

must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Dated: August 13, 2021.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 1858-023]

**Beaver City Corporation; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission and Soliciting Additional Study Requests and Cooperating Agencies and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Relicensing and a Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments**

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

- a. *Type of Application:* New Minor License.
- b. *Project No.:* 1858-023.
- c. *Date filed:* July 30, 2021.
- d. *Applicant:* Beaver City Corporation.
- e. *Name of Project:* Beaver City Canyon Plant No. 2 Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* On the Beaver River, in Beaver County, Utah, about 5 miles east of the city of Beaver. The project currently occupies 10.18 acres of federal land administered by the U.S. Forest Service, and 1.87 acres of federal land managed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. As proposed, the project would occupy 11.5 acres of federal land administered by the U.S. Forest Service.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791 (a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Jason Brown, Beaver City Manager, 30 West 300 North, Beaver, UT 84713; (435) 438-2451.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Evan Williams at (202) 502-8462, or at [evan.williams@ferc.gov](mailto:evan.williams@ferc.gov).

j. *Cooperating agencies:* Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item l below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. *See*, 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

k. Pursuant to section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the application, and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

l. *Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status:* September 28, 2021.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOOnline.aspx>. 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. All filings must clearly identify the project name and docket number on the first page: Beaver City Canyon Plant No. 2 Hydroelectric Project (P-1858-023).

m. The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. *Project Description:* The existing project consists of: (1) A 17-foot-high by 65-foot-wide diversion dam; (2) a 30-inch-diameter, 11,450-foot-long black steel penstock; (3) a 34-foot-long by 41-foot-wide stone powerhouse containing an impulse turbine and one generating unit with an installed capacity of 625 kilowatts; (4) a 4-foot-wide by 150-foot-long tailrace channel; (5) a 12.5-kilovolt,

approximately 21,000-foot-long transmission line; and (6) appurtenant facilities. Beaver City Corporation proposes to abandon the existing powerhouse and tailrace and construct: (1) A new 40-foot-long by 27-foot-wide powerhouse to contain a new turbine-generator with an installed capacity of 720 kilowatts, and (2) a new approximately 50-foot-long by approximately 7.5-foot-wide to 19-foot-wide tailrace. The new powerhouse and tailrace would be constructed approximately 50 feet upstream of the existing powerhouse, and the existing powerhouse would be retained within the project boundary as an historic structure. Beaver City Corporation also proposes to remove approximately 20,930 feet of the existing 12.5-kilovolt transmission line from the project.

o. In addition to publishing the full text of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this notice, as well as other documents in the proceeding (e.g., license application) via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<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 (P-1858-023). At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

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.

p. *Procedural schedule and final amendments:* The application will be processed according to the following preliminary schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Issue Deficiency Letter/ Request for Additional Information.	September 2021.
Issue Acceptance Letter .. Issue Scoping Document 1.	December 2021. January 2022.
Request for Additional Information (if necessary).	March 2022.
Issue Scoping Document 2 (if necessary).	April 2022.

Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis.	April 2022.
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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: August 13, 2021.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP21-57-000]

#### Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline Amendment Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Mountain Valley Pipeline Amendment Project (Amendment Project), proposed by Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC (Mountain Valley) in the above-referenced docket. Mountain Valley requests authorization to change the crossing method of specific waterbodies and wetlands from open-cut dry crossings (as authorized by its October 13, 2017 Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity [Certificate]) to trenchless methods (conventional bore, guided conventional bore, or Direct Pipe<sup>®</sup> <sup>1</sup>). In addition, Mountain Valley requests authorization for two minor route adjustments to avoid wetlands and waterbodies and authorization to conduct nighttime construction at eight trenchless crossings.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Amendment 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.

<sup>1</sup> Direct Pipe<sup>®</sup> is a construction method developed by Herrenknecht AG that combines microtunneling and horizontal direction drill (HDD).

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) is a federal cooperating agency who assisted us in preparing this EA because they have jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to impacts to waters of the U.S. The COE may adopt the EA per 40 CFR 1501.8 if, after an independent review of the document, it concludes that their requirements and/or regulatory responsibilities have been satisfied. However, the COE would present its own conclusions and recommendations in its respective and applicable records of decision or determinations. Otherwise, it may elect to conduct its own supplemental environmental analyses.

The proposed Amendment Project includes the following:

- 120 trenchless crossings (117 conventional bores, 2 guided conventional bores, and 1 Direct Pipe<sup>®</sup>) of 47 wetlands and 136 streams in Wetzel, Lewis, Webster, Nicholas, Greenbrier, Summers, and Monroe counties, West Virginia and Giles, Montgomery, Roanoke, Franklin, and Pittsylvania, counties, Virginia;
- avoidance of one wetland via a shift in the permanent operational right-of-way at MP 0.70;
- avoidance of one waterbody due to a route adjustment at MP 230.8; and
- 24-hour construction activities at the previously authorized Gauley River and Roanoke River, two guided conventional bore crossings, the Direct Pipe<sup>®</sup> crossing, and three conventional bore locations.

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](http://www.ferc.gov)), on the natural gas environmental documents page (<https://www.ferc.gov/industries-data/natural-gas/environment/environmental-documents>). In addition, the EA may be accessed by using the eLibrary link on the FERC's website. Click on the eLibrary link (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search>), select "General Search" and enter the docket number in the "Docket Number" field, (i.e., CP21-57). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

The EA is not a decision document. It presents Commission staff's independent analysis of the environmental issues for the Commission to consider when addressing the merits of all issues in this proceeding. 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 September 13, 2021.

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](mailto: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](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to FERC Online. 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](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to FERC Online. 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 are filing a comment on a particular project, please select "Comment on a Filing"; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the Commission. Be sure to reference the project docket number (CP21-57-000) on your letter. 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.

Filing environmental comments will not give you intervenor status, but you