

Commission's compliance with section 215 of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 824o), which enables the Commission to strengthen the reliability of the bulk-power system.<sup>1</sup> The Commission's implementation of FPA section 215 involves review and approval of a system of mandatory Reliability Standards that are established and enforced by an Electric Reliability Organization (ERO).<sup>2</sup> The Commission has certified the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) as the ERO.<sup>3</sup>

Reliability Standards that the ERO proposes to the Commission may include Reliability Standards that are

proposed to the ERO by a Regional Entity.<sup>4</sup> A Regional Entity is an entity that has been approved by the Commission to enforce Reliability Standards under delegated authority from the ERO.<sup>5</sup> On March 17, 2011, the Commission approved a regional Reliability Standard submitted by the ERO that was developed by the ReliabilityFirst Corporation (RF).<sup>6</sup>

RF promotes bulk electric system reliability in the Eastern Interconnection. RF is the Regional Entity responsible for compliance monitoring and enforcement in the RF region. In addition, RF provides an environment for the development of

Reliability Standards and the coordination of the operating and planning activities of its members as set forth in the RF bylaws.

There is one regional Reliability Standard in the RF region. The Commission requests renewal of OMB clearance for that regional Reliability Standard, known as BAL-502-RF-03 (Planning Resource Adequacy Analysis, Assessment and Documentation).

*Type of Respondents:* Planning coordinators.

*Estimate of Annual Burden*<sup>7</sup>: The estimated burden and cost<sup>8</sup> are as follows:

**FERC-725HH, RF RELIABILITY STANDARDS**

Entity	Number of respondents <sup>9</sup>	Annual number of responses per respondent	Annual number of responses	Average burden hours and cost per response (\$)	Total annual burden hours and total annual cost (\$)	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1) = (6)
<b>Proposed Regional Reliability Standard BAL-502-RF-03</b>						
Planning Coordinators .....	2	1	2	16 hrs.; \$1,243.52 .....	32 hrs.; \$2487.04 .....	\$1,243.52

*Comments:* Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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<sup>1</sup> FPA section 251(a)(1) defines bulk-power system as follows: (A) facilities and control systems necessary for operating an interconnected electric energy transmission network (or any portion thereof); and (B) electric energy from generation facilities needed to maintain transmission system reliability. The term does not include facilities used in the local distribution of electric energy.

<sup>2</sup> FPA section 215(a)(2) defines "Electric Reliability Organization" as "the organization certified by the Commission under subsection (c) the purpose of which is to establish and enforce reliability standards for the bulk-power system, subject to Commission review."

<sup>3</sup> *North American Electric Reliability Corp.*, 116 FERC 61,062 (ERO Certification Order), *order on reh'g & compliance*, 117 FERC 61,126 (2006), *aff'd*

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 2879-012]

**Green Mountain Power Corporation; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests, Ready for Environmental Analysis, and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Preliminary Terms and Conditions, and Preliminary Fishway Prescriptions**

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

- a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.
- b. *Project No.:* 2879-012.
- c. *Date Filed:* January 30, 2020.

*sub nom. Alcoa, Inc. v. FERC*, 564 F.3d 1342 (DC Cir. 2009).

<sup>4</sup> 16 U.S.C. 824o(e)(4).

<sup>5</sup> 16 U.S.C. 824o(a)(7) and (e)(4).

<sup>6</sup> *Planning Resource Adequacy Assessment Reliability Standard*, Order No. 747, 134 FERC 61,212 (2011).

<sup>7</sup> Burden is defined as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. For further explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, refer to 5 CFR 1320.3.

