## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

## Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

# Notice of Waiver Period for Water Quality Certification Applications

	Project No.
Central Rivers Power NH, LLC:	
J. Brodie Smith Hydroelectric	
Project	2287-053
Gorham Hydroelectric Project	2288-057
Great Lakes Hydro America, LLC:	
Shelburne Hydroelectric Project	2300-052
Upper Gorham Hydroelectric	
Project	2311-067
Cross Power Hydroelectric Project	2326-054
Cascade Hydroelectric Project	2327-047
Sawmill Hydroelectric Project	2422-058
Riverside Hydroelectric Projec	2423–031

On September 22, 2023, Central Rivers Power NH, LLC and Great Lakes Hydro America, LLC submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) copies of its applications for Clean Water Act section 401(a)(1) water quality certifications filed with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (New Hampshire DES), in conjunction with the above captioned projects. Pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act<sup>1</sup> and section 5.23(b) of the Commission's regulations.<sup>2</sup> a state certifying agency is deemed to have waived its certifying authority if it fails or refuses to act on a certification request within a reasonable period of time, which is one year after the date the certification request was received. Accordingly, we hereby notify New Hampshire DES of the following:

Date New Hampshire DES received the certification requests: September 22, 2023.

If New Hampshire DES fails or refuses to act on the water quality certification requests on or before September 22, 2024, then the agency certifying authority is deemed waived pursuant to section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1341(a)(1).

Dated: September 25, 2023.

#### Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Deputy Secretary.

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[Project No. 10489-000]

### City of River Falls Municipal Utilities; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

The license for the River Falls Hydroelectric Project No. 10489 was issued for a period ending August 31, 2023.

Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year-to-year an annual license to the then licensee(s) under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of section 15 of the FPA, then, based on section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 10489 is issued to the City of River Falls Municipal Utilities for a period effective September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024, or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before August 31, 2024, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise

If the project is not subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that the City of River Falls Municipal Utilities is authorized to continue operation of the River Falls Hydroelectric Project under the terms and conditions of the prior license until the issuance of a subsequent license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first.

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#### Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Deputy Secretary.

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[Docket No. ER23-2915-000]

### Chesapeake Solar Project, LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of Chesapeake Solar Project, LLC's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene, or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is October 16, 2023.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at *http:// www.ferc.gov.* To facilitate electronic service, persons with internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically may mail similar pleadings to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. Hand delivered submissions in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>33 U.S.C. 1341(a)(1).

<sup>2 18</sup> CFR 5.23(b) (2022).