

certification; (2) a copy of the request for certification, including proof of the date on which the certifying agency received the request; or (3) evidence of waiver of water quality certification.

1. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests:* April 22, 2024.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at 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: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include the docket number P-5737-032. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not considered part of the Commission record.

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

m. *Description of Request:* Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water), exemptee for the Anderson Dam Hydroelectric Project located on Coyote Creek in Santa Clara County, California, proposes to: (1) drawdown the Anderson reservoir to perform a seismic retrofit of the dam which would include removing Anderson Dam in stages and rebuilding the dam and spillway to meet Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and California Department of Water Resources Division of Safety of Dams public safety requirements, (2) decommission the hydroelectric facility,

(3) implement conservation measures downstream of the dam on Coyote Creek, and (4) surrender the hydroelectric project exemption. Valley Water anticipates construction to retrofit the dam would take approximately seven years to complete and proposes to start construction in 2026. Valley Water also proposes various environmental monitoring plans, site restoration activities, and mitigation measures including improvements to Ogier Ponds and enhancements to the fish passage facilities at the Coyote Percolation Dam located downstream and outside of the Anderson Dam Hydroelectric Project on Coyote Creek that would take additional time to complete. In the application, Valley Water discusses how the project exemption, and therefore the Commission's jurisdiction over the project, would remain until the Commission finds the seismic retrofit construction complete and all conditions of any surrender order are met. Valley Water would continue to maintain Anderson Reservoir and the rebuilt dam after exemption surrender and proposes to implement Phase 1 flow releases from the Fish and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort Agreement.

n. *Locations of the Application:* This filing may be viewed on 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. 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, call 1-866-208-3676 or email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant.

o. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

p. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene:* Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214, respectively. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments 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 comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

q. *Filing and Service of Documents:* Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (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 commenting, protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis. Any filing made by an intervenor must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2010.

r. 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.

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP24-37-000]

Columbia Gulf Transmission, LLC; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Amoco South Pecan Lake Abandonment Project

On January 16, 2024, Columbia Gulf Transmission, LLC (Columbia Gulf) filed an application in Docket No. CP24-37-000 requesting an Authorization pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act involving abandonment of approximately 21 miles of pipeline and related appurtenances in Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

On January 26, 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.¹

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA June 20, 2024

90-day Federal Authorization Decision

Deadline² September 18, 2024

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

Columbia Gulf proposes to abandon in place and abandon by removal approximately 21 miles of pipeline and related appurtenances, located in Cameron Parish, Louisiana. According to Columbia Gulf, abandonment will eliminate the need for future operating and maintenance expenditures on outdated facilities that are no longer needed to satisfy current firm service obligations. Abandonment of these facilities will not change the certificated capacity of Columbia Gulf's system and will not result in the termination or reduction of service to existing customers of Columbia Gulf.

The Project would consist of the following activities:

- Abandon in place and by removal approximately 16 miles of its 16-inch-diameter South Pecan Lake Pipeline;
- Abandon by removal approximately 1 mile of its 12-inch-diameter Amoco/South Pecan Lake Pipeline;
- Abandon by removal approximately 4 miles of its 6-inch-diameter Go Around Bayou Pipeline;
- Abandon by removal all of the facilities at the South Pecan Lake metering and regulating station (M&R) No. 505 and Goodrich M&R No. 4144; and

- Abandon by removal other related appurtenances.

Background

On February 7, 2024, the Commission issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Amoco South Pecan Lake Abandonment Project* (Notice of Scoping). The Notice of Scoping was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. In response to the Notice of Scoping, we received comments by a landowner, James Guinn; the Mississippi Band of the Choctaw Indians; and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The primary issues raised were abandonment in place procedures and addressing unanticipated discoveries of cultural resources. All substantive comments will be addressed in the EA.

Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This service provides automatic notification of filings made to subscribed dockets, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to register for eSubscription.

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Additional information about the Project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (866) 208-FERC or on the FERC website (www.ferc.gov). Using the "eLibrary" link, select "General Search" from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and "Docket Number" excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, CP24-37), and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at (866) 208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. The

eLibrary link on the FERC website also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

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Acting Secretary.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2561-057]

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment; Sho-Me Electric Power Cooperative

On June 29, 2023, Sho-Me Electric Power Cooperative (licensee) filed an application to surrender its license for the Niangua Hydroelectric Project No. 2561. The project is located on the Niangua River in Camden County, Missouri. The project does not occupy federal lands.

The licensee has determined it no longer wants to pursue relicensing of the project. The licensee intends to surrender its license and to leave the facilities in place, including the project dam, power tunnel, powerhouse, and associated facilities. The power canal would be drained and sealed at both ends and the project would be disconnected from the power grid. No ground disturbing activities are proposed with surrender of the project license. A Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protest was issued on August 1, 2023.

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed action. The planned schedule for the completion of the EA is September 30, 2024.¹ Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate. The EA will be issued and made available for review 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, 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

¹ 42 U.S.C. 4336a(g)(1)(B) requires lead federal agencies to complete EAs within 1 year of the agency's decision to prepare an EA.

¹ 40 CFR 1501.10 (2020).

² 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.