<sup>8</sup> For BAL-502-RF-03, the hourly cost (for salary plus benefits) uses the figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics for three positions involved in the reporting and recordkeeping requirements. These

d. *Applicant:* Green Mountain Power Corporation (GMP).

e. *Name of Project:* Bolton Falls Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The existing project is located on the Winooski River in Washington County, Vermont. The project does not affect federal lands.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. John Greenan, P.E., Engineer, Green Mountain Power Corporation, 1252 Post Road, Rutland, Vermont 05701; phone: (802) 770-2195 or email at [John.Greenan@greenmountainpower.com](mailto:John.Greenan@greenmountainpower.com).

i. *FERC Contact:* Michael Tust at (202) 502-6522; or email at [michael.tust@ferc.gov](mailto:michael.tust@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests, comments, recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and preliminary*

figures include salary ([https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes\\_nat.htm](https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.htm)) and benefits (<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/ecec.nr0.htm>) and are:

- Manager (Occupation Code 11-0000): \$94.84/hour
- Engineer (Occupation Code 17-2071): \$85.71/hour
- File Clerk (Occupation Code 43-4071): \$52.60/hour

The hourly cost for the reporting requirements (\$77.72) is an average of the cost of a manager, an engineer, and a file clerk.

<sup>9</sup> The number of respondents is derived from the NERC Compliance Registry as of October 2, 2020 for the burden associated with the proposed regional Reliability Standard BAL-502-RF-03.

prescriptions: 60 days from the issuance date of this notice; reply comments are due 105 days from the issuance date of this notice.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene, protests, comments, recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and preliminary fishway prescriptions using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOOnline.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

The Commission's Rules of Practice 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. This application has been accepted for filing and is now ready for environmental analysis.

The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) issued a final rule on July 15, 2020, revising the regulations under 40 CFR parts 1500-1518 that federal agencies use to implement NEPA (see Update to the Regulations Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, 85 FR 43,304). The Final Rule became effective on and applies to any NEPA process begun after September 14, 2020. An agency may also apply the regulations to ongoing activities and environmental documents begun before September 14, 2020, which includes the proposed Bolton Falls Project relicensing. Commission staff intends to conduct its NEPA review in accordance with CEQ's new regulations.

1. *The Bolton Falls Project consists of the following constructed facilities:* (1) A 92-foot-high, 275-foot-wide timber crib dam with a 5-foot-high rubber dam atop the timber crib construction with a maximum crest elevation of 397 feet and a 196-foot-long reinforced concrete spillway cap at a crest elevation of 392 feet; (2) a 59-acre impoundment with a total storage capacity of 300 acre-feet at a normal operating elevation of 397 feet; (3) a forebay with two concrete intakes, each with a 3-inch-spaced trashrack; (4) two 10-foot diameter, 120-foot-long steel penstocks; (5) a 73-foot-long, 57-foot-wide powerhouse containing two horizontal, 3,750-kilowatt Kaplan turbines with a total installed capacity of 7,500 kilowatts; (6) a 36-inch diameter steel bypass pipe with an invert elevation of 383 feet that discharges near the left side of the spillway base; (7) an approximately 130-foot long, 5-kilovolt underground transmission line connecting to an adjacent switchyard; (8) a 600-foot-long, 34.5-kilovolt overhead transmission line connecting to a second switchyard; and (9) appurtenant facilities. GMP also maintains day-use recreation facilities at the project, including a picnic area, trails, fishing access, and a canoe launch and portage trail.

GMP proposes to operate in automated run-of-river mode as it does under its current practice but instead of providing a 300-cubic feet per second (cfs) minimum flow into the Winooski River through the powerhouse (when generating) or via spill over the dam (when not generating) as it does now, GMP proposes to provide a seasonal aesthetic spill flow of 75 cfs or inflow, whichever is less, into the bypassed reach via spillage over the dam during daylight hours from April 1 through December 15. At all other times, bypassed reach flows would be reduced to leakage except when inflow drops below the minimum hydraulic capacity (*i.e.*, 365 cfs) or when inflow exceeds the maximum hydraulic capacity (2,400 cfs) of the generating units in which case additional flows would be released to the bypassed reach via spill over the dam. Under normal flow conditions when aesthetic spillage is required, GMP proposes to maintain the impoundment at an elevation of 397.25 feet. When aesthetic spillage over the dam is not required, GMP proposes to maintain the reservoir at an elevation of 397 feet as it does now. GMP also proposes to: (1) Relocate recreation parking area out of the floodplain; (2) implement measures to protect creeping lovegrass at the day-use area; (3) add two picnic tables and an information

kiosk to the day-use area; and (4) improve the portage landing, trail, and signage.

m. A copy of the application can 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.

