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**Carlos D. Clay,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2221-041]

#### Empire District Electric 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 major license to continue to operate and maintain the Ozark Beach Hydroelectric Project (project). The project is located on the White River, in Taney County, Missouri. 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 (<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 *FERCOnlineSupport@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 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/FERCOnline.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>. 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, 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. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-2221-041.

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For further information, contact Colleen Corballis at 202-502-8598 or *Colleen.Corballis@ferc.gov*.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14787-004]

#### Black Canyon Hydro, LLC; Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* Original major license.

b. *Project No.:* 14787-004.

c. *Date Filed:* January 18, 2023.

d. *Applicant:* rPlus Hydro, LLLP, on behalf of Black Canyon Hydro, LLC (BCH).

e. *Name of Project:* Seminoe Pumped Storage Project (Seminoe Project or project).

f. *Location:* The proposed project would be located at the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's (Reclamation) Seminoe Reservoir on the North Platte River in Carbon County, Wyoming, approximately 35 miles northeast of Rawlins, Wyoming. The project would occupy 1,025.94 acres of land managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and 77.00 acres managed by Reclamation.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Lars Dorr, Program Manager for rPlus Hydro, LLLP. Address: Black Canyon Hydro, LLC c/o rPlus Hydro, LLLP 201 S. Main St. Suite 2100 Salt Lake City, Utah 84111. Phone: (858) 925-3743. Email: *ldorr@rplusenergies.com*.

i. *FERC Contact:* Michael Tust at (202) 502-6522; or email at *michael.tust@ferc.gov*.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice; reply comments are due 105 days from the issuance date of this notice.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOnline.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>. 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: Seminoe Pumped Storage Project (P-14787-004).

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure 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 has been accepted and is now ready for environmental analysis.

l. *Project Description:* The Seminole Project would utilize Reclamation’s existing 1,017,280 acre-feet Seminole reservoir on the North Platte River as the lower reservoir and would include the following new facilities: (1) a 8,498-foot-long circumference, 20-foot wide, 65 to 185-foot-high, roller-compacted concrete (RCC) dam impounding a 10,800-acre-foot upper reservoir at a crest elevation of 7,455 feet and a maximum operating pool elevation of 7,445 feet (allowing for a 10-foot freeboard between the maximum operating level and the dam crest); (2) a 200-foot-long concrete, ungated, ogee crest emergency spillway; (3) a 75-foot-diameter, covered bell-mouth intake set near the southwestern edge of the upper reservoir at an elevation of 7,295 feet; (4) an approximately 680-foot-long, 32-foot-diameter concrete lined-headrace tunnel connecting to a 615-foot-long, 24-foot-diameter aboveground steel conduit which would extend underground for an additional 2,470 feet before discharging to a 30-foot-diameter vertical, concrete-lined shaft; (5) a 165-foot-long, 17-foot-diameter concrete, steel-lined penstock connecting from the vertical shaft to the pump-turbines; (6) three pump-turbines each rated at 324 megawatts (MW) (for a combined total generating capacity of 972 MW) located in the underground powerhouse (machine hall); (7) an approximately 4,070-foot-long, 31-foot-diameter concrete-lined tailrace tunnel discharging water to a lower intake structure within the existing Seminole Reservoir at normal maximum water surface elevation of 6,357 feet; (8) a transformer cavern containing 18 kilovolt (kV) generator step-up transformers for each unit, and a gas-insulated switchgear switchyard; (9) a 765-foot-long horizontal tunnel transmitting power from the transformer gallery to a vertical cable shaft up to a take-off structure at the surface, and

then via two separate, 500 kV, overhead primary transmission lines extending to the 500 kV interconnection at Aeolus Substation, approximately 30 miles to the southeast of the project; (10) an approximately 32-foot-diameter main access tunnel providing access to the machine hall; (11) a 15-foot-wide, 16-foot-high surge chamber access tunnel lined with shotcrete; (12) a 2.6-mile-long new access road around the upper reservoir; (13) a new 40-foot-wide road to the main access tunnel portal starting from a proposed new bridge over the tailrace of Seminole Dam; and (14) appurtenant facilities. Additionally, portions of Western Area Power Administration’s existing Miracle Mile-Snowy Range 1 115 kV and Miracle Mile-Snowy Range 2 230 kV transmission lines would be relocated around the upper reservoir. Furthermore, the existing Bennett Mountain Road (also called Dry Lake Road) would be upgraded (*i.e.*, widened to 24 feet) to support construction and maintenance of the proposed upper reservoir and realigned in places to reduce steep grades and avoid wetlands. The powerline road from Hanna would serve as the main access route to the lower intake and gate shaft area. BCH also proposes to upgrade a small section of the existing rough, single-track road from the proposed gate shaft location to the surge chamber access tunnel exit.

