foot-wide fixed wheel gates and a log chute; (2) the 235-surface-acre Gorge Lake with a gross storage capacity of 8,200 acre-feet at normal maximum water surface elevation of 881.5 feet; (3) a bifurcated intake structure with two 20-foot-wide, 88.9-foot-long openings and trashracks; (4) a 20.5-foot-diameter, 11,000-foot-long concrete-lined power tunnel; (5) three 10-foot-diameter penstocks and one 15-foot-diameter penstock, each 1,600 feet long and each fitted with a 10-foot-diameter butterfly biplane and relief valves; (6) a surge tank; (7) a powerhouse containing four generating units with a total authorized installed capacity of 189.3 MW; (8) a switchyard; (9) a 230-kV, 36.8-mile-long transmission line extending from Gorge Switchyard to North Mountain Substation; and (10) appurtenant facilities.

The three project developments are hydraulically coordinated to operate as a single project. Project operation under the existing license is designed to meet four objectives, which are prioritized as follows: (1) flood control, (2) salmon and steelhead protection flows downstream of Gorge Powerhouse, (3) recreation, and (4) power generation. To achieve these goals, City Light adheres to specific license requirements for Ross Lake levels and for stream flows and ramping rates downstream of Gorge Powerhouse.

Under existing operations, Ross Lake is drawn down on a yearly basis during winter to capture flows from spring runoff and to provide for downstream flood control. The drawdown typically begins after Labor Day and continues until the lake reaches its lowest level in late March or early April. The current license requires City Light to draw down Ross Lake to a level that provides 60,000 acre-feet of storage for flood control by November 15 and 120,000 acre-feet by December 1 and to maintain this available storage through March 15. Ross Lake levels are also managed to meet recreational needs during the summer months. The current license requires City Light to fill Ross Lake as soon as possible after April 15, achieve full pool depth by July 31, and maintain full pool depth through Labor Day.

The Diablo Development is operated to regulate flow between the Ross and Gorge Developments. Under normal operation, Diablo Lake typically fluctuates between 4 and 5 feet per day.

The Ross Powerhouse and Diablo Powerhouse are typically operated continuously to pass flow downstream, although generation is occasionally increased or decreased for short periods to help meet load-following demand or other project purposes.

The Gorge Development is operated primarily to provide a continuous, stable flow regime in the upper Skagit River for salmon and steelhead protection. City Light typically limits Gorge Lake fluctuations to about 3 to 5 feet and does not typically operate the powerhouse to meet load-following demand. The Gorge Development creates a 2.5-mile-long bypassed reach of the Skagit River between the dam and powerhouse. There are no minimum flow requirements in the existing license for the Gorge bypassed reach. Therefore, except during spill events at Gorge Dam, bypassed reach flow is limited to accretion flow, spill-gate seepage, tributary input, and precipitation runoff.

l. 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–553). For assistance, contact FERC at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov,* (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY). At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room. For assistance, contact FERC at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or call toll free, (886) 208–3676 or TTY (202) 502–8659.

m. You may also register online at *https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOnline.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. Procedural Schedule:

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

Milestone	Target Date
City Light files final study report for Study CR–04 Properties with Traditional Cultural Significance Study [1].	March 2024.
Notice of Acceptance/Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis.	April 2024.
Filing of recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and fishway prescriptions.	June 2024.

[1] City Light indicates in section 4.2.9.1 of the Final License Application Exhibit E that the study results for this Commission staff-approved study would be filed in the first quarter of 2024.

o. 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: May 9, 2023.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15296–000]

Tivis Branch Hydro, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On January 3, 2023, Tivis Branch Hydro, LLC, filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the Flannagan Hydroelectric Project to be located at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) Huntington District John W. Flannagan Dam on the Pound River in Dickenson County, Virginia. 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 project would consist of the following: (1) new four 0.36-megawatt (MW) turbine-generator units to be placed inside the Corps' intake tower with a total installed capacity of 1.44 MW; (2) a new 40-foot-long, 40-foot-wide operating space inside the Corps' intake tower; (3) a new 300-foot-long conduit attached to the access bridge (which provides access to the Corps' intake tower); (4) a new 15-foot-long, 15-foot-wide substation pad including a 4.16/12.47-kilovolt (kV) step-up transformer; (5) a new 300-foot-long, 4.16-kV generator lead to the

substation pad; (6) a 30-foot-long, 12.47-kV transmission line connecting the substation pad to the existing 12.47-kV Appalachian Power Company's distribution line; and (7) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an annual generation of 8,000 megawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: Ryan A. Cook, Tivis Branch Hydro, LLC, 5 Dover Street, Suite 102, New Bedford, MA 02740; phone: (508) 436–4100.

FERC Contact: Woohee Choi; email: *woohee.choi@ferc.gov;* phone: (202) 502–6336.

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 *https://ferconline.ferc.gov/eFiling.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. 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 first page of any filing should include docket number P–15296–000.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the ''eLibrary'' link of the Commission's website at *http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp.* Enter the docket number (P–15296) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: May 10, 2023.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15299–000]

LinkPast Solutions, Inc.; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On January 25, 2023, LinkPast Solutions, Inc., filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of hydropower on the Black River in Jefferson County, New York. 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 Great Mills Hydro Project (Plant #2) would consist of the following: (1) a new 1,850-foot-long dam (a mix of concrete gravity dam, earthen dike, and wing walls) at the site of an existing breached dam; (2) an impoundment with an approximate surface area of 140 acres and a storage capacity of 850 acre-feet at a normal pool elevation of 589.90 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929; (4) a new 90-foot-long by 65-foot-wide reinforced concrete powerhouse housing two or more axial flow vertical turbine-generator units with a total installed capacity of 8 megawatts; (5) additional new DIVE-turbine-generator (generator directly connected to the turbine shaft that can be completely submerged) units to utilize flows below the minimum or above the maximum hydraulic capacities of the main powerhouse; (6) a new 50-foot-long by 50-foot-wide switchyard; (7) two new access roads, one on the north and the other on the south shores of the river; (8) a new 0.69-mile-long, 115-kilovolt transmission line; and (9) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an average annual generation of 40,000 megawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: Brian McArthur, LinkPast Solutions, Inc., P.O. Box 5474, Clark, New Jersey 07066; phone: (848) 628–4414.

FERC Contact: Monir Chowdhury; phone: (202) 502–6736.

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.

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More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the ''eLibrary'' link of the Commission's website at *https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search.* Enter the docket number (P–15299) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: May 9, 2023.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98–1–000]

Records Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(b), of the receipt of prohibited and exempt off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive a prohibited or exempt off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested proceeding,