

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Third Revised WAPA NITSA/NOA to be effective 1/1/2024.

*Filed Date:* 1/30/24.

*Accession Number:* 20240130–5134.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 2/20/24.

*Docket Numbers:* ER24–1049–000.

*Applicants:* NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation.

*Description:* Baseline eTariff Filing: New Baseline—Rate Schedules to be effective 1/31/2024.

*Filed Date:* 1/30/24.

*Accession Number:* 20240130–5152.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 2/20/24.

*Docket Numbers:* ER24–1050–000.

*Applicants:* Gridflex Generation, LLC.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Market-Based Rate Tariff Update to Reflect Change in Seller's Category Status to be effective 3/30/2024.

*Filed Date:* 1/30/24.

*Accession Number:* 20240130–5156.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 2/20/24.

*Docket Numbers:* ER24–1051–000.

*Applicants:* PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

*Description:* Tariff Amendment: FE PA submits Cancellation of IA, SA No. 5114 re: FE Reorganization to be effective 1/1/2024.

*Filed Date:* 1/30/24.

*Accession Number:* 20240130–5165.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 2/20/24.

*Docket Numbers:* ER24–1052–000.

*Applicants:* PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

*Description:* Tariff Amendment: FE PA submits Cancellation of IA, SA No. 5111 re: FE Reorganization to be effective 1/1/2024.

*Filed Date:* 1/30/24.

*Accession Number:* 20240130–5172.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 2/20/24.

*Docket Numbers:* ER24–1053–000.

*Applicants:* Wisconsin Public Service Corporation.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Filing of MSA\_RS No. 103 and WDA\_RS No. 104 to be effective 2/1/2024.

*Filed Date:* 1/30/24.

*Accession Number:* 20240130–5182.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 2/20/24.

*Docket Numbers:* ER24–1054–000.

*Applicants:* OnPoint Energy Northeast, LLC.

*Description:* Tariff Amendment: Notice of Cancellation of Market-Based Rate Tariff to be effective 1/31/2024.

*Filed Date:* 1/30/24.

*Accession Number:* 20240130–5193.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 2/20/24.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp>) by querying the docket number.

Any person desiring to intervene, to protest, or to answer a complaint in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211, 214, or 206 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214, or 385.206) on or before 5 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding. 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. 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).

Dated: January 30, 2024.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2705–037]

#### Seattle City Light; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment and Notice of Revised Schedule

On January 28, 2022, and supplemented on February 14 and December 12, 2022, and April 10 and October 24, 2023, Seattle City Light filed an application for surrender of license for the Newhalem Creek Hydroelectric Project No. 2705. The project is located on Newhalem Creek in Whatcom County, Washington. The project occupies Federal lands within the Ross Lake National Recreation Area managed by the National Park Service.

The licensee proposes to surrender the project due to the following issues: leaks in the power tunnel; maintenance needs at the headworks and powerhouse; and safety concerns along the access road due to an active

landslide. The licensee proposes to: remove the diversion dam and associated headworks structures, tailrace fish barrier, and certain overhead transmission lines; seal the rock shaft and power tunnel; decommission the access road and powerhouse; and leave the powerhouse, tailrace, and penstock in place.

Based on the additional information needed to complete our analysis filed on October 24, 2023, this notice revises the schedule identified in Scoping Document 1, issued on August 29, 2022, in consultation with Seattle City Light. Commission staff's revised schedule for completion of the Environmental Assessment (EA) is by April 30, 2024.<sup>1</sup> Based on the project record, Commission staff plans to issue an EA to be made available for review and comment by all interested parties. All comments filed on the EA will be reviewed by staff and considered in the Commission's final decision on the proceeding.

With this notice and revised schedule, the Commission is inviting Federal, State, local, and Tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues affected by the proposal to cooperate in the preparation of the EA planned to be issued April 30, 2024. Agencies wishing to cooperate, or further discuss the benefits, responsibilities, and obligations of the cooperating agency role, should contact staff listed at the bottom of this notice by February 19, 2024. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of any environmental document cannot also intervene. See 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

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Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Diana Shannon at 202–502–6136 or [diana.shannon@ferc.gov](mailto:diana.shannon@ferc.gov).

<sup>1</sup> 42 U.S.C. 4336a(g) requires lead Federal agencies to complete EAs within 1 year of the agency's decision to prepare an EA, unless the schedule is extended in consultation with the applicant.