BCH proposes to draw 13,400 acre-feet of water from Seminole Reservoir to initially fill the new upper reservoir and would need 672 acre-feet of water each year to replenish water lost through evaporation. Once the upper reservoir is filled, approximately 10,800 acre-feet could be cycled between the upper reservoir and Seminole Reservoir each day and the project would be capable of generating 2,916 gigawatt-hours per year.

m. A copy of the application can be viewed on the Commission’s website at <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 (see item j above).

All filings must: (1) bear in all capital letters the title “COMMENTS,” “REPLY COMMENTS,” “RECOMMENDATIONS,” “TERMS AND CONDITIONS,” or

“PRESCRIPTIONS;” (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

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n. The applicant must file no later than 60 days from the issuance date of this notice: (1) a copy of the water quality certification; (2) a copy of the request for certification, including proof of the date on which the certifying authority received the request; or (3) evidence of a waiver of water quality certification.

o. Procedural schedule: The application will be processed according to the following anticipated schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate. The schedule for issuing draft and final NEPA documents is consistent with the Commission’s Notice of Revised Schedule for the Seminole Pumped Storage Project issued October 18, 2024:

Milestone	Target date
Comments, Recommendations and Agency Terms and Conditions/Prescriptions Due .....	March 2025.
Applicant’s Reply Comments Due .....	April 2025.
Commission Issues Draft NEPA Document .....	September 2025.
Commission Issues Final NEPA Document .....	April 2026.

p. Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of this notice.

Dated: January 13, 2025.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP25-50-000]

#### CenterPoint Energy Resource Corporation; Delta North Louisiana Gas Company, LLC; Notice of Application and Establishing Intervention Deadline

Take notice that on January 16, 2025, CenterPoint Energy Resource Corporation (CERC), 555 Eleventh Street NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20004 and Delta North Louisiana Gas Company LLC (Delta North Louisiana), 1301 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20004, filed a joint application under section 7(f) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations requesting that the Commission: (i) modify CERC's existing service area determination under NGA Section 7(f) issued in Docket No. CP19-111-000 and amended in CP21-469-000 and (ii) grant Delta North Louisiana the requested service area determination and related waivers in Texas and Louisiana. Pursuant to CERC's and Delta North Louisiana's Asset Purchase Agreement dated February 19, 2024, Delta North Louisiana will acquire CERC's Louisiana local distribution company (LDC) facilities and operations, and as a result, will need the requested service area determination modifications, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open for 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](mailto: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](mailto:public.referenceroom@ferc.gov).

Any questions regarding the proposed project should be directed to J. Patrick Nevins, Attorney for CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp, 555 Eleventh Street NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20004, by phone at (202) 637-3363, or by email at [patrick.nevins@lw.com](mailto:patrick.nevins@lw.com) or Brooksany Barrowes, Attorney for Delta North Louisiana Gas Company, LLC, 1301 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20004, by phone at (202) 389-5025 or by email at [brooksany.barrowes@kirkland.com](mailto:brooksany.barrowes@kirkland.com).

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure,<sup>1</sup> within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: complete its environmental review and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or environmental assessment (EA) for this proposal. The filing of an EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

#### Public Participation

There are three ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project: you can file comments on the project, you can protest the filing, and you can file a motion to intervene in the proceeding. There is no fee or cost for filing comments or intervening. The deadline for filing a motion to intervene is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on February 13, 2025. How to file protests, motions to intervene, and comments is explained below.

<sup>1</sup> 18 CFR 157.9.

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#### Comments

Any person wishing to comment on the project may do so. Comments may include statements of support or objections, to the project as a whole or specific aspects of the project. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be.

#### Protests

Pursuant to sections 157.10(a)(4)<sup>2</sup> and 385.211<sup>3</sup> of the Commission's regulations under the NGA, any person<sup>4</sup> may file a protest to the application. Protests must comply with the requirements specified in section 385.2001<sup>5</sup> of the Commission's regulations. A protest may also serve as a motion to intervene so long as the protestor states it also seeks to be an intervenor.

To ensure that your comments or protests are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments on or before February 13, 2025.

There are three methods you can use to submit your comments or protests to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the Project docket number CP25-50-000 in your submission.

(1) You may file your comments electronically by using the eComment feature, which is located on the Commission's website at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. Using eComment is an easy method for interested persons to submit brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You may file your comments or protests electronically by using the eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to Documents and Filings. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must

<sup>2</sup> 18 CFR 157.10(a)(4).

<sup>3</sup> 18 CFR 385.211.

<sup>4</sup> Persons include individuals, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and other entities. 18 CFR 385.102(d).

<sup>5</sup> 18 CFR 385.2001.