

Commission off the record on any topic concerning management of the basin's water resources outside the context of a duly noticed, on-the-record public hearing.

There will be no opportunity for additional public comment for the record at the March 4, 2026 business meeting on items for which a hearing was completed on February 4, 2026 or a previous date. Commission consideration on March 4, 2026 of items for which the public hearing is closed may result in approval of the item as proposed, approval with changes, denial, or deferral. When the Commissioners defer an action, they may announce an additional period for written comment on the item, with or without an additional hearing date, or they may take additional time to consider the input they have already received without requesting further public input. Any deferred items will be considered for action at a public meeting of the Commission on a future date.

**Advance Registration and Sign-Up for Oral Comment.** Links for registration to attend the virtual public hearing and business meeting will be posted at [www.drbc.gov](http://www.drbc.gov) at least ten days before each meeting date. Registrants who wish to comment on the record during the public hearing on February 4, 2026 or to address the Commissioners informally during the Open Public Comment session following the meeting on March 4, 2026 as time allows, will be asked to so indicate when registering. The Commission's public hearing, business meeting, and Open Public Comment session will also be livestreamed on YouTube at [https://www.youtube.com/@DRBC\\_1961](https://www.youtube.com/@DRBC_1961). For assistance, please contact Ms. Kate Schmidt of the Commission staff, at [kate.schmidt@drbc.gov](mailto:kate.schmidt@drbc.gov).

**Addresses for Written Comment.** Written comment on items scheduled for hearing may be submitted through the Commission's web-based comment system, a link to which is provided at [www.drbc.gov](http://www.drbc.gov). Use of the web-based system ensures that all submissions are captured in a single location and their receipt is acknowledged. Exceptions to the use of this system are available based on need, by writing to the attention of the Commission Secretary, DRBC, P.O. Box 7360, 25 Cosey Road, West Trenton, NJ 08628-0360. For assistance, please contact Kate Schmidt at [kate.schmidt@drbc.gov](mailto:kate.schmidt@drbc.gov).

**Accommodation for Special Needs.** Closed captioning will be available on both webinar and live-stream platforms. Those with limited internet access may listen and speak at virtual public

meetings of the DRBC using any of several toll-free phone numbers that will be provided to all virtual meeting registrants.

Other individuals in need of an accommodation as provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act who wish to attend the virtual hearing or business meeting should contact the Commission Secretary directly at 609-477-7203 or through the Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) at 711, to discuss how we can accommodate your needs.

**Additional Information, Contacts.** Additional public records relating to hearing items may be examined at the Commission's offices by appointment by contacting Donna Woolf, 609-477-7222. For other questions concerning hearing items, please contact David Kovach, Project Review Manager, at 609-477-7264.

**Authority.** Delaware River Basin Compact, Public Law 87-328, Approved December 27, 1961, 75 Statutes at Large, 688, sec. 14.4.

Dated: January 13, 2026.

**Pamela M. Bush,**

*Commission Secretary and Assistant General Counsel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

**[Docket No. CP26-25-000]**

### Columbia Gulf Transmission, LLC; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Maysville Project

On November 17, 2025, Columbia Gulf Transmission, LLC (Columbia) filed an application in Docket No. CP26-25-000 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 Maysville Project (Project) and would supply 340,000 dekatherms per day (Dth/d) of natural gas transportation capacity to the East Kentucky Power Cooperative's Hugh L. Spurlock Power Station.

On November 26, 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 11, 2026  
90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline<sup>2</sup> November 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

The Project involves the installation of 42 miles of 30-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline in Rowan, Fleming, and Mason Counties, Kentucky; a tie-in to the existing Columbia Gulf Mainline in Rowan County, Kentucky (including the installation of a new 36-inch by 30-inch bidirectional pig launcher/receiver);<sup>3</sup> construction and operation of a new meter station (*i.e.*, North Maysville Delivery Meter Station) in Mason County, Kentucky, including a tie-in to East Kentucky Power Cooperative's Hugh L. Spurlock Power Station and installation of a new 36-inch by 30-inch bidirectional pig launcher/receiver; and installation of three new 30-inch-diameter mainline valves along the proposed 30-inch-diameter pipeline.

