

Docket Nos.	File date	Presenter or requester
Prohibited:		
1. P-2082-000	10-2-2023	FERC Staff ¹ .
2. CP16-10-012, CP21-57-000, CP19-477-000	10-3-2023	FERC Staff ² .
Exempt:		
1. CP17-66-001, CP17-67-001	9-28-2023	U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy.
2. EC23-74-000	10-5-2023	Ohio State Senator Rob McColley.
3. P-77-001	10-6-2023	U.S. Congressman Mike Thompson.
4. CP22-2-000	10-11-2023	U.S. Congress ³ .

¹ Emailed comments dated 9/29/23 from William E. Simpson II.

² Emailed comments dated 10/1/23 from William F. Limpert.

³ Congress Members Lori Chavez-DeRemer, Cliff Bentz, Mike Simpson, Russ Fulcher, Kelly Armstrong, Doug LaMaifa, Senators Mike Crapo and James E. Risch.

Dated: October 11, 2023.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 9079-006]

R.J. Fortier Hydropower, Inc., Northeast Community Services, Inc.; Notice of Transfer of Exemption

1. On September 18, 2023, Northeast Community Services, Inc. filed a notification of the transfer for the 65-kilowatt Upper Spears Stream Hydroelectric Project No. 9079 from R.J. Fortier Hydropower, Inc. to Northeast Community Services, Inc. The exemption from licensing was originally issued on September 30, 1985.¹ The project is located on the Upper Spears Stream, Oxford County, Maine. The transfer of an exemption does not require Commission approval.

2. Northeast Community Services, Inc. is now the exemptee of the Upper Spears Stream Hydroelectric Project No. 9079. All correspondence must be forwarded to Tyler A. Hicks, President, Northeast Community Services, Inc., Massachusetts Address: 257 Union Street, New Bedford, MA 02740, Maine address: 10 Murray Street, Bingham, ME 04920, Phone: (508) 851-9158, email: northeastcommunityservices@gmail.com.

Dated: October 11, 2023.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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¹ *Mark A. Vaughn*, 32 FERC ¶ 62,716 (1985). Subsequently, on March 31, 2004, the project was transferred to R.J. Fortier Hydropower Inc.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Docket No. CP23-536-000]

Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company; Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Worcester Resiliency Upgrade Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental document, that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Worcester Resiliency Upgrade Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company (Eastern Shore) in Worcester, Wicomico, and Somerset Counties, Maryland and Sussex County, Delaware. The Commission will use this environmental document in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies regarding the project. As part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process, the Commission takes into account concerns the public may have about proposals and the environmental impacts that could result from its action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. This gathering of public input is referred to as "scoping." The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the environmental document on the important environmental issues. Additional information about the Commission's NEPA process is described below in the *NEPA Process and Environmental Document* section of this notice.

By this notice, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of issues to address in the

environmental document. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on November 10, 2023. Comments may be submitted in written form. Further details on how to submit comments are provided in the *Public Participation* section of this notice.

Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the environmental document. Commission staff will consider all written comments during the preparation of the environmental document.

If you submitted comments on this project to the Commission before the opening of this docket on September 15, 2023, you will need to file those comments in Docket No. CP23-536-000 to ensure they are considered as part of this proceeding.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives should notify their constituents of this proposed project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, a pipeline company representative may contact you about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable easement agreement. You are not required to enter into an agreement. However, if the Commission approves the project, the Natural Gas Act conveys the right of eminent domain to the company. Therefore, if you and the company do not reach an easement agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in