

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Project No. 6115–016]****Pyrites Hydro, LLC; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests**

June 10, 2022.

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

a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.

b. *Project No.:* 6115–016.

c. *Date Filed:* August 31, 2021.

d. *Applicant:* Pyrites Hydro, LLC (Pyrites Hydro).

e. *Name of Project:* Pyrites Hydroelectric Project (Pyrites Project or project).

f. *Location:* The existing project is located on the Grass River near the Town of Canton, St. Lawrence County, New York. The project does not occupy any federal land.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Kevin M. Webb, Hydro Licensing Manager, Pyrites Hydro, LLC, 670 N Commercial Street, Suite 204, Manchester, NH 03101, (978) 935–6039; email—[kwebb@centralriverspower.com](mailto:kwebb@centralriverspower.com).

i. *FERC Contact:* Chris Millard at (202) 502–8256; or email at [christopher.millard@ferc.gov](mailto:christopher.millard@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.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: 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. All filings must clearly identify the project name and docket number on the first page: Pyrites Hydroelectric Project (P–6115–016).

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

k. This application has been accepted but is not ready for environmental analysis.

l. *The project consists of the following existing facilities:* (1) a 170-foot-long and 12-foot-high concrete Ambursen overflow spillway with 1.5-foot-high flashboards, a 115-foot-long concrete auxiliary spillway, and a 208-foot-long non-overflow dam, which includes a 50-foot-wide intake structure; (2) a 6-foot-diameter, 700-foot-long steel penstock running from the intake structure to an upper powerhouse and a 10-foot-diameter, 2,160-foot-long penstock running from the intake structure to a lower powerhouse; (3) a 21-foot by 31-foot upper powerhouse located 700 feet downstream of the intake structure containing one 1.2-megawatt (MW) turbine/generator unit operating under a rated head of 76 feet and a 50-foot by 53-foot lower powerhouse located 1,200 feet downstream of the tailrace containing two 3.5-MW turbine/generator units operating under a rated head of 111 feet; (4) a 50-foot by 97-foot 115/4.16/2.3-kilovolt (kV) switchyard and substation for use by both powerhouses; (5) a 470-foot-long 2.3-kV transmission line connecting the upper powerhouse to the switchyard; (6) a 1,150-foot-long 4.16-kV transmission line connecting the lower powerhouse to the switchyard; and (7) appurtenant facilities.

The Pyrites Project is operated in a run-of-river mode with an average annual generation of 27,865 megawatt-hours.

Pyrites Hydro proposes to continue to operate the project in a run-of-river mode and maintain a continuous minimum flow to the bypassed reach of 45 cubic feet per second or inflow to the impoundment, whichever is less.

m. A copy of the application is available for review via 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 (P–6115). For assistance, contact FERC Online Support. In addition, the public portions of the application are available during regular business hours at the Canton Free Library located at 8 Park Street, Canton, New York 13617.

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, contact FERC Online Support.

n. Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests 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 protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST" or "MOTION TO INTERVENE;" (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 protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

o. *Procedural Schedule:* The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Issue Scoping Document 1 for comments—July 2022

Request Additional Information (if necessary)—September 2022

Issue Scoping Document 2 (if necessary)—October 2022

Issue Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis—October 2022

Dated: June 10, 2022.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP22-469-000]

#### Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization and Establishing Intervention and Protest Deadline

Take notice that on May 31, 2022, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco), 2800 Post Oak Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77251-1396 filed in the above referenced docket a prior notice pursuant to Section 157.205 and 157.216 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act, requesting that the Commission authorize its Pt. Au Fer Abandonment Project (Project), under Transco's blanket certificate authority issued in Docket No. CP82-426-000.<sup>1</sup>

Specifically, Transco requests that the Commission authorize to abandon its existing Point Au Fer Lateral that consists of approximately 7.4 miles of 10-inch-diameter pipeline and its Smythe Point Au Fer Lateral that consists of approximately 1.8 miles of 4-inch-diameter pipeline, and appurtenant metering facilities, all located in Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

Transco states that these its Pt. Au Fer Abandonment Project facilities have not been used in the previous 12 months to provide service to any shippers and that no new firm contracts have been established with the producers, and therefore, Transco does not anticipate the need to flow gas through the Project facilities in the future. Transco affirms that by abandoning the Project facilities, Transco will reduce long-term costs associated with the required maintenance of the Project facilities. The total cost of the abandonment is estimated to be approximately \$3.19 million, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to

view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://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 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TYY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions concerning this application should be directed to Andre Pereira, Lead Regulatory Analyst, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC, Post Office Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251-1396, (713) 215-4362, [Andre.S.Pereira@Williams.com](mailto:Andre.S.Pereira@Williams.com).

Pursuant to Section 157.9 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure,<sup>2</sup> within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: complete its environmental review and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or environmental assessment (EA) for this proposal. The filing of an EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

#### Public Participation

There are three ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project: you can file a protest to the project, you can file a motion to intervene in the proceeding, and you can file comments on the project. There is no fee or cost for filing protests, motions to intervene, or comments. The deadline for filing protests, motions to intervene, and comments is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on August 9, 2022. How to file protests, motions to intervene, and comments is explained below.

#### Protests

Pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's regulations under the NGA,<sup>3</sup> any person<sup>4</sup> or the Commission's staff may file a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed or if a protest is filed and then withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request for authorization will be considered by the Commission.

Protests must comply with the requirements specified in section 157.205(e) of the Commission's regulations,<sup>5</sup> and must be submitted by the protest deadline, which is August 9, 2022. A protest may also serve as a motion to intervene so long as the protestor states it also seeks to be an intervenor.

#### Interventions

Any person has the option to file a motion to intervene in this proceeding. Only intervenors have the right to request rehearing of Commission orders issued in this proceeding and to subsequently challenge the Commission's orders in the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal.

To intervene, you must submit a motion to intervene to the Commission in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure<sup>6</sup> and the regulations under the NGA<sup>7</sup> by the intervention deadline for the project, which is August 9, 2022. As described further in Rule 214, your motion to intervene must state, to the extent known, your position regarding the proceeding, as well as your interest in the proceeding. For an individual, this could include your status as a landowner, ratepayer, resident of an impacted community, or recreationist. You do not need to have property directly impacted by the project in order to intervene. For more information about motions to intervene, refer to the FERC website at <https://www.ferc.gov/resources/guides/how-to/intervene.asp>.

All timely, unopposed motions to intervene are automatically granted by operation of Rule 214(c)(1). Motions to intervene that are filed after the

<sup>3</sup> 18 CFR 157.205.

<sup>4</sup> Persons include individuals, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and other entities. 18 CFR 385.102(d).

<sup>5</sup> 18 CFR 157.205(e).

<sup>6</sup> 18 CFR 385.214.

<sup>7</sup> 18 CFR 157.10.

<sup>1</sup> *Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation*, 20 FERC ¶ 62,420 (1982).

<sup>2</sup> 18 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) § 157.9.