

Signed in Washington, DC, on July 10, 2019.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. EA-312-B]

Application To Export Electric Energy; Emera Energy U.S. Subsidiary No. 2, Inc.

AGENCY: Office of Electricity,
Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Emera Energy U.S. Subsidiary No. 2, Inc. (Applicant or EE US No. 2) has applied to renew its authorization to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada pursuant to the Federal Power Act.

DATES: Comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before August 15, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests, motions to intervene, or requests for more information should be addressed to: Office of Electricity, Mail Code: OE-20, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585-0350. Because of delays in handling conventional mail, it is recommended that documents be retransmitted by overnight mail, by electronic mail to *Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov*, or by facsimile to 202-586-8008.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Energy (DOE) regulates exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country, pursuant to sections 301(b) and 402(f) of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7151(b) and 7172(f)). Such exports require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On November 18, 2014, DOE issued Order No. EA-312-A, which authorized EE US No. 2 to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer for a five-year term using existing international transmission facilities. That authorization expires on November 18, 2019. On July 3, 2019, EE US No. 2 filed an application with DOE for renewal of the export authorization contained in Order No. EA-312-A for an additional five-year term.

In its application, the Applicant states that it “does not own or control any

electric power generation or transmission facilities and does not have a franchised electric power service area.” The electric energy that the Applicant proposes to export to Canada would be surplus energy purchased from third parties, such as electric utilities and Federal power marketing agencies, pursuant to voluntary agreements. The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by the Applicant have previously been authorized by Presidential permits issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended, and are appropriate for open access transmission by third parties.

Procedural Matters: Any person desiring to be heard in this proceeding should file a comment or protest to the application at the address provided above. Protests should be filed in accordance with Rule 211 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (FERC) Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211). Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding should file a motion to intervene at the above address in accordance with FERC Rule 214 (18 CFR 385.214). Five (5) copies of such comments, protests, or motions to intervene should be sent to the address provided above on or before the date listed above.

Comments and other filings concerning EE US No. 2’s application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with OE Docket No. EA-312-B. An additional copy is to be provided directly to Will Szubielski, Emera Energy, 5151 Terminal Road, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 1A1, Canada; A. Michael Burnell, Emera Energy U.S. Subsidiary No. 2, Inc., Suite 101, #37 Route 236, Kittery, Maine 03904; and Bonnie A. Suchman, Suchman Law LLC, 8104 Paisley Place, Potomac, Maryland 20854.

A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to DOE’s National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (10 CFR part 1021) and after DOE determines that the proposed action will not have an adverse impact on the sufficiency of supply or reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above, by accessing the program website at <http://energy.gov/node/11845>, or by emailing Angela Troy at Angela.Troy@hq.doe.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP19-485-000]

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

Take notice that on July 2, 2019, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia), 700 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in Docket No. CP19-485-000, a Prior Notice Request pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission’s regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Columbia’s blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-76-000, requesting authorization to abandon six injection/withdrawal (I/W) wells, and associated appurtenances, and abandon in-place six associated pipelines totaling approximately 1.7 miles at the Lucas and Weaver Storage Fields located in Ashland County, Ohio. Columbia states the I/W wells have provided a de minimus contribution to the total field deliverability and casing replacement would not be cost effective due to the age of the facilities, all as more fully described 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.

Any questions regarding this prior notice should be directed to Sorana Linder, Director, Modernization & Certificates, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC, 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 700, Houston, Texas 77002, by telephone at (832) 320-5209, or by email at sorana_linder@transcanada.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 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 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 and will be notified of any 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 commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or 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 3 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Dated: July 10, 2019.
Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 8315-014]

Eagle Creek Sartell Hydro, LLC; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

July 10, 2019.

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

- a. *Type of Application:* Request for temporary variance of Article 34.
- b. *Project No.:* 8315-014.
- c. *Date Filed:* July 9, 2019.
- d. *Applicant:* Eagle Creek Sartell Hydro, LLC.
- e. *Name of Project:* Sartell Dam Hydro Project.
- f. *Location:* Mississippi River in Stearns and Benton counties, Minnesota.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r.
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Ms. Melissa Rondou, Eagle Creek Sartell Hydro, LLC, 116 N State Street, P.O. Box 167, Neshkoro, WI 54960, (920) 293-4628 ext. 347, melissa.rondou@eaglecreekre.com.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Mr. Jeremy Jessup, (202) 502-6779, Jeremy.Jessup@ferc.gov.
- j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests, is 15 days from the issuance date of this notice by the Commission. 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 numbers P-8315-014.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, 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.

k. *Description of Request:* The applicant requests a temporary variance from the run-of-river and reservoir elevation requirements of Article 34 of the license. The variance will allow the licensee to drawdown the reservoir approximately three feet beginning August 1, 2019, for a six-week period (from August 1 through approximately September 15, 2019). The drawdown is to assist the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, the Little Rock Lake Association, and the Benton Soil and Water Conservation District to facilitate water quality, fish habitat, and restoration improvements in the reach of the Mississippi River upstream of the project, and at Little Rock Lake, located approximately six miles upstream of the project.

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