

licensing process is the default process for preparing an application for a new license, a potential applicant may request to use alternative licensing procedures when it files its NOI.<sup>6</sup>

Applications for a subsequent license or exemption from potential applicants for the Stevenson No. 1 Project must be filed within 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license.<sup>7</sup>

Questions concerning the process for filing an NOI should be directed to Julia Kolberg at 202-502-8261 or [Julia.Kolberg@ferc.gov](mailto:Julia.Kolberg@ferc.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15008-000]

#### Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications; Gridflex Energy, LLC

On September 23, 2019, Gridflex Energy, LLC filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Sweetwater Pumped Storage Hydro Project to be located in San Juan County, New Mexico. Gridflex Energy, LLC subsequently amended its application on January 3, 2020, and again on January 14, 2020. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed closed-loop pumped hydropower project would consist of the following new facilities: (1) A 9,000-foot-long, 40-foot-high dam impounding an upper reservoir with a total storage capacity of 5,000 acre feet, a reservoir surface elevation of 6,770 feet above mean sea level (msl), and a reservoir surface area of 120 acres; (2) 1,700-foot-long, 130-foot-high dam impounding a lower reservoir with a total storage

capacity of 5,000 acre feet, a reservoir surface elevation of 5,685 feet msl, and a reservoir surface area of 163 acres; (3) two primary conduits including one concrete-lined vertical shaft 1,200 feet long by 25 feet in diameter, two concrete-and-steel-lined high pressure tunnels 5,000 feet long by 14 feet in diameter, and two concrete-lined tailrace tunnels 3,300 feet long by 16 feet in diameter; (4) a 500-foot-long, 80-foot-wide, 50-foot-high powerhouse complex constructed of concrete and metal formwork with three vertical shafts, each housing 200-megawatt variable-speed reversible pump-turbine and motor-generators; and (5) a 9.3-mile-long, 345-kilovolt transmission line with a tentative point of interconnection at the existing San Juan Generating Station; and (6) appurtenant facilities. Initial fill water, and make-up water for evaporation loss would be purchased from parties holding water rights associated with the San Juan Generating Station or otherwise associated with the San Juan River. The estimated annual generation of the project would be 1,051,200 megawatt hours.

*Applicant Contact:* Mr. Matthew Shapiro, Gridflex energy, LLC, 424 W. Pueblo St. #A, Boise, ID 83027; phone: (208) 246-9925.

*FERC Contact:* Benjamin Mann; Email: [benjamin.mann@ferc.gov](mailto:benjamin.mann@ferc.gov); phone: (202) 502-8127.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications 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](mailto: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-15008-000.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can

be viewed or printed on the eLibrary link of Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-15008) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP20-34-000]

#### Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization; Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC

Take notice that on January 6, 2020, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia), 700 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas 77002-2700, filed in the above referenced docket a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205, 157.208, and 157.216 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and its blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-76-000 for authorization to perform installations and modifications enabling the in-line inspection of its 20-inch-diameter Line D located in Licking, Knox, Morrow, and Crawford Counties, Ohio. Specifically, Columbia proposes to: (i) Install, replace, or remove valves, pipe, and other appurtenant facilities at six locations; and (ii) install bidirectional launcher/receiver devices and appurtenant facilities at two locations. Columbia estimates the cost of the project to be approximately \$13.0 million, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

The filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website 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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TYY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Sorana Linder, Director, Modernization & Certificates, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC, 700 Louisiana

individually or in combination with other entities.  
18 CFR 16.24(b)(1) (2019).

<sup>6</sup> 18 CFR 5.3(b) (2019).

<sup>7</sup> 18 CFR 16.20(c) (2019).

Street, Suite 700, Houston, Texas 77002–2700, by telephone at (832) 320–5209, or by email at [sorana\\_linder@tcenergy.com](mailto:sorana_linder@tcenergy.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.

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*Deputy Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–10004–61–OW]

### Notice of Webinar Briefing and Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of webinar briefing and public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA's Environmental Financial Advisory Board (EFAB) will hold a webinar briefing on January 30, 2020 and a public meeting on February 11–13, 2020 in Washington, DC. The purpose of the webinar will be to receive a background briefing on the Backhaul Alaska program. The purpose of the public meeting will be to: Consider a report by the EFAB Stormwater Infrastructure Finance Task Force Workgroup; conduct a consultation with the EPA on financing options for the Backhaul Alaska program; receive briefings on other environmental financing topics; and consider possible future projects.

**DATES:** The webinar will be held on January 30, 2020 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. EST. The February 11, 2020 through February 13, 2020 public meetings will be held as follows: February 11 and 12, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST, and on February 13, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. EST.

**ADDRESSES:** The webinar briefing will be conducted by webinar only and is open to the public; interested persons must register in advance at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2221546055725723395>. The public meeting will be held at the Washington Marriott Georgetown, 1221 22nd Street NW, Washington, DC 20037. The meeting is open to the public; however, seating is limited. All members of the public who wish to attend the meeting are asked to register in advance, no later than February 5, 2020 at <https://efabmeetingfeb2020.eventbrite.com>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public who wants further information concerning the webinar briefing or the public meeting may contact Stephanie Sanzone, EFAB Coordinator, via telephone/voice mail (202) 564–2839 or email at [sanzone.stephanie@epa.gov](mailto:sanzone.stephanie@epa.gov). The EFAB mailing address is: EPA Environmental Financial Advisory Board (4204M), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460. General information about the EFAB can be found on the EPA website at <https://www.epa.gov/waterfinancecenter/efab>.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Background:** The EFAB is an EPA advisory committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2, to provide advice and recommendations to the EPA on innovative approaches to funding environmental programs, projects, and activities. Administrative support for the EFAB is provided by the Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center within the EPA's Office of Water. Pursuant to FACA and EPA policy, notice is hereby given that the EFAB will hold a webinar briefing and a public meeting for the following purposes:

**Webinar Briefing:** The purpose of the webinar on January 30, 2020 will be for members of the EFAB to receive a briefing on the Backhaul Alaska program in preparation for a consultation on the program to be held at the February 11–13, 2020 public meeting. Due to unforeseen administrative circumstances, the EPA is announcing this webinar with less than 15 calendar days notice. The webinar is open to the public, but no oral public comments will be accepted during the briefing. Written public comments relating to the Backhaul Alaska consultation should be provided in accordance with the instructions below on written statements.

**Public Meeting:** The agenda for the meeting on February 11–13, 2020 will include:

(1) Review of a report by the EFAB Stormwater Infrastructure Finance Task Force Workgroup. Pursuant to Section 4101 of the America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018, the Task Force was established under the auspices of the EFAB to prepare a report on the availability of public and private sources of funding for the construction, rehabilitation, and operation and maintenance of stormwater infrastructure. The final Task Force report will be considered by the EFAB for revision or approval for transmittal