

years. The current term of the license expires January 31, 2023. The licensee wants to extend the term so it expires on January 31, 2026. The licensee has been working on a potential transfer of the Narrows Project to the Yuba County Water Agency (Yuba County). The Narrows Project is located within a half mile of Yuba County's Yuba River Hydroelectric Project No. 2246, which is currently in relicensing. The licensee wants the extension so it has more time to complete its negotiations with Yuba County and potentially transfer the project before the Narrows Project enters relicensing. Should the transfer occur, Yuba County could then potentially relicense the Narrows Project as part of the Yuba River Project.

k. This notice is available for review and reproduction at the Commission in the Public Reference Room, Room 2A, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. The filing may also be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the Docket number (P-1403-063) excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the notice. 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 toll-free 1-866-208-3676 or email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

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

m. *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, 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.

n. *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 the request to extend the license term. 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 intervener 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.

Dated: December 21, 2017.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL18-33-000]

Notice of Institution of Section 206 Proceeding and Refund Effective Date; New York Independent System Operator, Inc.

On December 21, 2017, the Commission issued an order in Docket No. EL18-33-000, pursuant to section 206 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 824e (2012), instituting an investigation into whether New York Independent System Operator, Inc.'s practices regarding the pricing of fast-start resources may be unjust and unreasonable. *New York Independent System Operator, Inc.*, 161 FERC 61,294 (2017).

The refund effective date in Docket No. EL18-33-000, established pursuant to section 206(b) of the FPA, will be the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Any interested person desiring to be heard in Docket No. EL18-33-000 must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate, with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,

888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.214, within 21 days of the date of issuance of the order.

Dated: December 21, 2017.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP18-31-000]

Dominion Energy Questar Pipeline, LLC; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

Take notice that on December 15, 2017, Dominion Energy Questar Pipeline, LLC (Dominion Energy), 333 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, filed a prior notice application pursuant to sections 157.205, 157.208(c) and 157.213(b) of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Dominion Energy's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-491-000,¹ to modify existing facilities and install surface and subsurface facilities located at its existing Clay Basin storage facility, in Daggett County, Utah (the Clay Basin Delivery 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, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Specifically, Dominion Energy proposes to modify two previously certificated storage injection/withdrawal wells (an existing operational storage-injection well and an existing inactive storage-injection/withdrawal well), and to install limited surface and subsurface facilities within the previously disturbed (non-vegetated) well-pad sites to restore functional service of the wells. Dominion Energy states that the project will enable it to convert 1.1 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of the existing 2.7 Bcf of interruptible storage capacity into firm storage capacity, with an associated

¹ *Mountain Fuel Resources, Inc.*, 20 FERC 62,580 (1982).

increase of 9.2 million cubic feet per day in the minimum required deliverability (MRD) without increasing the overall storage capacity of the field. Dominion Energy states that the project will not affect the contracted firm capacity and MRD rights held by existing firm storage customers at Clay Basin. Dominion Energy estimates that the cost of the proposed project is approximately \$3.6 million.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to L. Bradley Burton, Director-Regulatory, Rates, Certificates and Tariffs Dominion Energy Questar Corporation, 333 South State Street, P.O. Box 45360, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0360, by telephone at (801) 324-2459, by fax at (801) 324-2905, or by email at brad.burton@dominionenergy.com.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 60 days after 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 and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205), 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 filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

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.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and

two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenter will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the eFiling link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Dated: December 21, 2017.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. P-14862-000]

Douglas Leen; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, and Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process.

b. *Project No.:* P-14862-000.

c. *Date Filed:* November 14, 2017.

d. *Submitted By:* Douglas Leen.

e. *Name of Project:* Kupeanof Microhydro Project.

f. *Location:* On an unnamed stream, in Petersburg Borough, Alaska. The project occupies 0.1 acres of United States lands administered by U.S. Forest Service.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's regulations.

h. *Potential Applicant Contact:* Douglas Leen, P.O. Box 341, Petersburg, AK 99833; (907) 518-0335; mail@dougleen.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Ryan Hansen at (202) 502-8074; or email at ryan.hansen@ferc.gov.

j. Mr. Leen filed his request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on November 14, 2017. Mr. Leen provided public notice of his request on November 16, 2017. In a letter dated December 20, 2017, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved Mr. Leen's request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.

k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, Part 402; and NOAA Fisheries under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.920. We are also initiating consultation with the Alaska State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. Mr. Leen filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

m. A copy of the PAD is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website (<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, contact FERC Online Support at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.

n. Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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