carnation 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 Our Children's Trust. The primary issues raised by the commenter are climate change, air pollution, and alternatives. All substantive comments will be addressed in the EA.

Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This service provides automatic notification of filings made to subscribed dockets, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to register for eSubscription.

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Additional information about the Project is available from the FERC website (www.ferc.gov). Using the "eLibrary" link, select "General Search" from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and "Docket Number" excluding the last three digits (i.e., CP26-16), and follow the instructions. For assistance with access