

representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

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

Issue Scoping Document 1 for comments—May 2023

Comments on Scoping Document 1 Due—June 2023

Issue Scoping Document 2 (if necessary)—July 2023

Request Additional Information (if necessary)—July 2023

Issue Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis—August 2023

Dated: April 24, 2023.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 5867–054]

**Alice Falls Hydro, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment**

On September 29, 2021, Alice Falls Hydro, LLC filed an application for a new major license for the 2.1-megawatt Alice Falls Hydroelectric Project (Alice Falls Project or project; FERC No. 5867). The Alice Falls Project is located on the Ausable River, in the Town of Chesterfield, Clinton and Essex counties, New York.

In accordance with the Commission’s regulations, on February 16, 2023, Commission staff issued a notice that the project was ready for environmental analysis (REA notice). Based on the information in the record, including comments filed on the REA notice, staff does not anticipate that licensing the project would constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, staff intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the application to license the Alice Falls Project.

The EA will be issued and circulated for review by all interested parties. All comments filed on the EA will be analyzed by staff and considered in the Commission’s final licensing decision.

The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Commission issues EA ....	December 2023. <sup>1</sup>
Comments on EA .....	January 2024.

<sup>1</sup>The Council on Environmental Quality’s (CEQ) regulations under 40 CFR 1501.10(b)(1) require that EAs be completed within 1 year of the federal action agency’s decision to prepare an EA. This notice establishes the Commission’s intent to prepare an EA for the Alice Falls Project. Therefore, in accordance with CEQ’s regulations, the EA must be issued within 1 year of the issuance date of this notice.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Nicholas Tackett at (202) 502–6783 or [nicholas.tackett@ferc.gov](mailto:nicholas.tackett@ferc.gov).

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Secretary.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. EL23–52–000]

**MD Solar 2, LLC; Notice of Institution of Section 206 Proceeding and Refund Effective Date**

On April 24, 2023, the Commission issued an order in Docket No. EL23–52–000, pursuant to section 206 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 824e, instituting an investigation into whether MD Solar 2, LLC’s Rate Schedule is unjust, unreasonable, unduly discriminatory or preferential, or otherwise unlawful. *MD Solar 2, LLC*, 183 FERC ¶ 61,053 (2023).

The refund effective date in Docket No. EL23–52–000, established pursuant to section 206(b) of the FPA, will be the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Any interested person desiring to be heard in Docket No. EL23–52–000 must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate, with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.214 (2022), within 21 days of the date of issuance of the order.

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://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. 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 [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (886) 208–3676 or TTY, (202) 502–8659.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the “eFile” link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. 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.

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Western Area Power Administration**

**Recommendation for the Western Area Power Administration’s Rocky Mountain Region and Colorado River Storage Project Management Center To Pursue Final Negotiations Regarding Membership in the Southwest Power Pool Regional Transmission Organization, and for the Upper Great Plains Region To Expand Its Participation**

**AGENCY:** Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of recommendation to pursue final negotiations regarding SPP RTO membership.

**SUMMARY:** Western Area Power Administration (WAPA), a Power Marketing Administration of the Department of Energy (DOE), recommends the Rocky Mountain Region (WAPA–RM) with its Loveland Area Projects Transmission System and the Colorado River Storage Project Management Center (WAPA–CRSP) with its Colorado River Storage Project Transmission System pursue final negotiations regarding transmission