

of Application for the Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's environmental document for the Project.

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the Project and the planned schedule for the completion of the environmental review.¹

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA June 20, 2024

90-day Federal Authorization Decision

Deadline² September 18, 2024

If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the Project's progress.

Project Description

Columbia Gulf proposes to abandon in place and abandon by removal approximately 21 miles of pipeline and related appurtenances, located in Cameron Parish, Louisiana. According to Columbia Gulf, abandonment will eliminate the need for future operating and maintenance expenditures on outdated facilities that are no longer needed to satisfy current firm service obligations. Abandonment of these facilities will not change the certificated capacity of Columbia Gulf's system and will not result in the termination or reduction of service to existing customers of Columbia Gulf.

The Project would consist of the following activities:

- Abandon in place and by removal approximately 16 miles of its 16-inch-diameter South Pecan Lake Pipeline;
- Abandon by removal approximately 1 mile of its 12-inch-diameter Amoco/South Pecan Lake Pipeline;
- Abandon by removal approximately 4 miles of its 6-inch-diameter Go Around Bayou Pipeline;
- Abandon by removal all of the facilities at the South Pecan Lake metering and regulating station (M&R) No. 505 and Goodrich M&R No. 4144; and

- Abandon by removal other related appurtenances.

Background

On February 7, 2024, the Commission issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Amoco South Pecan Lake Abandonment Project* (Notice of Scoping). The Notice of Scoping was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. In response to the Notice of Scoping, we received comments by a landowner, James Guinn; the Mississippi Band of the Choctaw Indians; and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The primary issues raised were abandonment in place procedures and addressing unanticipated discoveries of cultural resources. All substantive comments will be addressed in 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.

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). 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.*, CP24-37), 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. 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: March 21, 2024.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2561-057]

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment; Sho-Me Electric Power Cooperative

On June 29, 2023, Sho-Me Electric Power Cooperative (licensee) filed an application to surrender its license for the Niangua Hydroelectric Project No. 2561. The project is located on the Niangua River in Camden County, Missouri. The project does not occupy federal lands.

The licensee has determined it no longer wants to pursue relicensing of the project. The licensee intends to surrender its license and to leave the facilities in place, including the project dam, power tunnel, powerhouse, and associated facilities. The power canal would be drained and sealed at both ends and the project would be disconnected from the power grid. No ground disturbing activities are proposed with surrender of the project license. A Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protest was issued on August 1, 2023.

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed action. The planned schedule for the completion of the EA is September 30, 2024.¹ Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate. The EA will be issued and made available for review by all interested parties. All comments filed on the EA will be reviewed by staff and considered in the Commission's final decision on the proceeding.

With this notice, the Commission is inviting federal, state, local, and Tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues affected by the proposal to cooperate in the preparation

¹ 42 U.S.C. 4336a(g)(1)(B) requires lead federal agencies to complete EAs within 1 year of the agency's decision to prepare an EA.

¹ 40 CFR 1501.10 (2020).

² The Commission's deadline applies to the decisions of other federal agencies, and state agencies acting under federally delegated authority, that are responsible for federal authorizations, permits, and other approvals necessary for proposed projects under the Natural Gas Act. Per 18 CFR 157.22(a), the Commission's deadline for other agency's decisions applies unless a schedule is otherwise established by federal law.

of the EA planned to be issued July 2024. Agencies wishing to cooperate, or further discuss the benefits, responsibilities, and obligations of the cooperating agency role, should contact staff listed at the bottom of this notice by April 11, 2024. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of any environmental document cannot also intervene. *See* 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

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Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Rebecca Martin at 202-502-6012 or *Rebecca.martin@ferc.gov*.

Dated: March 21, 2024.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2876-005]

California Department of Water Resources; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, and Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process.

b. *Project No.:* 2876-005.

c. *Date Filed:* February 1, 2024.

d. *Submitted By:* California

Department of Water Resources (DWR).

e. *Name of Project:* Pine Flat Transmission Line.

f. *Location:* Near the Kings River in Fresno County, California.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's regulations.

h. *Potential Applicant Contact:* Jeremiah McNeil, Manager, California Department of Water Resources, Hydropower License Planning and

Compliance Office, P.O. Box 942836, Sacramento CA 94236-0001; (916) 699-8414; email: *Jeremiah.McNeil@water.ca.gov*.

i. *FERC Contact:* Shannon Archuleta at (202) 552-2739 or email at *shannon.archuleta@ferc.gov*.

j. DWR filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on February 1, 2024. DWR provided public notice of its request on February 15, 2024. In a letter dated March 22, 2024, the Acting Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved DWR's request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.

k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR part 402. We are also initiating consultation with the California State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historical Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. With this notice, we are designating DWR as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation, pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

m. DWR filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

n. A copy of the PAD may be viewed and/or printed on the Commission's website <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, contact FERC at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or call toll free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

You may 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.

o. The licensee states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a subsequent license for Project No. 2876. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.20 each application for a subsequent license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by August 31, 2027.

q. 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*.

Dated: March 22, 2024.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take notice that the Commission received the following exempt wholesale generator filings:

Docket Numbers: EG24-139-000.

Applicants: Clearwater Wind III, LLC.

Description: Clearwater Wind III, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 3/20/24.

Accession Number: 20240320-5219.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 4/10/24.

Docket Numbers: EG24-140-000.

Applicants: IP Lumina BESS, LLC.

Description: IP Lumina BESS, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 3/21/24.

Accession Number: 20240321-5130.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 4/11/24.

Docket Numbers: EG24-141-000.

Applicants: IP Lumina II BESS, LLC.

Description: IP Lumina II BESS, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 3/21/24.

Accession Number: 20240321-5132.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 4/11/24.

Docket Numbers: EG24-142-000.

Applicants: IP Radian BESS, LLC.

Description: IP Radian BESS, LLC submits Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 3/21/24.

Accession Number: 20240321-5134.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 4/11/24.

Take notice that the Commission received the following Complaints and Compliance filings in EL Dockets:

Docket Numbers: EL24-91-000.