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o. The applicant states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for an original license for Project No. 15262.

p. 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).

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**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2514-209]

#### Appalachian Power Company; 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 Byllesby-Buck Hydroelectric Project (Byllesby-Buck Project). The Byllesby-Buck Project is located on the New River, in Carroll County, Virginia.

The environmental assessment (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 (<https://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 [FEROnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FEROnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

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Any comments should be filed within 45 days from the date of this notice.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Western Area Power Administration

#### Loveland Area Projects—Rate Order No. WAPA-219

**AGENCY:** Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed transmission and ancillary services formula rates.

**SUMMARY:** The Rocky Mountain (RM) region of the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) proposes new formula rates for the Loveland Area Projects (LAP) transmission and ancillary services for RM's costs to be recovered under the Southwest Power Pool's (SPP) Open Access Transmission Tariff (Tariff) should RM decide to become a member of SPP. The proposed formula rates will become effective on the latter of RM's membership date or the go-live date of the expansion of the SPP Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) into the Western Interconnection (scheduled for April 1, 2026, as of the date of this notice) and will remain in effect for five years from the effective date, which with an effective date of April 1, 2026, will be March 31, 2031, or until superseded.

**DATES:** A consultation and comment period will begin December 27, 2024 and end March 27, 2025. RM will present a detailed explanation of the proposed formula rates and other modifications at a public information forum that will be held on February 19, 2025, at 11 a.m. MST to no later than 12 noon MST. RM will also host a public comment forum on February 19, 2025, at 12:15 p.m. MST to no later than 1 p.m. MST. The public information forum and the public comment forum will be conducted virtually. Instructions for participating in the forums will be posted on RM's Rates website at least 14 days prior to the public information and comment forums at: [www.wapa.gov/about-wapa/regions/rm/rm-rates/2026-rate-adjustment-rto-trans-and-anc-svcs](http://www.wapa.gov/about-wapa/regions/rm/rm-rates/2026-rate-adjustment-rto-trans-and-anc-svcs).

RM will accept comments any time during the consultation and comment period.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and requests to be informed of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) actions concerning the proposed formula rates submitted by WAPA to FERC for approval should be sent to: Barton V. Barnhart, Regional Manager, Rocky Mountain Region, Western Area Power Administration, 5555 East Crossroads Boulevard, Loveland, CO 80538-8986, or email [LAPTransAdj@wapa.gov](mailto:LAPTransAdj@wapa.gov). RM will post information about the proposed formula rates and