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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.

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*.

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Carlos D. Clay,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2077-130]

Great River Hydro, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On November, 12, 2025, supplemented January 5, 2026, Great River Hydro, LLC filed an application for a temporary variance from minimum flows under Article 401 for the Fifteen Mile Falls Hydroelectric Project No. 2077. The project is located on the Connecticut River in Grafton County, New Hampshire, and Caledonia County, Vermont. The project does not occupy federal lands.

Due to drought conditions, Great River Hydro, LLC reduced minimum flows from the Comerford Development, beginning on September 29, 2025. A variance in the minimum flows required by Article 401 was necessary to preserve the depleted storage capacity of its upstream Moore reservoir. The variance allowed the licensee to decrease the seasonal minimum flows of 818 cubic feet per second (cfs) from June 1 to September 30, and 1,145 cfs from October 1 to March 31, to 600 cfs. The

reduction in flows occurred from September 29 to December 15, 2025. A public notice was issued on December 5, 2025, and no comments were received.

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) for the project.¹ Commission staff plans to issue an EA by April 10, 2026. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate. The EA will be issued for a 30-day comment period. All comments filed on the EA will be reviewed by staff and considered in the Commission's final decision on the proceeding.

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*.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Erik Hazelton at (212) 273-5911 or *erik.hazelton@ferc.gov*.

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Secretary.

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[Project No. 2242-159]

Eugene Water & Electric Board; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On June 21, 2021, supplemented May 16, 2024, July 3, 2024, April 21, 2025, and January 21, 2026, Eugene Water and Electric Board filed an application to install a load bank in lieu of a turbine bypass valve under license Article 3 for the Carmen-Smith Hydroelectric Project No. 2242. The project is located on the McKenzie and Smith Rivers in Lane and Linn counties, near McKenzie Bridge, Oregon, and occupies U.S. Forest Service Land within the Willamette National Forest.

Eugene Water and Electric Board proposed to install a load bank at the Carmen Power Plant for protecting the Smith Bypass Reach and its associated environment against spill events from Smith Dam. The load bank would

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dissipate electricity produced at the Carmen Power Plant equivalent to at least 800 cubic feet per second of spill that is required to be diverted from the Smith Bypass Reach. On May 22, 2025, the Commission noticed the application for a 30-day comment period. On June 20, 2025, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife filed motions to intervene. On June 23, 2025, Oregon Wild filed comments on the application.

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) for the project.¹ Commission staff plans to issue an EA by July 31, 2026. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate. The EA will be issued for a 30-day comment period. All comments filed on the EA will be reviewed by staff and considered in the Commission's final decision on the proceeding.

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*.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Erich Gaedeke at 503-552-2716 or *erich.gaedeke@ferc.gov*.

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Western Area Power Administration; Notice of Filing

Take notice that on January 23, 2026, Western Area Power Administration submitted a tariff filing: Sierra Nevada Region-Pacific Alternating Current Interie-Western Area Power Administration 211-20260122 to be effective April 1, 2026.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214).

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