

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: complete its environmental assessment (EA) 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 EA for this proposal. The filing of the 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 EA.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenter's will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, and will be notified of any meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenter's will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentors, will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 3 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Dated: March 26, 2019.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2466-034]

Appalachian Power Company; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document (Pad), Commencement of Pre-Filing Process, and Scoping; Request for Comments on the Pad and Scoping Document, and Identification of Issues and Associated Study Requests

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application for a New License and Commencing Pre-filing Process.

b. *Project No.:* 2466-034.

c. *Dated Filed:* January 28, 2019.

d. *Submitted By:* Appalachian Power Company (Appalachian).

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

f. *Location:* On the Roanoke River near the City of Roanoke, Roanoke County, Virginia. The project does not occupy federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR part 5 of the Commission's Regulations.

h. *Potential Applicant Contact:* Jon Magalski, Environmental Specialist Consultant, Appalachian Power Company, 1 Riverside Plaza, Columbus, OH (614) 716-2240, jmmagalski@aep.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Allyson Conner at (202) 502-6082 or email at allyson.conner@ferc.gov.

j. *Cooperating agencies:* Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item o below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. See 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

k. *With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with:* (a) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, Part 402, and (b) the State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. With this notice, we are designating Appalachian as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out

informal consultation, pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

m. On January 28, 2019, Appalachian filed with the Commission a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule), pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

n. A copy of the PAD is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website (<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, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.

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.

o. With this notice, we are soliciting comments on the PAD and Commission's staff Scoping Document 1 (SD1), as well as study requests. All comments on the PAD and SD1, and study requests should be sent to the address above in paragraph h. In addition, all comments on the PAD and SD1, study requests, requests for cooperating agency status, and all communications to and from Commission staff related to the merits of the potential application must be filed with the Commission.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file all documents 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>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-2466-034.

All filings with the Commission must bear the appropriate heading: "Comments on Pre-Application

Document,” “Study Requests,” “Comments on Scoping Document 1,” “Request for Cooperating Agency Status,” or “Communications to and from Commission Staff.” Any individual or entity interested in submitting study requests, commenting on the PAD or SD1, and any agency requesting cooperating status must do so by May 25, 2019.

p. Although our current intent is to prepare an environmental assessment (EA), there is the possibility that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be required. Nevertheless, this meeting will satisfy the NEPA scoping requirements, irrespective of whether an EA or EIS is issued by the Commission.

Scoping Meetings

Commission staff will hold two scoping meetings in the vicinity of the project at the time and place noted below. The daytime meeting will focus on resource agency, Indian tribes, and non-governmental organization concerns, while the evening meeting is primarily for receiving input from the public. We invite all interested individuals, organizations, and agencies to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist staff in identifying particular study needs, as well as the scope of environmental issues to be addressed in the environmental document. The times and location of these meetings are as follows:

Evening Scoping Meeting

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Vinton Library, 300 S Pollard Street, Vinton, VA 24179, (540) 857-5043.

Daytime Scoping Meeting

Date and Time: Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Location: Vinton Library, 300 S Pollard Street, Vinton, VA 24179, (540) 857-5043.

SD1, which outlines the subject areas to be addressed in the environmental document, was mailed to the individuals and entities on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of SD1 will be available at the scoping meetings, or may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the “eLibrary” link. Follow the directions for accessing information in paragraph n. Based on all oral and written comments, a Scoping Document 2 (SD2) may be issued. SD2 may include a revised process plan and schedule, as well as a list of issues, identified through the scoping process.

Environmental Site Review

The applicant and Commission staff will conduct an environmental site review of the project on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. All participants should meet at Niagara Dam located at 1495 Niagara Road, Vinton, VA 24179; thereafter, participants should be prepared to drive or carpool to other locations within the project boundary. To attend the environmental site review, please RSVP via email to Jon Magalski at jmmagalski@aep.com. Persons not providing an RSVP by April 19, 2019, will not be allowed on the environmental site review.

Meeting Objectives

At the scoping meetings, staff will: (1) Initiate scoping of the issues; (2) review and discuss existing conditions and resource management objectives; (3) review and discuss existing information and identify preliminary information and study needs; (4) review and discuss the process plan and schedule for pre-filing activity that incorporates the time frames provided for in Part 5 of the Commission's regulations and, to the extent possible, maximizes coordination of federal, state, and tribal permitting and certification processes; and (5) discuss the appropriateness of any federal or state agency or Indian tribe acting as a cooperating agency for development of an environmental document.

Meeting participants should come prepared to discuss their issues and/or concerns. Please review the PAD in preparation for the scoping meetings. Directions on how to obtain a copy of the PAD and SD1 are included in item n of this document.

Meeting Procedures

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will be placed in the public record of the project.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric corporate filings:

Docket Numbers: EC19-70-000.

Applicants: High Lonesome Mesa, LLC, High Lonesome Mesa Wind, LLC.

Description: Application for Authorization Under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act, et al. of High Lonesome Mesa, LLC, et al.

Filed Date: 3/25/19.

Accession Number: 20190325-5200.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/15/19.

Docket Numbers: EC19-71-000.

Applicants: PPL Electric Utilities Corporation.

Description: Application for Authorization Under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act, et al. of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation.

Filed Date: 3/25/19.

Accession Number: 20190325-5203.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/15/19.

Take notice that the Commission received the following exempt wholesale generator filings:

Docket Numbers: EG19-83-000.

Applicants: FirstLight CT Housatonic LLC.

Description: Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status of FirstLight CT Housatonic LLC.

Filed Date: 3/26/19.

Accession Number: 20190326-5161.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/16/19.

Docket Numbers: EG19-84-000.

Applicants: FirstLight CT Hydro LLC.

Description: Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status of FirstLight CT Hydro LLC.

Filed Date: 3/26/19.

Accession Number: 20190326-5165.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/16/19.

Docket Numbers: EG19-85-000.

Applicants: FirstLight MA Hydro LLC.

Description: Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status of FirstLight MA Hydro LLC.

Filed Date: 3/26/19.

Accession Number: 20190326-5166.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/16/19.

Docket Numbers: EG19-86-000.

Applicants: Northfield Mountain LLC.

Description: Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status of Northfield Mountain LLC.

Filed Date: 3/26/19.

Accession Number: 20190326-5226.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/16/19.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

Docket Numbers: ER17-1568-003.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: Compliance filing: Updated Request for Deferral of