Register online at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOOnline.aspx> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title PROTEST, MOTION TO INTERVENE, COMMENTS, REPLY COMMENTS, RECOMMENDATIONS, PRELIMINARY TERMS AND CONDITIONS, or PRELIMINARY FISHWAY PRESCRIPTIONS; (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 protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application 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 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

o. Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than thirty (30) days from the issuance date of this notice.

p. The applicant must file no later than 60 days following the date of issuance of this notice: (1) A copy of the water quality certification; (2) a copy of the request for certification, including proof of the date on which the certifying agency received the request; or (3) evidence of waiver of water quality certification. Please note that the certification request must be sent to the certifying authority and to the Commission concurrently.

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

Milestone	Target date
Deadline for Filing Comments, Recommendations, and Agency Terms and Conditions/Prescriptions.	January 2021.
Deadline for Filing Reply Comments.	March 2021.

Dated: December 1, 2020.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP20-527-000]

#### Columbia Gulf Transmission, LLC; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the East Lateral Xpress Project

On September 24, 2020, Columbia Gulf Transmission, LLC (Columbia Gulf) filed an application in Docket No. CP20-527-000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to construct and operate certain natural gas pipeline facilities in Louisiana. The proposed project is known as the East Lateral Xpress Project (Project), and would provide a total of 725 million standard cubic feet per day of firm transportation capacity, on Columbia Gulf's interstate natural gas pipeline system, to supply feed gas for Venture Global LNG's Plaquemines LNG facility in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

On October 8, 2020, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the

requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's environmental document for the Project.

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the Project and the planned schedule for the completion of the environmental review.<sup>1</sup>

#### Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA March 16, 2021  
90-day Federal Authorization Decision  
Deadline June 14, 2021

If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the Project's progress.

#### Project Description

The East Lateral Xpress Project would consist of the following facilities:

- 8.1 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipeline lateral within Barataria Bay in Jefferson and Plaquemines Parishes, Louisiana;
- a new 23,470-horsepower compressor station at an existing Columbia Gulf abandoned compressor station site in St. Mary Parish, Louisiana (Centerville Compressor Station);
- a new 23,470-horsepower compressor station adjacent to an existing tie-in facility in Lafourche Parish, Louisiana (Golden Meadow Compressor Station);
- one new delivery meter station;
- one new tie-in facility in Barataria Bay; and
- two new mainline valves.

#### Background

On October 21, 2020, the Commission issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed East Lateral Xpress Project* (Notice of Scoping). The Notice of Scoping was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. In response to the Notice of Scoping, the Commission received comments from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Marine Fisheries Service, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Teamsters National Pipeline Labor Management Cooperation Trust. The primary issues raised by the

commenters are essential fish habitat; air quality; environmental justice populations; and tribal impacts. All substantive comments will be addressed in the EA.

#### Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This service provides automatic notification of filings made to subscribed dockets, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to register for eSubscription.

Additional information about the Project is available from the Commission's

Office of External Affairs at (866) 208-FERC or on the FERC website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)). Using the eLibrary link, select General Search from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and Docket Number (*i.e.*, CP20-527), and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at (866) 208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). The eLibrary link on the FERC website also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0750; FRL-10017-13]

### Pesticide Registration Review; Proposed Interim Decision for Chlorpyrifos; Notice of Availability

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of EPA's proposed interim registration review decision for chlorpyrifos and opens a 60-day public comment period on the proposed interim decision, revised draft human health risk assessment and ecological risk assessment for chlorpyrifos.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before February 5, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by the docket identification

<sup>1</sup>40 CFR 1501.10 (2020)