

Daylight Time after exhausting all reasonably and practically available resources; (2) a Transmission Emergency that requires operation of a Covered Resource to prevent or mitigate load curtailment during any operating hour; or (3) limited testing directed by the CAISO or synchronization of Midway Sunset Unit C, Greenleaf Unit 1, and Roseville Energy Park during periods of lowest electric demand for natural gas resources, as determined by the CAISO. For purposes of the Order, “Energy Emergency Alert Level 2” has the meaning set forth in section 3.6.4 of the CAISO System Emergency Operating Procedure Version 13.1 (Aug. 20, 2021) (CAISO Emergency Operating Procedure). Also for purposes of the Order, “Transmission Emergency” has the meaning set forth in section 3.5 of the CAISO Emergency Operating Procedure.

The Department has required the CAISO to report, by December 1, 2021, “source specific data for all dates between September 10 and November 9, 2021, on which the Covered Resources were operated. The report must include, “for each unit, (1) the hours of operation, as well as the hours in which any permit limit was exceeded and (2) a preliminary description of each permit term that was exceeded and the manner in which such exceedance occurred.” The Department also required the CAISO to “submit a final report by January 7, 2022, with any revisions to the information reported on December 1, 2021.” After receiving the final data report from the CAISO, DOE will prepare a special environmental analysis of the potential impacts resulting from issuance of the Order, including impacts on air quality and environmental justice. The CAISO will be responsible for the reasonable third-party costs of the special environmental analysis.

*Procedural Background:* The Covered Resources to which this Order pertains were identified in the Order and can be found on the website identified above. Given the emergency nature of the expected load stress, the responsibility of the CAISO to ensure maximum reliability on its system, and the ability of the CAISO to identify and dispatch generation necessary to meet the additional load, the Deputy Secretary determined that additional dispatch of the Covered Resources would be necessary to best meet the emergency and serve the public interest for purposes of FPA section 202(c). Because the additional generation may result in a conflict with environmental standards and requirements, the Deputy Secretary authorized only the necessary

additional generation, with reporting requirements as described below.

FPA section 202(c)(2) requires the Secretary of Energy to ensure that any FPA section 202(c) order that may result in a conflict with a requirement of any environmental law be limited to the “hours necessary to meet the emergency and serve the public interest, and, to the maximum extent practicable,” be consistent with any applicable environmental law and minimize any adverse environmental impacts. To minimize adverse environmental impacts, the Order “limits operation of dispatched units to the times and within the parameters determined by the CAISO for reliability purposes.”

The Deputy Secretary conditioned the Order by requiring the CAISO to report on actions taken pursuant to the Order regarding the environmental impacts of the Order and its compliance with the conditions of the Order. As noted previously, the CAISO must submit a final report by January 7, 2022, with any revisions to the information reported through that time. The environmental data the CAISO submits must include (1) Emissions data in pounds per hour for each Covered Resource unit, for each hour of the operational scenario, for carbon monoxide, nitrous oxides, particulate matter (PM) 2.5, PM<sub>10</sub>, volatile organic compounds, and sulfur dioxide, with details on the actual emissions in pounds per hour, permitted operating/emission limits, and the actual incremental emissions above the permit limits (except that for emissions units not equipped with continuous emission monitoring systems, actual emissions must be calculated using source test data); (2) stack parameters for each Covered Resource unit, including stack height, exit diameter, exit gas temperature, and exit velocity (or volumetric flow rate) (temperature and velocity must be the values applicable to the operations above permit limits); (3) the actual hours that each Covered Resource unit operated in excess of permit limits or operated without otherwise-required permits; (4) information provided to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) in response to the CARB’s development and implementation of the plan to mitigate the effects of additional emissions authorized by Governor Newsom’s July 30, 2021 emergency proclamation. The Department also noted that it may request additional information as it performs its special environmental analysis relating to the issuance of the Order.

The reports will be available on the DOE website for this docket here: <https://www.energy.gov/oe/federal->

[power-act-section-202c-caiso-september-2021](https://www.energy.gov/oe/federal-power-act-section-202c-caiso-september-2021).

### Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on September 22, 2021 by Patricia A. Hoffman, Acting Assistant Secretary for the Office of Electricity and for the Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on September 23, 2021.

**Treena V. Garrett,**

*Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2530–057]

#### Brookfield White Pine Hydro LLC; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380, the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for new license for the Hiram Hydroelectric Project, located on the Saco River in Oxford and Cumberland Counties, Maine, and has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the project. No federal land is occupied by project works or located within the project boundary.

The DEA contains staff’s analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental 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. 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 FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

You may also register online at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/eSubscription.aspx> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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/eFiling.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 and contact information 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: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-2530-057.

For further information, contact Dianne Rodman at (202) 502-6077, or by email at [dianne.rodman@ferc.gov](mailto:dianne.rodman@ferc.gov).

Dated: September 22, 2021.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
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:* RP21-1135-000.

*Applicants:* Texas Gas Transmission, LLC.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Amendments to Neg Rate Agmts (BP 37587, 37586) to be effective 9/21/2021.

*Filed Date:* 9/21/21.

*Accession Number:* 20210921-5118.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 10/4/21.

*Docket Numbers:* RP21-1136-000.

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

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: 9.22.21 Negotiated Rates—Freepoint Commodities LLC R-7250-36 to be effective 11/1/2021.

*Filed Date:* 9/22/21.

*Accession Number:* 20210922-5028.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 10/4/21.

*Docket Numbers:* RP21-1137-000.

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

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: 9.22.21 Negotiated Rates—Freepoint Commodities LLC R-7250-37 to be effective 11/1/2021.

*Filed Date:* 9/22/21.

*Accession Number:* 20210922-5029.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 10/4/21.

*Docket Numbers:* RP21-1138-000.

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

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: 9.22.21 Negotiated Rates—Freepoint Commodities LLC R-7250-38 to be effective 11/1/2021.

*Filed Date:* 9/22/21.

*Accession Number:* 20210922-5030.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 10/4/21.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 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/fercensearch.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.

Dated: September 22, 2021.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**

Deputy Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15021-000]

#### Bard College, New York; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On December 23, 2019, Bard College, New York filed an application for an exemption from licensing for the 10-kilowatt Annandale Micro Hydropower Project (Annandale Project) (FERC No. 15021). The Annandale Project is located on the Saw Kill, a tributary of the Hudson River, in the Town of Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York. The project does not occupy federal land.

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, on July 9, 2021, 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 exempt the Annandale Project from licensing.

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 decision on whether to issue an exemption from licensing for the project.

The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

| Milestone                  | Target date                |
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| Commission issues EA ..... | January 2022. <sup>1</sup> |