

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).