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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ID-7954-000]

#### McClain, Mark; Notice of Filing

Take notice that on February 13, 2024, Mark McClain submitted for filing, application for authority to hold interlocking positions, pursuant to section 305(b) of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 825d (b) and part 45.8 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR part 45.8.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

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 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. 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 docketed proceedings should be delivered to Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

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*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 5, 2024.

Dated: February 13, 2024.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

#### Filings Instituting Proceedings

*Docket Numbers:* RP24-400-000.  
*Applicants:* Northern Natural Gas Company.

*Description:* Northern Natural Gas submits report of the penalty and daily delivery variance charge (DDVC) revenues that have been credited to shippers.

*Filed Date:* 2/13/24.

*Accession Number:* 20240213-5112.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 2/26/24.

*Docket Numbers:* RP24-401-000.

*Applicants:* Fayetteville Express Pipeline LLC.

*Description:* 4(d) Rate Filing: Update GT&C Section 19—Quality to be effective 3/15/2024.

*Filed Date:* 2/14/24.

*Accession Number:* 20240214-5032.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 2/26/24.

Any person desiring to intervene, to protest, or to answer a complaint in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211, 214, or 206 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214, or 385.206) on or before 5 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp>) by querying the docket number.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

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*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 3442-029]

#### City of Nashua, New Hampshire; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On July 30, 2021, City of Nashua (Nashua) filed an application for a new license for the 3-megawatt Mine Falls Hydroelectric Project No. 3442 (project).

The project is located on the Nashua River in Hillsborough County, New Hampshire.

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, on November 21, 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 relicense the Mine 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.

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landowners, environmental justice communities, Tribal members, and others to 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).

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 .....	February 2025. <sup>1</sup>
Comments on EA .....	March 2025.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Khatoon Melick at (202) 502-8433 or [khatoon.melick@ferc.gov](mailto:khatoon.melick@ferc.gov).

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Acting Secretary.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL OP-OFA-110]

**Notice of Adoption of Department of Energy Categorical Exclusion Under the National Environmental Policy Act**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of adoption of categorical exclusion.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is adopting the Department of Energy's (DOE) Categorical Exclusion (CE) for Methane Gas Recovery and Utilization Systems under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to use in EPA's program and funding opportunities administered by EPA. This notice describes the categories of proposed actions for which EPA intends to use DOE's CE and describes the consultation between the agencies.

**DATES:** This action is effective upon publication.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Melissa Winters, Manager, Pollution Prevention and Communities Branch,

Land, Chemicals, and Redevelopment Division, EPA Region 10, by phone at 206-553-5180, or by email at [winters.melissa@epa.gov](mailto:winters.melissa@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

*NEPA and CEs*

The National Environmental Policy Act, as amended at, 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347 (NEPA), requires all Federal agencies to assess the environmental impact of their actions. Congress enacted NEPA in order to encourage productive and enjoyable harmony between humans and the environment, recognizing the profound impact of human activity and the critical importance of restoring and maintaining environmental quality to the overall welfare of humankind. 42 U.S.C. 4321, 4331. NEPA's twin aims are to ensure agencies consider the environmental effects of their proposed actions in their decision-making processes and inform and involve the public in that process. 42 U.S.C. 4331. NEPA created the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), which promulgated NEPA implementing regulations, 40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508 (CEQ regulations).

To comply with NEPA, agencies determine the appropriate level of review—an environmental impact statement (EIS), environmental assessment (EA), or CE. 42 U.S.C. 4336. If a proposed action is likely to have significant environmental effects, the agency must prepare an EIS and document its decision in a record of decision. 42 U.S.C. 4336. If the proposed action is not likely to have significant environmental effects or the

effects are unknown, the agency may instead prepare an EA, which involves a more concise analysis and process than an EIS. 42 U.S.C. 4336. Following the EA, the agency may conclude the process with a finding of no significant impact if the analysis shows that the action will have no significant effects. If the analysis in the EA finds that the action is likely to have significant effects, however, then an EIS is required.

Under NEPA and the CEQ regulations, a Federal agency also can establish CEs—categories of actions that the agency has determined normally do not significantly affect the quality of the human environment—in their agency NEPA procedures. 42 U.S.C. 4336(e)(1); 40 CFR 1501.4, 1507.3(e)(2)(ii), 1508.1(d). If an agency determines that a CE covers a proposed action, it then evaluates the proposed action for extraordinary circumstances in which a normally excluded action may have a significant effect. 40 CFR 1501.4(b). If no extraordinary circumstances are present or if further analysis determines that the extraordinary circumstances do not involve the potential for significant environmental effects, the agency may apply the CE to the proposed action without preparing an EA or EIS. 42 U.S.C. 4336(a)(2), 40 CFR 1501.4. If the extraordinary circumstances have the potential to result in significant effects, the agency is required to prepare an EA or EIS.

Section 109 of NEPA, enacted as part of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023, allows a Federal agency to “adopt” and use another agency's CEs for a category of proposed agency actions. 42 U.S.C.

<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 Mine Falls Project. See National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq., as amended by section 107(g)(1)(B)(iii) of

the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023, Public Law 118-5, 4336a, 137 Stat. 42.