

c. *Date Filed*: October 4, 2018.
d. *Applicant*: California Department of Water Resources.

e. *Name of Project*: Feather River Project.

f. *Location*: Feather River in Butte County, California.

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

h. *Applicant Contact*: Gwen Knittweis, California Department of Water Resources, 1416 Ninth Street, P.O. Box 942836, Sacramento, CA 94236, (916) 557–4554.

i. *FERC Contact*: Krista Sakallaris, (202) 502–6302, krista.sakallaris@ferc.gov.

j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests is November 29, 2018. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests 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/doc-sfiling/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. The first page of any filing should include docket number P–2100–188. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not considered part of the Commission record.

k. *Description of Request*: The licensee requests Commission approval to realign a segment of the Brad Freeman Trail around the Hyatt Powerplant and construct a new trail access point to replace access closed for the Hyatt Security Hardening project. The section of the Brad Freeman Trail proposed for realignment starts near the intersection of Oro Dam Boulevard and Oro Powerhouse Road and extends to the Lower Overlook Parking Area. The proposed location for the new trail access point is on the south side of the Diversion Pool in a disturbed area that was used as a staging site during the emergency response to the 2017 spillway incident. Any comments relating to project relicensing are not within the scope of this public notice and subsequent analysis.

l. *Locations of the Application*: A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room,

located at 888 First Street NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502–8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's website 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 at the address in item (h) above.

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, Motions to Intervene, or Protests*: Anyone may submit comments, a motion to intervene, or a protest in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .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, motions to intervene, or protests must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. *Filing and Service of 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 commenting, 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. Any filing made by an intervenor 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 385.2010.

Dated: October 29, 2018.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 5261–022]

Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, and Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process: Green Mountain Power Corporation

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

b. *Project No.*: 5261–022.

c. *Date Filed*: August 29, 2018.

d. *Submitted By*: Green Mountain Power Corporation.

e. *Name of Project*: Newbury Project.

f. *Location*: On the Wells River in the Town of Newbury, Orange County, Vermont. No federal lands are occupied by the project works or located within the project boundary.

g. *Filed Pursuant to*: 18 CFR 5.3 and 5.5 of the Commission's regulations.

h. *Potential Applicant Contact*: Jason Lisai, Director of Generation Operations, Green Mountain Power Corporation, 163 Acorn Lane, Colchester, VT 05446; (802) 655–8723; email at Jason.Lisai@greenmountainpower.com.

i. *FERC Contact*: John Baummer at (202) 502–6837; or john.baummer@ferc.gov.

j. Green Mountain Power filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on August 29, 2018, and provided public notice of the request on August 28, 2018. In a letter dated October 26, 2018, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved Green Mountain Power'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 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 Vermont State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. With this notice, we are designating Green Mountain Power as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation pursuant to section 7 of the

Endangered Species Act; and consultation pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

m. Green Mountain Power 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.

n. 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 2152 Post Road, Rutland, VT 05701.

o. The licensee states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a subsequent license for Project No. 5261. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.20, each application for a subsequent license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by August 31, 2021.

p. 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, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: October 26, 2018.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD19-6-000]

Notice of Availability of Draft Guidance for Horizontal Directional Drill Monitoring, Inadvertent Return Response, and Contingency Plans

The staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP) has prepared draft *Guidance for Horizontal Directional Drill Monitoring, Inadvertent Return Response, and Contingency Plans* (HDD Guidance). Commission staff is asking for comments on the draft HDD Guidance from federal and state

agencies, environmental consultants, inspectors, the natural gas industry, construction contractors, and other interested parties with special expertise in regards to preparation of HDD monitoring and contingency plans associated with natural gas projects. Please note that this comment period will close on December 28, 2018.

The draft HDD Guidance is available for public viewing on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC or Commission) website (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on General Search, and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (*i.e.*, AD19-6). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range.

Applicable sections of the Code of Federal Regulations Title 18 are referenced or summarized throughout the draft HDD Guidance. OEP staff is *not* seeking comment on any existing regulations or contemplating any changes to regulations within the context of the HDD Guidance. Comments pertaining to regulation changes will not be considered as we develop the final HDD Guidance.¹ OEP staff anticipates issuing a final updated version of the HDD Guidance in February 2019. We will consider all timely comments on the draft before issuing the final version.

Interested parties can help us determine appropriate updates and improvements by providing comments or suggestions that focus on the specific sections of the HDD Guidance requiring clarification, updates to reflect current laws and regulations, or additional information that should be included in each resource report. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. A detailed explanation of the rationale underlying your suggested modifications and/or any references to scientific studies associated with your comments would greatly help us with this process.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the docket number (AD19-6-000) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has staff available to assist you at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature on the Commission's website

(www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. This is an easy method for interested persons to submit brief, text-only comments;

(2) You can file your comments electronically using the eFiling feature on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on eRegister. You must select the type of filing you are making, select Comment on a Filing; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address. Be sure to reference Docket No. AD19-6-000 on your submission: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

All of the information related to the proposed updates to the HDD Guidance and submitted comments can be found on the FERC website (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link and docket number (*i.e.*, AD19-6). The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp.

Dated: October 26, 2018.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP18-89-000]

Notice of Revised Schedule for Environmental Review of the Empire Pipeline, Inc., Empire North Project

This notice identifies the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission staff's revised schedule for the completion of the environmental assessment (EA) for Empire Pipeline, Inc.'s Empire North Project. The first notice of schedule,

¹ The HDD Guidance is covered under the information collection requirements of FERC-577 (OMB Control No. 1902-0108).