

Commission and state utility commissions.¹

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.² 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 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; Joseph Popely, 202-502-8513, joseph.popely@ferc.gov; Zoe Philippides, 202-502-8826, zoe.philippides@ferc.gov; or Kimberly Duffley, 202-898-1305, 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.¹ 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 Deadline² November 5, 2026

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

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

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.

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,³ 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

³ 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.

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

² *Id.* P 7.

scoping comment period. All substantive comments will be addressed in the EA.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District, is a cooperating agency in the preparation of 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). 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.*, CP26-14), 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.

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 3428-205]

Brown Bear II Hydro, Inc.; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests, Ready for Environmental Analysis, and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Preliminary Terms and Conditions, and Preliminary Fishway Prescriptions

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed

with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

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

b. *Project No.:* 3428-205.

c. *Date Filed:* November 29, 2023.

d. *Applicant:* Brown Bear II Hydro, Inc. (Brown Bear Hydro).

e. *Name of Project:* Worumbo Hydroelectric Project (Worumbo Project).

f. *Location:* On the Androscoggin River in Androscoggin County, Maine.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. David Fox, Senior Director, Regulatory Affairs, Brown Bear II Hydro, Inc. c/o Eagle Creek Renewable Energy, 7315 Wisconsin Avenue Suite 1100W, Bethesda MD 20814; telephone at (201) 306-5616, or email at david.fox@eaglecreekre.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Jody Callihan at (202) 502-8278 or email at jody.callihan@ferc.gov.

j. Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests, comments, recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and preliminary fishway 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 motions to intervene and protests, comments, recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and preliminary fishway 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>. 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: Worumbo Hydroelectric Project (P-3428-205).

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 for filing and is now ready for environmental analysis.

l. The Worumbo Project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) an 870-foot-long concrete gravity dam consisting of a 116-foot-long gated spillway containing four 18-foot-wide and 26-foot-high vertical lift gates, and three flashboard spillway sections including (from north to south along the dam): a 233-foot-long ogee spillway topped by 38 2-foot-high hinged steel flashboard panels with a top elevation of 99 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 (NGVD29) that are designed to fail when the pond elevation reaches 101 feet NGVD29, a 167-foot-long concrete gravity section with 11 Obermeyer air bags controlling 11 2.25-foot-high steel flashboard panels with a top elevation of 99 feet NGVD29 that are designed to deflate and lower when the pond elevation reaches 100.44 feet NGVD29, and a 349-foot-long concrete gravity section with Obermeyer pneumatic flashboards designed to deflate when the pond elevation reaches 100 feet NGVD29; (2) an impoundment with a gross storage capacity of 2,000 acre-feet and a surface area of 240 acres at the normal full-pond elevation of 98.5 feet NGVD29; (3) a 337-foot-long concrete retaining wall with a top elevation of 108 feet NGVD29 leading to the intake structure; (4) a concrete intake structure integral with the powerhouse, containing two vertical slide gates each 33 feet wide and 40 feet high, which are normally fully open and protected by trash racks; (5) a 105-foot-wide, 145-foot-long reinforced concrete powerhouse containing two Kaplan bulb turbine-generator units with a total generating capacity of 19.4 megawatts; (6) an approximately 30-foot-high vertical fish-lift, four vertical attraction pumps, an 8-foot-long and 8-foot-wide hopper lift tank, and a viewing room; (7) an upstream eel passage system consisting of two 2-foot-wide, 7-foot-long bristled ramps, and an eel trap; (8) a downstream fish passage system consisting of three entry way gates with trash racks, a 36-inch-diameter downstream passage pipe, and a 30-foot-wide, 20-foot-long, 10-foot-deep plunge pool; (9) an 850-foot-long, approximately 80-foot-wide, tailrace