e. *Name of Project:* Otter Tail River Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The Otter Tail River Hydroelectric Project consists of five developments on the Otter Tail River that starts in the Township of Friberg, Minnesota and extends downstream (south) of the City of Fergus Falls, Minnesota. The project does not occupy federal land.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Michael Olson, Natural Gas Turbine Operations and NERC Compliance, Otter Tail Power Company, 215 South Cascade Street, Fergus Falls, Minnesota 56537; (218) 739–8411; *mjolson@otpco.com.*

i. *FERC Contact:* Patrick Ely at (202) 502–8570 or email at *patrick.ely@ferc.gov*.

j. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

k. The Otter Tail River Project consists of the following five existing developments listed upstream to downstream: (1) Friberg development; (2) Hoot development; (3) Central development; (4) Pisgah development; and (5) Dayton Hollow development.

The Friberg development consists of: (1) A reservoir with a surface area of 340 acres, and negligible storage capacity, at a normal water surface elevation of 1,299 feet mean sea level (msl); (2) a 341-foot-long dam which contains a 31-foot-high and 61-foot-long spillway with seven bays, an 80-foot-long and 36-foot-high east earthfill dike, and a 200-foot-long and 36-foot-high west earthfill dike; (3) a power canal; (4) a 194-foot-long, 9-foot-diameter penstock; (5) a 27-foot-wide and 27-foot-long reinforced concrete powerhouse; (6) a vertical turbine rated at 900 horsepower (hp) under a head of 35 feet, connected to a 560-kilowatt (kW) generator; (7) a tailrace; (8) a 75-foot-long, 2.4-kilovolt (kV) transmission line; and (9) appurtenant facilities.

The Hoot development facilities include: (1) A reservoir with a negligible surface area and storage capacity (dam diverts river flow) at a normal water surface elevation of 1,256 feet msl; (2) a 150-foot-long, 9-foot-high dam which contains a concrete spillway with six stoplogged openings with the two outer openings 5 feet 4 inches wide and the other four openings 11 feet 4 inches wide; (3) a 500-foot-long, 90-inch-diameter concrete tunnel (Hoot Lake); (4) a 20-foot-wide, 700-foot-long channel between Hoot Lake and Wright Lake; (5) a 20-foot-wide, 300-foot-long channel leading to the intake structure; (6) a 1,050-foot-long, 8-foot-square concrete tube; (7) a surge tank; (8) an 89-foot-long, 6-foot-diameter steel penstock; (9) a reinforced concrete powerhouse; (10) a horizontal turbine rated at 1,260 hp under a head of 68 feet connected to a 1,000-kw generator; (11) a tailrace; (12) a 200-foot-long, 2.4-kV transmission line; (13) a nature-like fishway; and (14) appurtenant facilities.

The Central development consists of: (1) A reservoir having a surface area of 15 acres and a storage capacity of 400 acre-feet, at a normal water surface elevation of 1,181 feet msl; (2) a 107-foot-long and 25-foot-high dam which contains a 70-foot-long and 25-foot-high spillway; (3) an intake structure; (4) a 30-foot-wide and 40-foot-long brick masonry powerhouse; (5) a vertical turbine rated at 720 hp under a head of 22 feet, connected to a 400-kW generator; (6) a tailrace; (7) a 40-foot-long, 2.4-kV transmission line; and (8) appurtenant facilities.

The Pisgah development consists of: (1) A reservoir having a surface area of 70 acres and storage capacity of 250 acre-feet at a normal water surface elevation of 1,156 feet msl; (2) a 493-foot-long concrete gravity and earthfill dam ranging in height from 21 feet to 38 feet which has (a) an earthfill dike, (b) a 123-foot-long and 38-foot-high concrete wing wall, (c) six spillway bays, (d) a 150-foot-long and 21-foot-high south earthfill embankment, and (e) a 220-foot-long and 38-foot-high north earthfill embankment; (3) an intake; (4) a 22-foot-wide and 32-foot-long reinforced concrete and brick masonry powerhouse; (5) a vertical turbine rated at 850 hp under a head of 25 feet, connected to a 520-kW generator; (6) a tailrace; (7) a 330-foot-long, 2.4-kV transmission line; and (8) appurtenant facilities.

The Dayton Hollow development consists of: (1) A reservoir having a surface area of 230 acres and a storage capacity of 5,000 acre-feet at a normal water surface elevation of 1,107 feet msl; (2) a 265-foot-long concrete and earthfill dam varying in height from 11 feet to 40 feet which contains (a) an 80-foot-long and 40-foot-high concrete spillway section, (b) a 95-foot-long and 11-foot-high east earthfill embankment, and (c) a 90-foot-long and 22-foot-high west earthfill embankment; (3) an intake structure; (4) a 22-foot-wide and 32-foot-long reinforced concrete and masonry powerhouse; (5) a vertical turbine rated at 800 hp under a head of 35 feet, connected to a 520-kW generator and a horizontal 650 hp turbine connected to a 450-kW generator; (6) a tailrace; (7) an 80-foot-long, 2.4-kV transmission line; and (8) appurtenant facilities.

