

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CD17-18-000]

Village of Waterbury; Notice of Preliminary Determination of a Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility and Soliciting Comments and Motions To Intervene

On August 4, 2017, the Village of Waterbury filed a notice of intent to construct a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, pursuant to section 30 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), as amended by section 4 of the Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act

of 2013 (HREA). The proposed Guptil Road 4.0 kW In-conduit Hydroelectric Net-Metered Project (Guptil Road Project) would have an installed capacity of 4 kilowatts (kW), and would be located along a 12-inch diameter potable water pipeline. The project would be located near the Village of Waterbury in Washington County, Vermont.

Applicant Contact: William Shepeluk, Municipal Manager, Village of Waterbury, 28 North Main Street, Waterbury, VT 05676; Phone No. (802) 244-7033

FERC Contact: Robert Bell, Phone No. (202) 502-6062; Email: robert.bell@ferc.gov.

Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility Description: The proposed project would consist of: (1) A new 4 foot-long, 1.5-inch diameter intake pipe off of the 12-inch diameter potable water pipeline, (2) one generating unit with an installed capacity of four kW located within an existing 8-foot-long by 12-foot-wide pressure reducing vault; (3) a new 4-foot-long, 2-inch diameter outlet pipe returning water to the 12-inch diameter water main; and (4) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an estimated annual generation of 35.6 megawatt-hours.

A qualifying conduit hydropower facility is one that is determined or deemed to meet all of the criteria shown in the table below.

TABLE 1—CRITERIA FOR QUALIFYING CONDUIT HYDROPOWER FACILITY

Statutory provision	Description	Satisfies (Y/N)
FPA 30(a)(3)(A), as amended by HREA ...	The conduit the facility uses is a tunnel, canal, pipeline, aqueduct, flume, ditch, or similar manmade water conveyance that is operated for the distribution of water for agricultural, municipal, or industrial consumption and not primarily for the generation of electricity.	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(i), as amended by HREA	The facility is constructed, operated, or maintained for the generation of electric power and uses for such generation only the hydroelectric potential of a non-federally owned conduit.	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(ii), as amended by HREA	The facility has an installed capacity that does not exceed 5 megawatts	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(iii), as amended by HREA	On or before August 9, 2013, the facility is not licensed, or exempted from the licensing requirements of Part I of the FPA.	Y

Preliminary Determination: The proposed hydroelectric project will utilize an existing potable water pipeline, the primary purpose of which is to convey drinking water to the Village of Waterbury. The addition of the Guptil Road Project will not alter the conduit's primary purpose. Therefore, based upon the above criteria, Commission staff preliminarily determines that the proposal satisfies the requirements for a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, which is not required to be licensed or exempted from licensing.

Comments and Motions to Intervene: Deadline for filing comments contesting whether the facility meets the qualifying criteria is 45 days from the issuance date of this notice.

Deadline for filing motions to intervene is 30 days from the issuance date of this notice.

Anyone may submit comments or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210 and 385.214. Any motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular proceeding.

Filing and Service of Responsive Documents: All filings must (1) bear in

all capital letters the "COMMENTS CONTESTING QUALIFICATION FOR A CONDUIT HYDROPOWER FACILITY" or "MOTION TO INTERVENE," as applicable; (2) state in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) state the name, address, and telephone number of the person filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of sections 385.2001 through 385.2005 of the Commission's regulations.¹ All comments contesting Commission staff's preliminary determination that the facility meets the qualifying criteria must set forth their evidentiary basis.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene and comments 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>. 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, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

Locations of Notice of Intent: Copies of the notice of intent can be obtained directly from the applicant or such copies can be viewed and reproduced at the Commission in its Public Reference Room, Room 2A, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number (*i.e.*, CD17-18) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3676 or email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

¹ 18 CFR 385.2001-2005 (2017).

Dated: August 10, 2017.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP17-480-000]

Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

Take notice that on August 2, 2017, Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC (Florida Gas), 1300 Main Street, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in the above referenced Docket, a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205, 157.208, and 157.216 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to abandon approximately 6.7 miles of the 8-inch-diameter Rinker Lateral, associated measurement and regulation station, and appurtenant facilities, all located in Miami-Dade County, Florida (Rinker Facilities Abandonment Project), all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

The filing may also be viewed on the web at <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, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Any questions concerning this prior notice request should be directed to Blair Lichtenwalter, Senior Director of Certificates, Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC, 1300 Main St., Houston, Texas, 77002, or call (713) 989-2605, or fax (713) 989-1205, or via email Blair.Lichtenwalter@energytransfer.com.

Specifically, Florida Gas proposes to abandon in place the Rinker Lateral, which originates downstream of Lateral Line Valve (LLV) 20-90B at Mile Post 914.0 on Florida Gas's mainline and the Rinker Measurement and Regulation Station located at Rinker Portland Cement Corp's plant. Florida Gas also proposes to abandon by removal LLV 20-90B. Florida Gas states that Rinker Lateral and facilities have not been used to provide interruptible or firm transportation in over two years. Florida Gas further states that proposed abandonment would eliminate

additional capital and/or operating expenditures which could potentially result in an increased net operating loss for Florida Gas as time goes on.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

Any person may, within 60 days after the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention. Any person filing to intervene or the Commission's staff may, pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (18 CFR 157.205) file a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests, and interventions via the internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (www.ferc.gov) under the e-Filing link.

Dated: August 11, 2017.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP17-477-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

Take notice that on July 31, 2017, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia), 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 700, Houston, Texas 77002-2700, filed in Docket No. CP17-477-000 a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), as amended, requesting authorization to abandon two injection/withdrawal (I/W) wells, along with the associated pipelines and appurtenances at its Lucas Storage Field, located in Ashland and Richland Counties, Ohio. Columbia states that the Lucas 10697 and 10722 I/W wells have historically performed poorly in relation to other wells in the Lucas Storage Field and, based on the age of the wells, the wells would require an extensive case replacement job. Columbia asserts that the proposed abandonment of the Lucas 10697 well includes the abandonment of 977 feet of 3.5-inch-diameter pipeline and appurtenances and the proposed abandonment of the Lucas 10722 well includes the abandonment of 4.5-inch-diameter pipeline and appurtenances. Columbia avers that there will be no change to the existing boundary, total inventory, reservoir pressure, reservoir and buffer boundaries, or the certificated capacity of the Lucas Storage Field as a result of the proposed abandonment, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the web at <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, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Linda Farquhar, Manager, Project Determinations & Regulatory Administration, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC, 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 700, Houston, Texas, 77002-2700, by telephone at (832) 320-5685, by fax at (832) 320-6685, or by email at linda_farquhar@transcanada.com.