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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As relevant here, Gato Dos requests long-term authorization to re-export U.S.-sourced natural gas following liquefaction at the Manzanillo Plant in the State of Colima, Mexico, which is being developed by Gato Dos's affiliate, Gato Negro Manzanillo S.A.P.I., de C.V. Gato Dos seeks to re-export this LNG in a volume equivalent to 0.556 Bcf/d of natural gas from the Manzanillo Plant to countries with which the United States has not entered into a free trade agreement requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas and with which trade is not prohibited by U.S. law or policy (non-FTA countries) under section 3(a) of the NGA.<sup>1</sup>

Gato Dos seeks this authorization on its own behalf and as agent for other parties that hold title to the LNG at the time of export. Gato Dos requests the authorization for a term beginning on the date of first export and extending through December 31, 2050.

Additional details can be found in Gato Dos's Application, posted on the DOE website at <https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2024-08/Gato%20Permitium%20Dos%20LNG%20Application-non-FTA%20Application%20%288-7-24%29.pdf>.

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 717b(a). As discussed in the Application, on May 10, 2024, an affiliate of Gato Dos, Gato Negro Permitium Uno, S.A.P.I. de C.V. (Gato Uno), filed an application with DOE in Docket No. 24-43-LNG. Gato Uno requests long-term authorization to export U.S.-sourced natural gas to Mexico by pipeline, and after liquefaction in Mexico at the Manzanillo Plant, to re-export the U.S.-sourced natural gas as LNG to FTA countries. Gato Dos states that Gato Uno's FTA application involves the same site and liquefaction capacity to be used by Gato Dos. Gato Uno's FTA application is currently pending, and DOE will review it separately under NGA section 3(c), 15 U.S.C. 717b(c).

**DOE Evaluation**

In reviewing Gato Dos's Application, DOE will consider any issues required by law or policy under NGA section 3(a), DOE's regulations, and any other documents deemed appropriate. Parties that may oppose this Application should address these issues and documents in their comments and/or protests, as well as other issues deemed relevant to the Application.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, requires DOE to give appropriate consideration to the environmental effects of its proposed decisions. No final decision will be issued in this proceeding before DOE has met its environmental responsibilities.

**Public Comment Procedures**

In response to this Notice, any person may file a protest, comments, a motion to intervene or notice of intervention, or request for additional procedures, as applicable. Interested parties will be provided 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice in which to submit comments, protests, motions to intervene, or notices of intervention.

Any person wishing to become a party to this proceeding evaluating the Application must file a motion to intervene or notice of intervention. The filing of comments or a protest with respect to the Application will not serve to make the commenter or protestant a party to this proceeding, although protests and comments received from persons who are not parties will be considered in determining the appropriate action to be taken on the Application. All protests, comments, motions to intervene, notices of intervention, or requests for additional procedures must meet the requirements specified by the regulations in 10 CFR part 590, including the service requirements.

Filings may be submitted using one of the following methods:

- (1) Submitting the filing electronically at [fergas@hq.doe.gov](mailto:fergas@hq.doe.gov);
- (2) Mailing the filing to the Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section; or
- (3) Hand delivering the filing to the Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

For administrative efficiency, DOE prefers filings to be filed electronically. All filings must include a reference to "Docket No. 24-87-LNG" or "Gato Negro Permitium Dos Application" in the title line.

*For electronic submissions:* Please include all related documents and

attachments (e.g., exhibits) in the original email correspondence. Please do not include any active hyperlinks or password protection in any of the documents or attachments related to the filing. All electronic filings submitted to DOE must follow these guidelines to ensure that all documents are filed in a timely manner.

The Notice, and any filed protests, motions to intervene, notices of intervention, and comments will be available electronically on the DOE website at [www.energy.gov/fecm/regulation](http://www.energy.gov/fecm/regulation).

A decisional record on the Application will be developed through responses to this Notice by parties, including the parties' written comments and replies thereto. Additional procedures will be used as necessary to achieve a complete understanding of the facts and issues. If an additional procedure is scheduled, notice will be provided to all parties. If no party requests additional procedures, a final Order may be issued based on the official record, including the Application and responses filed by parties pursuant to this Notice, in accordance with 10 CFR 590.316.

Signed in Washington, DC, on September 19, 2024.

**Amy R. Sweeney,**

*Director, Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement, Office of Resource Sustainability.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 2715-026]

**Kaukauna Utilities; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment**

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380, the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for a new license to continue to operate and maintain the Combined Locks Hydroelectric Project No. 2715 (project). The project is located on the Lower Fox River in Outagamie County, Wisconsin. Commission staff has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project.

The EA contains staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental

protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

The Commission provides all interested persons with an opportunity to view and/or print the EA 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. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or at (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

You may also register online at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOOnline.aspx> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOOnline.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. You must include your name at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support. 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 docket number P-2715-026.

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).

For further information, contact Kelly Wolcott at (202) 502-6480 or [kelly.wolcott@ferc.gov](mailto:kelly.wolcott@ferc.gov).

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**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 4202-025]

#### KEI Power Management, LLC; Notice of Reasonable Period of Time for Water Quality Certification Application

On September 12, 2024, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (Maine DEP) submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) notice that it received a request for a Clean Water Act section 401(a)(1) water quality certification from KEI Power Management, LLC, in conjunction with the above captioned project, on July 29, 2024. Pursuant to section 4.34(b)(5) of the Commission's regulations,<sup>1</sup> we hereby notify the Maine DEP of the following:

*Date of Receipt of the Certification Request:* July 29, 2024.

*Reasonable Period of Time to Act on the Certification Request:* One year, July 29, 2025.

If the Maine DEP fails or refuses to act on the water quality certification request on or before the above date, then the certifying authority is deemed waived pursuant to section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1341(a)(1).

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*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15351-000]

#### Energy Recycling Company, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On April 24, 2024, Energy Recycling Company, LLC filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the proposed Iron Range Pumped Storage Project, a closed loop pumped

storage project, to be located near the City of Marble, Itasca County, Minnesota. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed Iron Range Pumped Storage Project would consist of the following: (1) a lower reservoir proposed approximately 2,700 feet below the ground surface; (2) an enclosed upper reservoir proposed to be constructed of a concrete lined rockfill embankment; (3) a reinforced concrete 18-foot-diameter intake with a "morning glory" configuration; (4) a 2,800-foot-long vertical shaft penstock having a diameter of 16 feet connecting the upper reservoir to the powerhouse; (5) a 200-foot-long, 70-foot-wide, and 130-foot-high underground powerhouse located approximately 2,700 feet below the ground surface; (6) a 240-foot-long and 40-foot-high underground transformer gallery lined with concrete; (7) two 333-megawatt hydroelectric pump/turbines, (8) a new interconnection line approximately 200 to 500 feet long, joining a new substation adjacent to the project to an existing 230-kilovolt transmission line; and (9) a new pumping system to carry water to the upper reservoir. The proposed project would have an estimated annual generation of 1,450 gigawatt-hours.

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*FERC Contact:* Shivani Khetani; phone: (212) 273-5917, or by email at [shivani.khetani@ferc.gov](mailto:shivani.khetani@ferc.gov).

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.

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<sup>1</sup> 18 CFR [4.34(b)(5)/5.23(b)/153.4/157.22].