

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 9709–071]

ECOsponsible, LLC; Soliciting Notices of Intent To File a New License Application and Pre-Application Documents

The current license for the Herkimer Hydroelectric Project No. 9709 was issued to the original licensee, Trafalgar Power, Inc., on April 22, 1987, for a term of 40 years, ending March 31, 2027.¹ The project has fallen into disrepair and has not operated since 2006. The license was transferred to the current licensee, ECOsponsible, LLC, (ECOsponsible) on March 12, 2015.² The 1,680-kilowatt (kW) project is located on West Canada Creek in Herkimer County, New York.

The project works consist of: (1) a timber crib dam with: (a) a 9-foot-high, 95-foot-long section with a crest elevation of 420.0 feet mean sea level (msl) and (b) a 12-foot-high, 145-foot-long section with a crest elevation of 419.2 feet msl; (2) an impoundment with a surface area of 19 acres, a storage capacity of 163 acre-feet, and a normal water surface elevation of 420.5 feet msl; (3) timber flashboards; (4) an intake structure; (5) a reinforced concrete and steel powerhouse containing four turbine-generating units with a capacity of 400 kW each and an 80-kW minimum flow generator for a total installed capacity of 1,680 kW; (6) a 50-foot-long, 13.2-kilovolt transmission line; and (7) appurtenant facilities.

At least five years before the expiration of a license for a major water power project subject to sections 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act, the Commission's regulations require the license applicant to file with the Commission a notice of intent (NOI) that contains an unequivocal statement of the licensee's intention to file or not to file an application for a new license, details on the principal project works and installed plant capacity, and other information.³ Accordingly, NOIs for the

Herkimer Project were due by March 31, 2022. On March 9, 2022, Stone Ridge Hydro, LLC, filed an NOI to file an application for a small hydropower project exemption for the Herkimer Project, which was rejected on May 17, 2022.⁴ On March 31, 2022, Mr. Dennis Ryan, Jr. filed an NOI to file a relicense application for the Herkimer Project, which Commission staff is rejecting in an order issued in conjunction with this notice.⁵

Because all timely-filed NOIs have been rejected, the Commission is soliciting applications from applicants other than the existing licensee. An existing licensee that fails to timely file an NOI is prohibited from filing an application for a new license or exemption for the project, either individually or in conjunction with an entity or entities that are not currently licensees.⁶

Any party interested in filing a license application for the project must first file an NOI⁷ and PAD⁸ pursuant to part 5 of the Commission's regulations. Although the integrated licensing process (ILP) is the default pre-filing process, section 5.3(b) of the Commission's regulations allows a potential license applicant to request to use the traditional licensing process or alternative procedures when it files its NOI.⁹

This notice sets a deadline of 90 days from the date of this notice for interested applicants, other than the existing licensee, to file NOIs, PADs, and requests to use the traditional licensing process or alternative procedures. Applications for a new license from potential (non-licensee) applicants must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the current license.¹⁰

notice shall be submitted at least 5 years before the expiration of the existing license.

⁴ Division of Hydropower Licensing May 17, 2022 Rejection of Notice of Intent. The Commission's regulations state that if there is an unexpired license in effect for a project, the Commission will accept an application for exemption only if the exemption applicant is the licensee. 18 CFR 4.33(d)(ii) (2023); *see also* Stone Ridge Hydro, LLC, 180 FERC ¶ 61,123 (2022).

⁵ *See* Division of Hydropower Licensing April 2, 2024 Order Rejecting Notice of Intent and Pre-Application Document. Commission staff finds: (1) Mr. Ryan, Jr. failed to demonstrate that the existing licensee filed the NOI, (2) the entity that filed the NOI was not a valid business entity at the time of filing, and (3) Mr. Ryan, Jr. was not authorized to act for the entity that filed the NOI.

