

faced by military families when relocating. All states and the District of Columbia have adopted the Compact; however, discrepancies in implementation across states create unequal opportunities and support for these children.

- *Paid Military Family Leave.* We acknowledge the substantial role that employed military spouses play in maintaining the home front during activations and the reintegration period that follows. The current legislative landscape includes several states that have taken commendable steps toward supporting military families through paid family leave policies. These initiatives not only alleviate financial pressures but also contribute to the overall readiness and resilience of our forces.

- *Partial Credit During Mid-Term Transfers.* We continue to address academic disruptions faced by military children. Many sending schools do not award partial credit for coursework completed before a transfer, and receiving schools frequently do not accept such partial credits, forcing students to repeat entire courses upon a PCS move. States have begun implementing policies that require both sending and receiving schools to recognize and accept partial credits.

The Department will evaluate the seven issues independently for suitability, feasibility, desirability, acceptability, and sustainability.

One comment was received which related to an existing State Policy Priority:

- *Creating a State Holiday for Month of the Military Child.* Each year, the Department joins national, state, and local governments, schools, military serving organizations, companies, and private citizens in celebrating military children and the sacrifices they make during the month of April. There are more than 1.6 million military children who face many challenges and unique experiences as a result of their parents' service. This line of effort is part of the State Policy Priority for Purple Star School Programs.

Additionally, four comments were received which related to issues outside the criteria listed for consideration. The criteria include: States are primary responsible for resolving the problem; the solution should positively impact the quality of life of Service members and their families; should or positively contribute to readiness; should impact members of the military, recent veterans, and their family members; and for quality-of-life issues, the resolution should help eliminate a barrier caused

by the dynamics of military life. We respond to the comments as follows:

- *DoD-State Liaison Office Support to the Territories.* We appreciate the comment that military members and families benefit from the Department's engagement with state legislative and executive branches to support military family readiness and quality of life. Within the limits of available resources, increased engagement with the governments of the insular areas of the United States may include connecting with other states and territories to share best practices and address common challenges and building relationships with key state policymakers responsible for defense issues.

- *Establishment of a DoD-Specific Portable Medicaid Waiver for Military Children.* Military children with special needs face substantial disruptions in continuity of care due to frequent relocations mandated by their parents' military service. While creation of a portable Medicaid waiver for military children is not within the purview of state government to resolve, other state policies do account for the mobility of military families with special needs. States have enacted improvements to existing Medicaid waivers for the provision of Home and Community-Based Services, allowing military families to retain their positions on waiting lists for this program despite a military-directed move out of the state. Additionally, states have begun modifying state education statutes to build upon existing Federal requirements to minimize delays and reduce barriers for highly-mobile students with special education needs.

- *Inclusion of Military Spouse Attorneys in Licensing Portability Under the Servicemember Civil Relief Act.* While the solution proposed is not within the purview of states to consider, the Department continues to engage with state bar examiners to facilitate military spouse admission, including the issuing of a license within 30 days with minimal documentation requirements.

- *Improvements to the MyCAA Program.* We appreciate feedback submitted regarding the MyCAA program indicating the desire for additional face-to-face options, online courses, and an expansion of curricula beyond health careers.

Eight comments were received which were not germane to the request for input and did not identify an issue for potential inclusion as a State Policy Priority. We respond to the comments as follows:

- Thank you for your advocacy for our military families. It is both valued

and recognized. Thank you very much for your contributions.

Each fiscal year, the DoD considers numerous vital state policy issues, with the aim of selecting those that hold the most promise for positively impacting the lives of Service members and their families. It is within this competitive and discerning framework that we evaluate, research, and assess all proposed state policy solutions to resolve challenges for military families.

We are committed to a rigorous examination of these issues, among others. Our process is designed to ensure that we advance the most impactful and viable initiatives to support our military families effectively.

As always, our team at the Defense-State Liaison Office, who manage state government relations for the Office of the Secretary of Defense on personnel and readiness issues, stand ready to fully support state policymakers and the military community. Thank you once again for bringing these important issues to our attention.

Dated: August 1, 2024.

**Aaron T. Siegel,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 8615-049]

#### **Fiske Hydro, Inc.; Notice of Application for Surrender of License Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests**

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

a. *Application Type:* Surrender of License.

b. *Project No:* P-8615-049.

c. *Date Filed:* September 20, 2023.

d. *Applicant:* Fiske Hydro, Inc.

e. *Name of Project:* Fiske Mill Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the Ashuelot River, in the town of Hinsdale, Cheshire County, New Hampshire.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Cameron MacLeod, 47 Warwick Road, Orange, MA 01364, *microhydro@comcast.net*, (610) 310-5539.

i. *FERC Contact*: Diana Shannon, (202) 502–6136, [diana.shannon@ferc.gov](mailto:diana.shannon@ferc.gov).

j. *Cooperating agencies*: 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, that wish to cooperate in the preparation of any environmental document, if applicable, to follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item k below. 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).

k. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests*: August 30, 2024.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. 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 A. 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 A. Reese, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852. The first page of any filing should include the docket number P–8615–049. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not considered part of the Commission record.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears 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.

l. *Description of Request*: The applicant proposes to surrender its project license. Certain project works

are not operable, and the applicant states the cost of needed repairs to the generating equipment is significant and infeasible. To surrender the project, the applicant proposes to: (1) disconnect the generating units from the utility interconnection point; (2) disconnect the turbine drive shafts, and offer the equipment for sale; (3) install service lines to provide power for future dam operation and security needs; (4) close the intake structure at the north abutment; (5) remove transformers; (6) remove any hydraulic fluids from project equipment; and (7) lock and secure the powerhouse. The turbine-generator units may remain in place until sold. No major physical changes to any project features are planned and no ground disturbance would occur under this proposal. The dam would remain in place.

m. *Locations of the Application*: 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. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1–866–208–3676 or email [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), for TTY, call (202) 502–8659. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant.

n. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

o. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene*: Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214, respectively. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

p. *Filing and Service of Documents*: Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address,

and telephone number of the person commenting, protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis. Any filing made by an intervenor must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2010.

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](mailto:OPP@ferc.gov).

Dated: July 31, 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*: RP24–923–000.

*Applicants*: Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.

*Description*: 4(d) Rate Filing: 7.31.24 Negotiated Rates—Koch Energy Services, LLC R–7755–08 to be effective 8/1/2024.

*Filed Date*: 7/31/24.

*Accession Number*: 20240731–5031.

*Comment Date*: 5 p.m. ET 8/12/24.

*Docket Numbers*: RP24–924–000.

*Applicants*: Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc.

*Description*: 4(d) Rate Filing: Revised tariff records in Original Volume No. 1 of its FERC Gas Tariff to be effective 9/1/2024.

*Filed Date*: 7/31/24.

*Accession Number*: 20240731–5033.

*Comment Date*: 5 p.m. ET 8/12/24.

*Docket Numbers*: RP24–925–000.