### Background

On January 7, 2026, the Commission issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Maysville Project and Notice of Public Scoping Session* (Notice of Scoping). The Notice of Scoping was sent to

<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-019-20-000-1768206161.

<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.

<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. A launcher/receiver are where pigs are inserted/retrieved from the pipeline.

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. To date, the Commission has received comments from several landowners, Kentucky Electric Cooperatives, East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Kentucky Association of Manufacturers, Kentucky State Treasurer, State Senator Robert Stivers, Republican Party of Kentucky's 4th District, Mason County Judge Executive, and the Clark County Fire Chief. The primary issues raised by the commenters are concerns about adverse effects on water quality, hydrology, wildlife habitats, soil erosion, karst features, historic resources, agricultural land, property values, safety, nearby communities, and increased greenhouse gas emissions. 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.

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*.

Additional information about the Project is available from the FERC website ([www.ferc.gov](http://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.*, CP26-25), and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at (866) 208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov*. The eLibrary link on the FERC website also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1)

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,  
Secretary.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

##### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15094-002]

##### Ohio Power and Light, LLC; Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions; Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment; and Anticipated Schedule

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* Original Major License.

b. *Project No.:* 15094-002.

c. *Date filed:* January 23, 2025.

d. *Applicant:* Ohio Power and Light, LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Robert C. Byrd Locks and Dam Hydroelectric Project (RC Byrd Project or project).

f. *Location:* On the Ohio River in Mason County, West Virginia, at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ (Corps) Robert C. Byrd Locks and Dam. The project would occupy 18.29 acres of federal land managed by the Corps.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Jeremy King, P.E., Chief Executive Officer, Current Hydro LLC (agent for the applicant, Ohio Power and Light, LLC), One Boston Place, Suite 2600, Boston, MA 02108, Telephone: (706) 835-8516, Email: [jeremy@currenthydro.com](mailto:jeremy@currenthydro.com); and Ms. Hailee Kessell, Director of Regulatory Affairs, Current Hydro LLC, One Boston Place, Suite 2600, Boston, MA 02108, Telephone: (315) 558-9834, Email: [hailee@currenthydro.com](mailto:hailee@currenthydro.com).

i. *FERC Contact:* Andy Bernick at (202) 502-8660, or [andrew.bernick@ferc.gov](mailto:andrew.bernick@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions:* on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 16, 2026; reply comments are due on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on April 29, 2026.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOnline.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 10,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. 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*, (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. All filings must clearly identify the project name and docket number on the first page: Robert C. Byrd Locks and Dam Hydroelectric Project (P-15094-002).

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. This application has been accepted and is ready for environmental analysis at this time and a single environmental assessment (EA) will be prepared.<sup>1</sup>

l. The proposed RC Byrd Project would be constructed at the two parallel decommissioned lock chambers on the West Virginia side of RC Byrd Locks and Dam and would consist of the following new facilities: (1) two 110-foot-wide, 850-foot-long intake channels with trash racks (with a clear spacing of 5 inches); (2) two 110-foot-wide, 142.5-foot-long, and 71-foot-high concrete powerhouses within the decommissioned lock chambers; (3) three horizontal pit Kaplan turbine-generator units in each powerhouse with a total installed capacity of 28.5 megawatts (MW) for both powerhouses; (4) two 110-foot-wide, 955-foot-long tailrace channels; (5) a 213-foot-long, 12.47-kilovolt (kV) underground generator lead from each powerhouse to a new 110-foot-long and 110-foot-wide substation containing a 12.47-kV/69-kV step-up transformer; (6) a 2.3-mile-long, 69-kV overhead transmission line connecting the project to the point of interconnection at the existing Apple Grove substation; (7) a new 170-foot-long access road between

<sup>1</sup> The unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1767861985.