

protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

The Commission provides all interested persons with an opportunity to view and/or print the EA 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. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or at (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

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Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOOnline.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 at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support. 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, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-2715-026.

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**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 4202-025]

#### KEI Power Management, LLC; Notice of Reasonable Period of Time for Water Quality Certification Application

On September 12, 2024, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (Maine DEP) submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) notice that it received a request for a Clean Water Act section 401(a)(1) water quality certification from KEI Power Management, LLC, in conjunction with the above captioned project, on July 29, 2024. Pursuant to section 4.34(b)(5) of the Commission's regulations,<sup>1</sup> we hereby notify the Maine DEP of the following:

*Date of Receipt of the Certification Request:* July 29, 2024.

*Reasonable Period of Time to Act on the Certification Request:* One year, July 29, 2025.

If the Maine DEP fails or refuses to act on the water quality certification request on or before the above date, then the certifying authority is deemed waived pursuant to section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1341(a)(1).

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**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15351-000]

#### Energy Recycling Company, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On April 24, 2024, Energy Recycling Company, LLC filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the proposed Iron Range Pumped Storage Project, a closed loop pumped

storage project, to be located near the City of Marble, Itasca County, Minnesota. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed Iron Range Pumped Storage Project would consist of the following: (1) a lower reservoir proposed approximately 2,700 feet below the ground surface; (2) an enclosed upper reservoir proposed to be constructed of a concrete lined rockfill embankment; (3) a reinforced concrete 18-foot-diameter intake with a "morning glory" configuration; (4) a 2,800-foot-long vertical shaft penstock having a diameter of 16 feet connecting the upper reservoir to the powerhouse; (5) a 200-foot-long, 70-foot-wide, and 130-foot-high underground powerhouse located approximately 2,700 feet below the ground surface; (6) a 240-foot-long and 40-foot-high underground transformer gallery lined with concrete; (7) two 333-megawatt hydroelectric pump/turbines; (8) a new interconnection line approximately 200 to 500 feet long, joining a new substation adjacent to the project to an existing 230-kilovolt transmission line; and (9) a new pumping system to carry water to the upper reservoir. The proposed project would have an estimated annual generation of 1,450 gigawatt-hours.

*Applicant Contact:* Douglas A. Spaulding, Nelson Energy, 1030 Tyrol Trail, Minnesota, MN 55416; phone: (612) 599-8493.

*FERC Contact:* Shivani Khetani; phone: (212) 273-5917, or by email at [shivani.khetani@ferc.gov](mailto:shivani.khetani@ferc.gov).

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.

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<sup>1</sup> 18 CFR [4.34(b)(5)/5.23(b)/153.4/157.22].