

are kept informed of the Project's progress.

### Project Description

The Project would provide an expansion of Overthrust's existing pipeline system that would enable Overthrust to provide an additional 325,000 Dth/d of westbound firm transportation capacity to a new delivery point being constructed by Kern River Gas Transmission near Overthrust's existing Roberson Compressor Station in Lincoln County, Wyoming.

The Project would consist of the following facilities and activities, all in Wyoming:

- addition of one gas-fired turbine driven compressor unit with 15,900 nominal horsepower (hp) at the existing Point of Rocks Compressor Station in Sweetwater County;
- addition of one gas-fired turbine driven compressor unit with 15,900 nominal hp at the existing Rock Springs Compressor Station in Sweetwater County;
- an approximate 1,400-foot-long, 24-inch-diameter pipe interconnect (JTL-148) extending from a new tap on Overthrust's mainline 122 at its existing North Rendezvous Tap facility to a new meter station being constructed by Kern River Gas Transmission at an existing site in Lincoln County;
  - upgrades to the existing Rockies Express Pipeline Wamsutter Meter Station to accommodate additional gas volumes in Sweetwater County;
  - upgrades at three existing facilities—Roberson Compressor Station (new pig launcher and receiver<sup>3</sup> in Lincoln County), Cabin 31 Interconnect Pipeline Facility (new pig launcher in Sweetwater County), and Opal Interconnect Pipeline Facility (new pig launcher in Lincoln County), to support in-line inspections along the Overthrust mainline; and
    - modifications to Overthrust's existing Granger Interconnect Facility to accommodate new flow conditions in Sweetwater County.

### Background

On December 14, 2023, the Commission issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Westbound Compression Expansion Project* (Notice of Scoping). The Notice of Scoping was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials;

<sup>3</sup> A "pig" is a tool that the pipeline company inserts into and pushes through the pipeline for cleaning the pipeline, conducting internal inspections, or other purposes.

environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. In response to the Notice of Scoping, the Commission received comments from the City Planner of Rock Springs, Wyoming, Wyoming Game and Fish Department in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality. The primary issue raised by the City Planner of Rock Springs is a request for Overthrust to inform the Rock Springs Planning Department with any proposed additions or changes at the existing Blairtown Yard, which is within the city limits of Rock Springs. Wyoming Game and Fish Department requested adherence to the protection of wildlife and wildlife habitat in the vicinity of the Project. Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality comments requested thorough analysis of groundwater and surface water impacts of the Project. All substantive comments will be addressed in the EA.

Portions of the Project would affect lands that Overthrust has leased from the Bureau of Land Management; therefore, the Bureau of Land Management is a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EA.

### Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This service provides automatic notification of filings made to subscribed dockets, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to register for eSubscription.

The Commission's Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, environmental justice communities, Tribal members and others, access publicly available information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202)502-6595 or [OPP@ferc.gov](mailto:OPP@ferc.gov).

Additional information about the Project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (866) 208-FERC or on the FERC website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)). Using the "eLibrary" link, select "General Search" from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and "Docket Number" excluding the last three digits

(i.e., CP24-13), and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at (866) 208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov).

The eLibrary link on the FERC website also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

Dated: January 17, 2024.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
*Acting 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, to deliver to the Secretary of the Commission, a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication.

Prohibited communications are included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not a part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become a part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such a request only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication shall serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

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The following is a list of off-the-record communications recently received by the Secretary of the Commission. This filing may be viewed on the Commission’s website at <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. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659.

Docket Nos.	File date	Presenter or requester
<i>Prohibited:</i> 1. CP17–117–000 ..... CP17–118–000 .....	1–16–2024	FERC Staff. <sup>1</sup>
<i>Exempt:</i> None. ....		

<sup>1</sup> Emailed comments from George Anderson.

Dated: January 16, 2024.  
**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
*Acting Secretary.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 2715–026]

**Kaukauna Utilities; Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions**

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

- a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.
- b. *Project No.:* 2715–026.
- c. *Date Filed:* July 22, 2022.
- d. *Applicant:* Kaukauna Utilities (Kaukauna).
- e. *Name of Project:* Combined Locks Hydroelectric Project (Combined Locks Project or project).
- f. *Location:* The existing project is located on the Lower Fox River in the Village of Combined Locks and the Village of Little Chute, Outagamie County, Wisconsin.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791 (a)–825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Zachary Moureau, Environmental & Compliance Manager, Kaukauna Utilities, 777 Island Street, Kaukauna, WI 54130–7077; (920) 462–0238; [zmoureau@ku-wi.org](mailto:zmoureau@ku-wi.org).
- i. *FERC Contact:* Kelly Wolcott at (202) 502–6480, or email at [kelly.wolcott@ferc.gov](mailto:kelly.wolcott@ferc.gov).
- j. *Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice;

reply comments are due 105 days from the issuance date of this notice.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions using the Commission’s eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOnline.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 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: Debbie-Anne Reese, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne Reese, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. All filings must clearly identify the project name and docket number on the first page: Combined Locks Hydroelectric Project (P–2715–026).

The Commission’s Rules of Practice 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. This application has been accepted for filing and is now ready for environmental analysis.

l. *Project Description:* The Combined Locks Project includes a 719.7-foot-long

concrete and cyclopean stone dam that includes: (1) a 2.6-foot-long north abutment; (2) a 183-foot-long, 27-foot-high non-overflow section; (3) a 182-foot-long, 30.4-foot-high section with seven bays that each contain a 20-foot-wide, 15.5-foot-high Tainter gate; (4) a 286.1-foot-long, 23.2-foot-high spillway section with: (a) 1.9-foot-high flashboards; (b) a crest elevation of 676.50 feet International Great Lakes Datum of 1985 (IGLD 85) at the top of the flashboards; (c) an 11.7-foot-wide, 2.7-foot-high ice sluice gate; and (d) a 7.3-foot-wide, 2.7-foot-high debris sluice gate; (5) a 65-foot-long, 36.1-foot-high intake structure with two 20-foot-wide, 19.7-foot-high sluice gates each equipped with a 30.3-foot-wide, 31.8-foot-high trashrack with 3.5-inch clear bar spacing; and (6) a 1-foot-long south abutment. The dam creates an impoundment that has a surface area of approximately 127 acres at an elevation of 677.79 feet IGLD 85.

From the impoundment, water flows through the intake structure to a 130-foot-long, 65-foot-wide concrete powerhouse that contains two 3.1-megawatt (MW) Kaplan turbine-generator units, for a total installed capacity of 6.2 MW. Water is discharged from the turbines to an approximately 250-foot-long, 160-foot-wide tailrace.

The project generators are connected to the regional electric grid by: (1) a 265-foot-long, 4.16-kilovolt (kV) above-ground generator lead line; (2) a 4.16/12.47-kV step-up transformer approximately 200 feet west of the powerhouse; and (3) a 1,442-foot-long, 12.47-kV transmission line that connects to a non-project substation, and that includes a 1,059-foot-long above-ground segment and a 383-foot-long underground segment. The project includes a 10-foot-long, 7.2-foot-wide electrical control building located at the south side of the 182-foot-long section of the dam.