

“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 submitting the filing; 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. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on

the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

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. 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 comply with 40 CFR 121.5(b), including documentation that a pre-filing meeting request was submitted to the certifying authority at least 30 days prior to submitting the certification request. Please also note that the certification request must be sent to the certifying authority and to the Commission concurrently.

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

Milestone	Target date
Filing of Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Fishway Prescriptions .....	April 2023.
Filing of Reply Comments .....	June 2023.

Dated: February 16, 2023.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

Secretary.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[P-2232-858]

**Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests**

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

a. *Type of Application:* Amendment of license to construct debris gate at the Rhodhiss development.

b. *Project No.:* 2232-858.

c. *Date Filed:* January 19, 2023.

d. *Applicant:* Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Catawba-Wateree Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the Catawba-Wateree River in Burke, McDowell, Caldwell, Catawba, Alexander, Iredell, Mecklenburg, Lincoln, and Gaston counties, North Carolina, and York, Lancaster, Chester, Fairfield, and Kershaw counties South Carolina.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Jeffrey G. Lineberger, Director of Water Strategy and Hydro Licensing, Duke Energy, Mail

Code EC-12Q, 526 South Church Street, Charlotte, NC 28202, (704) 382-5942.

i. *FERC Contact:* Mr. Steven Sachs, (202) 502-8666, [Steven.Sachs@ferc.gov](mailto:Steven.Sachs@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests is 30 days from the issuance of this notice by the Commission. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests 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/doc-sfiling/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, 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, MD 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-2232-858.*

The Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure 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. *Description of Request:* The applicant requests an amendment of license to construct a 20-foot-long, 5.5-foot-high pneumatic crest gate that would be used to pass debris at the Rhodhiss development. The gate would be located at the left end of the spillway adjacent to the powerhouse. The applicant estimates gate installation would take place between September 2023 and August 2024 and does not anticipate requiring a reservoir drawdown below the normal minimum elevation (6 feet below full pond) during construction, but may require a brief deviation below the normal target elevation (3 feet below full pond) lasting less than 2 weeks. Following completion of construction, the applicant does not propose any changes to required water levels, flows, or operations as part of its request.

l. In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission’s Home Page (<http://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, (886) 208-3676 or TYY, (202) 502-8659.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission’s mailing list should

so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

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

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents:* Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", or "PROTEST" as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number(s) of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person intervening or protesting; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis. 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 385.2010.

Dated: February 16, 2023.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. AD22-9-000]

**New England Winter Gas-Electric Forum; Notice of Second New England Winter Gas-Electric Forum**

Take notice that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will convene a forum on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, from approximately 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time. The forum will be held in Portland, Maine and will be open to the public.

The purpose of this forum is to continue discussions from the

September 8, 2022 forum regarding the electricity and natural gas challenges facing the New England Region. The objective of the forum is to shift from defining electric and natural gas system challenges in the New England Region to discussing potential solutions, including both infrastructure and market-based solutions.

Registration for in-person attendance will be required and there is no fee for attendance. The forum will also be available on webcast. A supplemental notice will be issued with further details regarding the forum agenda, as well as any updates on timing and logistics, including registration for members of the public and the nomination process for panelists. Information will also be posted on the Calendar of Events on the Commission's website, *www.ferc.gov*, prior to the event. The forum will be transcribed.

Commission conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations, please send an email to *accessibility@ferc.gov*, call toll-free (866) 208-3372 (voice) or (202) 208-8659 (TTY), or send a fax to (202) 208-2106 with the required accommodations.

For more information about this forum, please contact *NewEnglandForum@ferc.gov* for technical or logistical questions.

Dated: February 16, 2023.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project Nos. 2322-069, 2322-071, 2325-100, 2574-092, 2611-091]

**Brookfield White Pine Hydro, LLC, Merimil Limited Partnership, Hydro-Kennebec, LLC; Revised Procedural Schedule for Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Project Relicense, Interim Species Protection Plan, and Final Species Protection Plan**

On January 31, 2020, Brookfield White Pine Hydro, LLC filed an application for a new license to continue to operate and maintain the 8.65-megawatt (MW) Shawmut Hydroelectric Project No. 2322 (Shawmut Project). On June 1, 2021, in a separate compliance proceeding for the Shawmut Project, Brookfield White

Pine Hydro, LLC filed an Interim Species Protection Plan (Interim Plan) for Atlantic salmon and requested Commission approval to amend the current Shawmut license to incorporate the Interim Plan. The Interim Plan includes measures to protect endangered Atlantic salmon until the Commission issues a decision on the relicense application for the Shawmut Project.

Also on June 1, 2021, Brookfield Power US Asset Management, LLC (Brookfield), on behalf of the affiliated licensees for the 6.915-MW Lockwood Hydroelectric Project No. 2574, 15.433-MW Hydro-Kennebec Hydroelectric Project No. 2611, and 15.98-MW Weston Hydroelectric Project No. 2325, filed a Final Species Protection Plan (Final Plan) for Atlantic salmon, Atlantic sturgeon, and shortnose sturgeon and requested Commission approval to amend the three project licenses to incorporate the Final Plan. All four projects are located on the Kennebec River, in Kennebec and Somerset Counties, Maine.

On November 23, 2021, Commission staff issued a notice of intent to prepare a draft and final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the effects of relicensing the Shawmut Project and amending the licenses of all four projects to incorporate the measures in the Interim and Final Plans. The notice of intent included a schedule for preparing a draft and final EIS.

On September 21, 2022, Brookfield filed supplemental information for the Final Plan, Interim Plan, and License Application. The filing includes a delayed mortality analysis for salmon smolts and additional measures that are intended to improve the downstream survival of juvenile and adult Atlantic salmon at the four projects. On October 5, 2022, Commission staff noticed the filing and solicited comments. Numerous comments were filed by stakeholders. The EIS will consider Brookfield's additional measures and the comments filed in response to the notice.

Therefore, by this notice, Commission staff is updating the procedural schedule for completing a draft and final EIS. The revised schedule is shown below. Further revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Issue Draft EIS .....	August 2023.
Issue Final EIS .....	March 2024.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Matt Cutlip at (503)