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Signed in Washington, DC, on November 25, 2024.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 8315-017]

Request for Soliciting Scoping Comments; Eagle Creek Sartell Hydro, LLC

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.:* P-8315-017.

c. *Date Filed:* February 28, 2023.

d. *Applicant:* Eagle Creek Sartell Hydro, LLC (Eagle Creek).

e. *Name of Project:* Sartell Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The existing project is located on the Mississippi River in Stearns and Benton Counties, Minnesota.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* David H. Fox, Senior Director, Regulatory Affairs, Eagle Creek Sartell Hydro, LLC, 7315 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 1100W Bethesda, Maryland 20814; phone: (201) 306-5616; *David.Fox@eaglecreekre.com*.

i. *FERC Contact:* Michael Davis at (202) 502-8339; or *michael.davis@ferc.gov*.

j. *Deadline for filing scoping comments:* December 23, 2024.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene and protests and requests for cooperating status using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FEROnline.aspx>.

For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FEROnlineSupport@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,

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, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. All filings must clearly identify the project name and docket number on the first page: Sartell Hydroelectric Project (P-8315-017).

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

k. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. *The Sartell Hydroelectric Project consists of the following existing facilities:* (1) a 46-foot-high dam with four sections; (2) a powerhouse containing 11 generating units; (3) a radial Tainter-type gate section and bascule gate section; (4) a concrete non-overflow dam section; (5) an overflow spillway; (6) an earthen embankment; (7) a step-up transformer; and (8) a 715-foot-long transmission line. The reservoir encompasses approximately 2,350.5 acres with a gross storage capacity of 15,278.3 acre-feet at the reservoir surface elevation of 1,015 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum 1929. The project has a combined total rated capacity of 8.95 megawatts.

m. The application can be viewed on the Commission's website at <https://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the project's docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document (P-8315). For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FEROnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll-free) or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

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. 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.

o. *Scoping Process:* Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Commission staff intends to prepare either an environmental assessment (EA) or an environmental impact statement (EIS) (collectively referred to as the "NEPA document") that describes and evaluates the probable effects, including an assessment of the site-specific and cumulative effects, if any, of the proposed action and alternatives. The Commission's scoping process will help determine the required level of analysis and satisfy the NEPA scoping requirements, irrespective of whether the Commission issues an EA or an EIS. At this time, we do not anticipate holding an on-site scoping meeting. Instead, we are soliciting written comments and suggestions on the preliminary list of issues and alternatives to be addressed in the NEPA document, as described in scoping document 1 (SD1), issued November 21, 2024.

Copies of the SD1 outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the NEPA document were distributed to the parties on the Commission's mailing list and the applicant's distribution list. Copies of SD1 may be viewed on the web 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. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Dated: November 21, 2024.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1889-085, Project No. 2485-071]

Revised Procedural Schedule for Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Project Relicenses: FirstLight MA Hydro LLC, Northfield Mountain LLC

On April 29, 2016, and materially amended on December 4, 2020,

FirstLight MA Hydro LLC and Northfield Mountain LLC, respectively, filed applications for new major licenses to operate the 62.0-megawatt (MW) Turners Falls Hydroelectric Project (Turners Falls Project; FERC No. 1889) and 1,166.8-MW Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project (Northfield Mountain Project; FERC No. 2485) (collectively, projects). On June 5, 2024, Commission staff issued a notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the effects of relicensing the projects. The notice included an anticipated schedule for issuing the draft and final EIS.

By this notice, Commission staff is updating the procedural schedule for completing the draft and final EIS. The revised schedule is shown below. Further revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Issue draft EIS	April 2025.
Draft EIS Public Meeting.	May 2025.
Comments on draft EIS due.	June 2025.
Commission issues final EIS.	December 2025.

Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 4336a(c), we are soliciting additional comments on alternatives or impacts and on relevant information, studies, or analyses with respect to the proposed action. Such comments must be filed within 30 days of this notice. Comments on these topics already filed in response to the REA Notice do not need to be refiled.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments 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>. 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, 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, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. All filings must clearly identify the project name and docket number on the first page.

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Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Steve Kartalia at (202) 502-6131 or stephen.kartalia@ferc.gov.

Dated: November 21, 2024.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP17-443-001]

National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Request for Extension of Time

Take notice that on November 15, 2024, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel) requested that the Commission grant an extension of time, until December 31, 2025, to complete abandonment of Well WH23 in the Wharton Storage Field as part of its Wharton WH23 Storage Well Abandonment Project (Project) located in Potter County, Pennsylvania. On March 25, 2017, the Commission issued a Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization for the Project, which established a 60-day comment period, ending on July 7, 2017. No protests were filed during the comment period, and accordingly, by Rule, the project was authorized on July 8, 2017, and construction required to be completed within one year or July 24, 2018. The

Commission subsequently granted four extensions of time; the current deadline for the Project facilities to be constructed and placed into service is December 31, 2024.¹

National Fuel states abandonment activities were suspended in June 2023 due to higher than anticipated wellhead pressures and that it has conducted work to allow for monitoring and isolation of certain storage reservoir zones. National Fuel states it plans to complete abandonment work and monitor the wellhead pressure over the 2024-2025 withdrawal season to assure the well is sealed. Therefore, National Fuel requests an extension of time until December 31, 2025, to complete abandonment work and assure that Well WH23 is sealed.

This notice establishes a 15-calendar day intervention and comment period deadline. Any person wishing to comment on National Fuel's request for an extension of time may do so. No reply comments or answers will be considered. If you wish to obtain legal 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,² the Commission will aim to issue an order acting on the request within 45 days.³ The Commission will address all arguments relating to whether the applicant has demonstrated there is good cause to grant the extension.⁴ 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

¹ See National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation, Request for Extension of Time, filed July 22, 2021, and September 21, 2021 delegated letter order to National Fuel granting National Fuel's request.

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

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

⁴ *Id.* at P 40.