The Otter Tail River Project is operated in a run-of-river mode with an estimated annual energy production of approximately 22,323 megawatt hours. Otter Tail Power Company proposes to continue operating the project as a run-of-river facility and does not propose any new construction or modifications to the project.

l. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website 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 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 item h above.

m. 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, contact FERC Online Support.

n. *Procedural Schedule:* The application will be processed according to the following preliminary schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Notice of Acceptance/Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis.	April 2020.
Filing of recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and fishway prescriptions.	June 2020.
Commission issues Environmental Assessment (EA).	November 2020.
Comments on EA	December 2020.
Modified terms and conditions.	February 2021.

o. Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

Dated: December 6, 2019.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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Notice of Effectiveness of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status

Thermo Cogeneration Partnership, L.P	EG19–179–000
Peyton Creek Wind Farm, LLC	EG19–180–000
SR Hazlehurst III, LLC	EG19–181–000
Blue Summit III Wind, LLC	EG19–182–000
Airport Solar LLC	EG19–183–000
Heart of Texas Wind, LLC	EG19–184–000
Isabella Wind, LLC	EG19–185–000
224WB 8me LLC	EG19–186–000
Bronco Plains Wind, LLC	EG19–187–000
Poseidon Wind, LLC	EG19–188–000
Bearkat Wind Energy II LLC	EG19–189–000
Camilla Solar Energy LLC	EG19–190–000
Tenaska Clear Creek Wind, LLC	EG19–191–000

Take notice that during the month of November, 2019, the status of the above-captioned entities as Exempt Wholesale Generators became effective by operation of the Commission's regulations. 18 CFR 366.7(a) (2019).

Dated: December 6, 2019.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP19–474–000]

Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Putnam Expansion Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Putnam Expansion Project, proposed by Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC (Florida Gas) in the above-referenced docket. Florida Gas requests authorization to provide 169,000 million British thermal units per day (MMBtu/d) of natural gas to subscribed Project shippers. Florida Gas also requests approval to upgrade facilities at Compressor Station 18 to increase reliability to existing shippers. The Project includes modifications to existing facilities and installation of new pipeline loops in Columbia, Union, Putnam, Clay, and Orange counties, Florida.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Putnam Expansion Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The Putnam Expansion Project would consist of the following facilities in Florida:

- *West Loop*—install 13.7 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipeline loop [1] in Columbia and Union Counties;
- *East Loop*—install 7.0 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipeline loop in Clay and Putnam Counties;
- *Columbia/Union Receiver Station Relocation*—remove and relocate the existing 30-inch-diameter loop pig receiver located at the beginning of the West Loop in Columbia County to a new pig receiver station to be installed at the terminus of the West Loop in Union County;
- *Clay/Putnam Receiver Station Relocation*—remove and relocate the existing 30-inch-diateter loop pig receiver located at the beginning of the East Loop in Clay County to a new pig receiver station to be installed at the terminus of the East Loop in Putnam County;
- *Compressor Station (CS) 18*—install new automated valves, over pressure protection device, and station piping at Florida Gas's existing CS 18 in Orange County, Florida.

The Commission mailed a copy of the *Notice of Availability* to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups; and newspapers and libraries in the project area. The EA is only available in electronic format. It may be viewed and downloaded from the FERC's website (*www.ferc.gov*), on the Environmental Documents page (*https://www.ferc.gov/industries/gas/enviro/eis.asp*). In addition, the EA may be accessed by using the eLibrary link on the FERC's website. Click on the eLibrary link (*https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp*), click on General Search, and enter the docket number in the Docket Number field, excluding the last three digits (*i.e.* CP19–474). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at *FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or toll free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Your comments should focus on the EA's disclosure and discussion of potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that the Commission has the opportunity to consider your comments prior to making its decision on this project, it is important that we receive your comments in Washington, DC on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on January 6, 2020.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to file your comments to the Commission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has staff available to assist you at (866) 208–3676 or *FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.* Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded.

(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 submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can also 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. If you

[1] A pipeline loop is a segment of pipe constructed parallel to an existing pipeline to increase capacity. A ''pig'' is a tool that the pipeline company inserts into and pushes through the pipeline for cleaning the pipeline, conducting internal inspections, or other purposes.