⁶ 18 CFR 16.24(a)(1) (2023); *see also id.* 16.23(a) (deeming failure to file an NOI as the same as filing an NOI indicating an intention not to file an application for a new license.). Note that this prohibition extends only to the existing licensee.

⁷ 18 CFR 5.5 (2023).

⁸ 18 CFR 5.6.

⁹ 18 CFR 5.3(b).

¹⁰ 18 CFR 16.9(b)(1).

Because the current license expires on March 31, 2027, applications for a license for this project must be filed by March 31, 2025.

Questions concerning this notice should be directed to Jody Callihan at (202) 502–8278 or jody.callihan@ferc.gov.

Dated: April 3, 2024.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. ER24–1694–000]

Groton BESS 1 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 Groton BESS 1 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 April 24, 2024.

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 TYY, (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.

Dated: April 4, 2024.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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Notice of Effectiveness of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status

	Docket Nos.
Atrisco Solar LLC	EG24-64-000
Atrisco Energy Storage LLC.	EG24-65-000
Quail Ranch Solar LLC	EG24-66-000
Quail Ranch Energy Storage LLC.	EG24-67-000
Atrisco Solar SF LLC	EG24-68-000
Atrisco BESS SF LLC	EG24-69-000
Quail Ranch Solar SF LLC	EG24-70-000

	Docket Nos.
Quail Ranch BESS SF LLC	EG24-71-000
Alton Post Office Solar, LLC.	EG24-72-000
Foxglove Solar Project, LLC.	EG24-73-000
Brazos Bend BESS LLC ...	EG24-74-000
RB Inyokern Solar WDAT 1203 LLC.	EG24-75-000
RB Inyokern Solar WDAT 1281 LLC.	EG24-76-000
Kupono Solar, LLC	EG24-77-000
Sunlight Road Solar, L.L.C	EG24-78-000
Bristol BESS, LLC	EG24-79-000
Morgan Energy Center, LLC.	EG24-80-000
Decatur Solar Energy Center, LLC.	EG24-81-000
Washington County Solar, LLC.	EG24-82-000
Davis UP Energy Storage LLC.	EG24-83-000
Frederick Energy Storage LLC.	EG24-84-000
Bromley Energy Storage LLC.	EG24-85-000
Keenesburg Energy Storage LLC.	EG24-86-000
Mead Energy Storage LLC	EG24-87-000
Parkway Energy Storage LLC.	EG24-88-000
Platte Valley Energy Storage LLC.	EG24-89-000
Rattlesnake Ridge Energy Storage LLC.	EG24-90-000
Monte Cristo Windpower, LLC.	EG24-91-000
Wadley Solar, LLC	EG24-92-000
AE-Telview ESS, LLC	EG24-93-000
Texas Waves, LLC	EG24-94-000
Altona Solar, LLC	EG24-95-000
BCD 2024 Fund 2 Lessee, LLC.	EG24-96-000
Serrano Solar, LLC	EG24-97-000
Three Rivers District Energy, LLC.	EG24-98-000
Great Kiskadee Storage, LLC.	EG24-99-000

Take notice that during the month of March 2024, the status of the above-captioned entities as Exempt Wholesale Generators became effective by operation of the Commission's regulations. 18 CFR 366.7(a) (2023).

Dated: April 3, 2024.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Acting 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: RP24-653-000.

Applicants: Sprague Operating Resources LLC, Energo Power & Gas LLC.

Description: Joint Petition for Limited Waivers of Capacity Release Regulations, et al. of Sprague Operating Resources LLC, et al.

Filed Date: 4/3/24.

Accession Number: 20240403-5092.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 4/15/24.

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 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

Filings in Existing Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP24-611-001.

Applicants: Pine Needle LNG Company, LLC.

Description: Tariff Amendment: Amended Annual Fuel and Electric Power Tracker Filing to be effective 5/1/2024.

Filed Date: 4/3/24.

Accession Number: 20240403-5073.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 4/15/24.

Any person desiring to protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rule 211 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.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.

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