

Commission staff issued a notice that the project was ready for environmental analysis (REA Notice). Based on the information in the record, 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 license the project.<sup>1</sup>

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.

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).

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.	March 4, 2025.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Jeanne Edwards at (202) 502-6181 or [jeanne.edwards@ferc.gov](mailto:jeanne.edwards@ferc.gov).

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14787-004]

#### Black Canyon Hydro, LLC; Notice of Revised Schedule for the Seminole Pumped Storage Project

This notice revises the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission)

<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is 3240. 40 CFR 1501.5(c)(4) (2024).

schedule for processing Black Canyon Hydro, LLC's license application for the Seminole Pumped Storage Project. A prior notice issued on January 10, 2024, identified an anticipated schedule for issuance of draft and final National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents and a final order for the project. On September 4, 2024, Black Canyon Hydro, LLC requested an extension of time to file its historic properties management plan by October 31, 2024. Commission staff issued a letter approving the extension of time on September 11, 2024. To account for the additional time needed for Black Canyon Hydro, LLC to file the required information, the application will be processed according to the following revised schedule.

*Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis:* January 2025.

*Draft NEPA Document:* September 2025.

*Final NEPA Document:* April 13, 2026.

In addition, in accordance with title 41 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, enacted on December 4, 2015, agencies are to publish completion dates for all federal environmental reviews and authorizations. This notice identifies the Commission's anticipated schedule for issuance of the final order for the project, which is based on the revised issuance date for the final NEPA document. Accordingly, we currently anticipate issuing a final order for the project no later than:

*Issuance of Final Order:* July 16, 2026.

If a schedule change becomes necessary, an additional notice will be provided so that interested parties and government agencies are kept informed of the project's progress.

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Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP24-514-000]

#### National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Tioga Pathway Project

On August, 21, 2024, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation filed an application in Docket No. CP24-514-000 requesting a Certificate of Public

Convenience and Necessity pursuant to section 7(c) and Authorization pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act to construct and operate and abandon certain natural gas pipeline facilities. The proposed project is known as the Tioga Pathway Project (Project), and would provide 190,000 dekatherms per day of firm transportation service from the Tioga County, Pennsylvania natural gas production area to downstream delivery points with other interstate pipelines, which reach various end-use markets and demand centers in the United States and Canada, and modernize a portion of National Fuel's existing Line Z20 pipeline system.

On August 30, 2024, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice 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.<sup>1</sup> The EA will be issued for a 30-day comment period.

#### Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA—February 13, 2025  
90-day Federal Authorization Decision  
Deadline<sup>2</sup>—May 14, 2025

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

The Tioga Pathway would consist of the following facilities:

- **Line Z20:** Replace approximately 3.8 miles of 12-inch-diameter 1936-vintage bare steel pipeline with new 20-inch-diameter coated steel pipeline and perform modifications to an existing valve setting on Line Z20 in National

<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1728990440. 40 CFR 1501.5(c)(4) (2024).

<sup>2</sup> 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.