

Signed in Washington, DC, on January 15, 2025.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Availability: Draft Energy Storage Strategy and Roadmap; Extension of Public Comment Period

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability (NOA); extension of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On December 20, 2024, the Department of Energy (DOE) published a notice entitled “Notice of Availability: Draft Energy Storage Strategy and Roadmap.” DOE is extending the public comment period announced in that notice, which currently closes on February 3, 2025, by 45 days. The comment period will now remain open until March 20, 2025, to allow additional time for the public to review and comment on the Draft DOE Energy Storage Strategy and Roadmap.

**DATES:** The comment period for the NOA published on December 20, 2024 (89 FR 104129) is extended. DOE will accept comments responding to this NOA submitted on or before March 20, 2025, 11:59 p.m. eastern time (ET).

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties may submit comments electronically to [esgc@hq.doe.gov](mailto:esgc@hq.doe.gov), with the subject line “Energy Storage SRM—Comments”. Only electronic responses will be accepted. DOE will not accept hand-delivered submissions.

**Requirements for Submissions:** To be assured of consideration, submit any written comments by the deadline. All submissions must be in English. Responses must be provided as a Microsoft Word (.doc) or (.docx) attachment to the email with no more than 10 pages in length. Comments submitted should be machine-readable and should not be copy-protected. Comments must include the following responder information: company/institution name (if applicable); company/institution/individual contact name; contact’s address, phone number, and email address; and a self-identified respondent category (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section). This information may be used if there are issues or questions with the comment submission. DOE may not consider submissions that you do not make in accordance with these instructions.

**Response Guidance:** To facilitate comment submission, DOE is providing a comment template at <https://www.energy.gov/oe/draft-energy-storage-strategy-and-roadmap-stakeholder-comment>. Use of this template is not required; however, any comments provided must reference the relevant page and line number in the Draft DOE Energy Storage Strategy and Roadmap. If a comment addresses a table or figure, that cross-reference should be provided. To assist DOE’s review of submitted comments, for each comment, please indicate a comment type from the following list: editorial; technical; reference; or other. See the provided template for guidance on each comment type.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information may be submitted electronically to Caitlin Callaghan at [esgc@hq.doe.gov](mailto:esgc@hq.doe.gov), or at (202) 586–1411. Please direct media inquiries to DOE Office of Public Affairs, (202) 586–4940 or [DOENews@hq.doe.gov](mailto:DOENews@hq.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOE is seeking general feedback on the Draft DOE Energy Storage Strategy and Roadmap (Energy Storage SRM) as part of its process to update the Energy Storage Grand Challenge 2020 Roadmap. The Draft Energy Storage SRM can be found here: <https://www.energy.gov/oe/draft-energy-storage-strategy-and-roadmap-stakeholder-comment>. Additional information is available in the original notice (89 FR 104129).

Based on consideration of the current timeline for public comment, including recognition of several Federal holidays, DOE is extending the public comment period announced in 89 FR 104129 by 45 days. Therefore, the public comment period is extended until March 20, 2025.

### Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on January 15, 2025, by Gene Rodrigues, Assistant Secretary for the Office of Electricity, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters

the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 5362–021]

#### Kennebunk Light and Power District; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On March 31, 2021, and supplemented on April 8, 2021, Kennebunk Light and Power District (licensee) filed an application for surrender of its license for the Lower Mousam Hydroelectric Project No. 5362. The project is located on the Mousam River in York County, Maine. The project does not occupy any Federal lands.

The licensee proposes to surrender its license because more cost-effective sources of electricity are available and the project is no longer cost-effective to operate. The licensee proposes to decommission the project by removing all flashboards, disconnecting the leads from the generators, removing all generation and electrical equipment, as well as securing each project development with fencing. The dams would remain in place and no ground disturbing activities are proposed other than fencing.

Commission staff issued a public notice of the application on April 21, 2021, setting May 21, 2021 as the deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests. The U.S. Department of Commerce, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, and the U.S. Department of Interior filed timely notices of intervention and comments. Maine Rivers, Mousam and Kennebunk Rivers Alliance, Mousam Rivers Coalition, Maine Department of Marine Resources, and Trout Unlimited filed timely motions to intervene and comments. Additionally, non-profits and numerous private citizens filed comments or protests, including: Maine Audubon Society, National Marine Fisheries Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Maine Audubon Society, and the Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve. Numerous commenters recommend removal of the dams and

oppose surrender of the project as proposed by the licensee (*i.e.*, without dam removal).

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the project.<sup>1</sup> Commission staff plans to issue an EA by April 30, 2025. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate. The EA will be issued for a 30-day comment period. 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 of the EA planned to be issued April 2025. Agencies wishing to cooperate, or further discuss the benefits, responsibilities, and obligations of the cooperating agency role, should contact staff listed at the bottom of this notice by February 5, 2025. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of any environmental document cannot also intervene. *See* 94 FEREC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

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 to 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*.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Diana Shannon at (202) 502-6136 or *diana.shannon@ferc.gov*.

Dated: January 15, 2025.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**

*Secretary.*

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1728462509. 40 CFR 1501.5(c)(4) (2024).

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP25-45-000]

#### Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization and Establishing Intervention and Protest Deadline

Take notice that on January 7, 2025, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia), 700 Louisiana Street Suite 1300, Houston, Texas 77002-2700, filed in the above referenced docket, a prior notice request pursuant to sections 18 CFR 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Columbia's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-76-000, for authorization to plug and abandon one injection/withdrawal well and to abandon connecting pipeline and appurtenant facilities (Victory A Well 4289 Abandonment Project), all located in at the Victory A Storage Field in Wetzel County, West Virginia. The Victory A Well 4289 Abandonment Project is necessary to comply with the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration's (PHMSA) Storage Final Rule, which requires operators to assess and minimize well integrity risks. Well 4289, and the associated facilities are no longer necessary due to their low performance and inability to contribute significantly to the total deliverability of the Victory A Storage Field. Abandoning these facilities will eliminate routine maintenance requirements and the associated costs. The estimated cost of the project is approximately \$862,500, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

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>). From the Commission's Home Page on the internet, this information is available on eLibrary. The full text of this document is available on eLibrary in PDF and Microsoft Word format for viewing, printing, and/or downloading. To access this document in eLibrary, type the docket number excluding the last three digits of this document in the docket number field.

User assistance is available for eLibrary and the Commission's website during normal business hours from

FERC Online Support at (202) 502-6652 (toll free at 1-866-208-3676) or email at *ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov*, or the Public Reference Room at (202) 502-8371, TTY (202) 502-8659. Email the Public Reference Room at *public.referenceroom@ferc.gov*.

Any questions concerning this request should be directed David A. Alonzo, Manager of Project Authorizations, 700 Louisiana Street Suite 1300, Houston, Texas 77002-2700, (832) 320-5477, or *david\_alonzo@tcenergy.com*.

#### Public Participation

There are three ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project: you can file a protest to the project, you can file a motion to intervene in the proceeding, and you can file comments on the project. There is no fee or cost for filing protests, motions to intervene, or comments. The deadline for filing protests, motions to intervene, and comments is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 17, 2025. How to file protests, motions to intervene, and comments is explained below.

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#### Protests

Pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's regulations under the NGA,<sup>1</sup> any person<sup>2</sup> or the Commission's staff may file a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed or if a protest is filed and then withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request for authorization will be considered by the Commission.

Protests must comply with the requirements specified in section 157.205(e) of the Commission's

<sup>1</sup> 18 CFR 157.205.

<sup>2</sup> Persons include individuals, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and other entities. 18 CFR 385.102(d).