

used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of Section 10(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA).¹ The FPA authorizes the Commission to determine headwater benefits received by downstream hydropower project owners. Headwater benefits are the additional energy production possible at a downstream hydropower project resulting from the regulation of river flows by an upstream storage reservoir.

When the Commission completes a study of a river basin, it determines headwater benefits charges that will be apportioned among the various downstream beneficiaries. A headwater benefits charge and the cost incurred by the Commission to complete an evaluation are paid by downstream hydropower project owners. In essence, the owners of non-federal hydropower

projects that directly benefit from a headwater improvement must pay an equitable portion of the annual charges for interest, maintenance, and depreciation of the headwater project to the U.S. Treasury. The regulations provide for apportionment of these costs between the headwater project and downstream projects based on downstream energy gains and propose equitable apportionment methodology that can be applied to all river basins in which headwater improvements are built. The Commission requires owners of non-federal hydropower projects to file data for determining annual charges as outlined in 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 11.

Type of Respondents: There are two types of entities that respond, Federal and Non-Federal hydropower project

owners. The Federal entities that typically respond are the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation. The Non-Federal entities may consist of any Municipal or Non-Municipal hydropower project owner.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*² The Commission estimates the total Public Reporting Burden for this information collection as:

The estimates for cost per response are derived using the 2017 FERC average salary plus benefits of \$158,754/year (or \$76.50/hour). Commission staff finds that the work done for this information collection is typically done by wage categories similar to those at FERC.

FERC-521—PAYMENTS FOR BENEFITS FROM HEADWATER IMPROVEMENTS

	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden & cost per response	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
Federal and Non-Federal hydro-power project owners.	3	1	3	40 hrs.; \$3,060	120 hrs.; \$9,180	\$3,060
Total cost	120 hrs.; \$9,180	\$3,060

The total estimated annual cost burden to each respondent is \$3,060 [40 hours * \$76.50/hour = \$3,060].

Comments: Comments are invited on:

- (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection;
- and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: March 13, 2017.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2302-085]

Brookfield White Pine Hydro LLC; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

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

- a. *Type of Proceeding:* Amendment of License.
- b. *Project No.:* 2302-085.
- c. *Date Filed:* February 24, 2017.
- d. *Licensee:* Brookfield White Pine Hydro LLC.
- e. *Name of Project:* Lewiston Falls Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the Androscoggin River in the town of Lewiston, Androscoggin County, Maine.

generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. For further explanation of what is included in the information

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

h. *Licensee Contact:* Mr. Nate Stevens, Brookfield White Pine Hydro LLC, 150 Main Street, Lewiston, ME 99156, (207) 755-5610, Nathan.Stevens@brookfieldrenewable.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Ms. Rebecca Martin, (202) 502-6012, Rebecca.martin@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, interventions, and protests is April 13, 2017.* The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene, protests 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)

collection burden, refer to 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

¹ 16 U.S.C. 803.

² Burden is defined as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to

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. The first page of any filing should include docket number P–2302–085.

k. *Description of Request:* The licensee requests to remove the Canal System and its four non-operating canal generating facilities from the Lewiston Falls Project and convey the canals and the conveyance facilities to the City of Lewiston for non-hydropower redevelopment and public use. This would reduce the project's installed capacity from 35.6 MW to 28 MW, but the operation of the project would remain unchanged.

l. This filing may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1–866–208–3676 or email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502–8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction in the Commission's Public Reference Room located at 888 First Street NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502–8371.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene:* Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .212 and .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a

party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents:* Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). All comments, motions to intervene, or protests should relate to project works which are the subject of the license amendment. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. 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. 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.

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Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CD17–8–000]

Town of Carbondale, Colorado; Notice of Preliminary Determination of a Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility and Soliciting Comments and Motions To Intervene

On March 9, 2017, the Town of Carbondale, Colorado, 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 Town of Carbondale Nettle Creek WTP Hydro Project would have an installed capacity of 28 kilowatts (kW), and would be located along an existing raw water pipeline adjacent to the applicant's water treatment plant. The project would be located near the Town of Carbondale in Pitkin County, Colorado.

Applicant Contact: Mark O'Meara, Utility Director, Town of Carbondale, 511 Colorado Avenue, Carbondale, CO 81623 Phone No. (970) 963–3140.

FERC Contact: Christopher Chaney, Phone No. (202) 502–6778, email: Christopher.Chaney@ferc.gov.

Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility Description: The proposed project would consist of: (1) An new pressure reduction valve vault containing one turbine/generating unit with an installed capacity of 28 kW; (2) a short, 10-inch-diameter penstock tee'ing off the existing raw water pipeline; (3) a short, 10-inch-diameter discharge pipe returning water to the existing raw water pipeline; and (4) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an estimated annual generating capacity of 190,000 kilowatt-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