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**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP20-527-000]

#### Columbia Gulf Transmission, LLC; Notice of Request for Extension of Time

Take notice that on January 19, 2024, Columbia Gulf Transmission, LLC (Columbia Gulf) requested that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) grant an extension of time (2024 Extension of Time Request), until September 25, 2025, to construct and make available for service the facilities that were authorized in the original certificate authorization issued on March 25, 2022 (Certificate Order).<sup>1</sup> The Certificate Order authorized the East Lateral XPress Project (Project) in St. Mary, Lafourche, Jefferson, and Plaquemines Parishes, Louisiana and required Columbia Gulf to complete construction of the Project facilities and make them available for service by March 25, 2024.

In its 2024 Extension of Time Request, Columbia Gulf states that due to delays in obtaining all Federal authorizations required for the Project, it requires additional time to complete construction of the authorized Project facilities. Specifically, Columbia Gulf explains that all required Federal permits were recently obtained and on December 5, 2023, as supplemented, Columbia Gulf filed a request with the Commission for Notice to Proceed with construction of the Project. On December 14, 2023, the Commission granted Columbia Gulf's request. Columbia Gulf states that it subsequently mobilized crews and commenced bona fide construction activities on December 21, 2023. Columbia Gulf states that construction is anticipated to be complete during the last quarter of 2024, with a Project in-service anticipated by February 1, 2025.

This notice establishes a 15-calendar day intervention and comment period deadline. Any person wishing to comment on Columbia Gulf's request for an extension of time may do so. No reply comments or answers will be considered. If you wish to obtain legal

<sup>1</sup> *Columbia Gulf Transmission, LLC*, 172 FERC ¶ 61,260 (2020).

status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this request, you should, on or before the comment date stated below, file a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (18 CFR 157.10).

As a matter of practice, the Commission itself generally acts on requests for extensions of time to complete construction for NGA facilities when such requests are contested before order issuance. For those extension requests that are contested,<sup>2</sup> the Commission will aim to issue an order acting on the request within 45 days.<sup>3</sup> The Commission will address all arguments relating to whether the applicant has demonstrated there is good cause to grant the extension.<sup>4</sup> The Commission will not consider arguments that re-litigate the issuance of the certificate order, including whether the Commission properly found the project to be in the public convenience and necessity and whether the Commission's environmental analysis for the certificate complied with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).<sup>5</sup> At the time a pipeline requests an extension of time, orders on certificates of public convenience and necessity are final and the Commission will not re-litigate their issuance.<sup>6</sup> The Director of the Office of Energy Projects, or his or her designee, will act on all of those extension requests that are uncontested.

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. Public access to records formerly available in the Commission's physical Public Reference Room, which was located at the Commission's headquarters, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426,

<sup>2</sup> Contested proceedings are those where an intervenor disputes any material issue of the filing. 18 CFR 385.2201(c)(1).

<sup>3</sup> *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 170 FERC ¶ 61,144, at P 40 (2020).

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at P 40.

<sup>5</sup> Similarly, the Commission will not re-litigate the issuance of an NGA section 3 authorization, including whether a proposed project is not inconsistent with the public interest and whether the Commission's environmental analysis for the permit order complied with NEPA.

<sup>6</sup> *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 170 FERC ¶ 61,144, at P 40 (2020).

are now available via the Commission's website. For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY (202) 502-8659.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments in lieu of paper using the "eFile" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy which must reference the Project docket number.

*To file via USPS:* Debbie-Anne Reese, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426

*To file via any other courier:* Debbie-Anne Reese, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852

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*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. eastern time on February 14, 2024.

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**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL24-60-000]

#### Viridon Mid-Atlantic LLC; Notice of Institution of Section 206 Proceeding and Refund Effective Date

On January 29, 2024, the Commission issued an order in Docket No. EL24-60-000, pursuant to section 206 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 824e, instituting an investigation to determine whether Viridon Mid-Atlantic LLC's Formula Rate Template and Protocols are unjust, unreasonable, unduly discriminatory or preferential, or otherwise unlawful. *Viridon Mid-Atlantic LLC*, 186 FERC ¶ 61,074 (2024).

The refund effective date in Docket No. EL24-60-000, established pursuant