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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER23-71-000]

Buena Vista Energy Center, LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of Buena Vista Energy Center, LLC's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is November 3, 2022.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically may mail similar pleadings to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. Hand delivered submissions in docketed proceedings should be delivered to Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

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://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 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2333-094]

Rumford Falls Hydro, LLC; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Licensing and Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

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.:* 2333-094.

c. *Date Filed:* September 29, 2022.

d. *Applicant:* Rumford Falls Hydro LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Rumford Falls Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Androscoggin River in the Town of Rumford, Oxford County, Maine.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Luke Anderson, Rumford Falls Hydro LLC, Brookfield Renewable, 150 Main St., Lewiston, Maine, 04240, (207) 755-5613, luke.anderson@brookfieldrenewable.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Ryan Hansen at (202) 502-8074 or email at ryan.hansen@ferc.gov.

j. The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

k. *Project Description:* The project consists of two developments: the Upper Station and Lower Station. The Upper Station Development consists of the following existing facilities: (1) a concrete gravity dam with a 464-foot-long, 37-foot-high ogee type spillway section with 32-inch-high, pin-supported wooden flashboards; (2) a reservoir with a storage capacity of 2,900 acre-feet and a surface area of approximately 419 acres at a maximum headwater elevation of 601.24 feet; (3) a 2,300-foot-long, 150-foot-wide forebay; (4) a gatehouse containing two headgates for each of the four penstocks for a total of eight headgates with trashracks; (5) four 110-foot-long underground steel-plate penstocks, three of which are 12 feet in diameter, and one of which is 13 feet in diameter; (6) a masonry powerhouse integral with the dam that is composed of two adjoining stations (a) a 30-foot-wide, 110-foot-long, 92-foot-high Old Station, containing one horizontal generating unit with a capacity of 4,300 kilowatts (kW), and (b) a 60-foot-wide, 140-foot-long, 76-foot-high New Station containing three vertical generating units, two with a capacity of 8,100 kW each, and one with a capacity of 8,800 kW; (7) four 11.5-kilovolt (kV) overhead transmission lines, two of which are de-energized, and the other two are: a 4,500-foot-long line 2 and a 4,200-foot-long line 3; and (8) appurtenant facilities.

The Lower Station Development consists of the following existing facilities: (1) a rock-filled, wooden cribbed and concrete-capped Middle Dam, with a 328.6-foot-long, 20-foot-high gravity spillway section with a crest elevation of 502.74 feet with 16-inch-high, pin-supported, wooden flashboards; (2) a reservoir with storage capacity of 141 acre-feet and a surface area of 21 acres at a normal maximum headwater elevation of 502.7 feet; (3) a 120-foot-long concrete headgate structure located adjacent to the dam with ten steel headgates and a waste weir section perpendicular to the headgate structure with a crest elevation of 502.6 feet and 10-inch-high flashboards regulating flow to the Middle Canal; (4) a 2,400-foot-long Middle Canal with a width ranging from 75 to 175 feet and a depth from 8 to 11 feet; (5) a gatehouse containing two headgates, trashracks, and other appurtenant equipment regulating flow from the canal into two penstocks; (6) two 815-foot-long, 12-foot-diameter, steel-plate penstocks conveying flow from the gatehouse to two surge tanks; (7) two 36-foot-diameter, 50.5-foot-high cylindrical surge tanks; (8) two 77-foot-

long, 12-foot-diameter steel penstocks conveying flow from the surge tanks to the powerhouse; (9) a masonry powerhouse containing two identical vertical units, each with a 7,600-kW capacity; (10) two 600-foot-long, 11.5-kV parallel generator leads; and (11) appurtenant facilities.

Rumford Falls Hydro LLC operates the project in a run-of-river mode and does not propose any changes to project facilities or operation. The project would continue to generate an estimated average of 270,800 megawatt-hours annually.

l. *Location of the Application:* In addition to publishing the full text of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this notice, as well as other documents in the proceeding (e.g., license application) 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 (P-2333). For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov

[ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

m. 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. *Procedural Schedule:* The application will be processed according to the following preliminary Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Issue Deficiency Letter (if necessary)	October 2022.
Issue Additional Information Request (if necessary)	November 2022.
Notice of Acceptance/Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis	March 2023.
Filing of recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and fishway prescriptions	May 2023.

o. Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP22-138-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Northern Lights 2023 Expansion Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Northern Lights 2023 Expansion Project (Project), proposed by Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) in the above-referenced docket. Northern requests a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and authorization to abandon, construct, operate, and maintain certain natural gas transmission pipeline facilities in Freeborn, Washington, Scott, Sherburne, and Stearns Counties, Minnesota and Monroe County, Wisconsin. The Project purpose is to provide incremental winter firm service of 44,222 dekatherms per day (Dth/d) to Northern's residential, commercial, and

industrial customer market and 6,667 Dth/d of additional firm service that will allow a shipper enhanced reliability and flexibility in natural gas transportation capacity for electric generation.

The draft EIS assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed Project, with the mitigation measures recommended in the EIS, would result in some adverse environmental impacts; however, with the exception of potential impacts on climate change, we conclude that impacts would be reduced to less than significant levels. Regarding climate change impacts, the EIS is not characterizing the Project's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions as significant or not significant because the Commission is conducting a generic proceeding to determine whether and how the Commission will conduct significance determinations going forward.¹

Special construction methods in proximity to residences are shown on Northern's Site-Specific Residential Construction Plans (see appendix N of the draft EIS), which we have reviewed and found acceptable; however, we encourage affected landowners to review these site-specific drawings and provide comments, as warranted. The draft EIS addresses the potential environmental effects of the construction, abandonment, and

operation of the following Project facilities:

- Ventura North E-line Extension (Ventura Extension)—2.8 miles of 36-inch-diameter pipeline extension of the Ventura North E-Line in Freeborn County, Minnesota;
 - Elk River 3rd Branch Line Loop² (Elk River Loop)—1.1 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipeline loop in Washington County, Minnesota;
 - Willmar D Branch Line Extension (Willmar Extension)—1.1 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline extension in Scott County, Minnesota;
 - Princeton Tie-Over Loop Extension (Princeton Extension)—2.5 miles of 8-inch-diameter pipeline loop extension in Sherburne County, Minnesota;
 - Paynesville 2nd Branch Line Loop (Paynesville Loop)—2.0 miles of 4-inch-diameter pipeline loop in Stearns County, Minnesota; and
 - Tomah Branch Line Loop Extension (Tomah Extension)—0.3 mile of 8-inch-diameter pipeline extension in Monroe County, Wisconsin.
- The aboveground facilities proposed for this Project would include one new pig³ launcher, four new valve settings, replacement of valves and piping inside four facilities, and installation of two rupture-mitigation valves (RMV), associated piping, and buildings.
- Abandonment and removal of two valve settings and associated piping.

² A loop is a segment of pipeline parallel to a mainline that connects to it at both ends and allows more gas to flow through that segment.

³ A "pig" is a tool that the pipeline company inserts into and pushes through the pipeline for cleaning the pipeline, conducting internal inspections, or other purposes.

¹ *Consideration of Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Natural Gas Infrastructure Project Reviews*, 178 FERC ¶ 61,108 (2022); 178 FERC ¶ 61,197 (2022).