

payment status will be required to use this form when reporting their budget, requesting funds, and accessing funds. Current Department regulations sections 74.20–74.28 and 74.50–74.53 address the financial management and reporting requirements of grantees. The new form developed in G5 serves as the mechanism for grantees to report expenditures and track their spending in order to ensure compliance with Department regulations. The currently used budget form, the SF 524, is not comprehensive enough to meet the needs of grant monitors to efficiently and effectively monitor this sub-set of grantees. This new data collection will enhance the ability of grant monitors to track the budgeting of grantees and the management of their funds.

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Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Commission Staff Attendance

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) hereby gives notice that members of the Commission's staff may attend the following meeting related to the wholesale markets of ISO New England Inc.:

Integrating Markets and Public Policy: May 17, 2017, 9:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (EST) Doubletree Hotel, 5400 Computer Drive, Westborough, MA 01581.

Further information may be found at www.nepool.com/IMAPP.php.

The discussion at the meeting described above may address matters at issue in the following proceedings:

Docket Nos. EL13–33 and EL 14–86, *Environment Northeast et al. v. Bangor Hydro-Electric Company et al.*
Docket No. EL16–19, *ISO New England Inc. Participating Transmission Owners Administrative Committee*
Docket No. RP16–618, *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*
Docket No. ER12–1650, *Emera Maine*
Docket No. ER13–2266, *ISO New England Inc.*
Docket No. ER15–1429, *Emera Maine*
Docket No. ER16–551, *ISO New England Inc.*

Docket No. ER16–2451, *ISO New England Inc. and New England Power Pool Participants Committee*

Docket No. EL16–120, *New England Power Generators Association, Inc. v. ISO New England Inc.*

Docket No. ER17–795, *ISO New England Inc.*

Docket No. ER17–933, *Exelon*

Generation Company, LLC

Docket No. ER17–1441, *ISO New England Inc. and New England Power Pool Participants Committee*

Docket No. ER17–1542, *ISO New England Inc. and New England Power Pool Participants Committee*

For more information, contact Michael Cackoski, Office of Energy Market Regulation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at (202) 502–6169 or Michael.Cackoski@ferc.gov.

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Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2685–029]

New York Power Authority; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Licensing and Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

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.:* 2685–029.

c. *Date Filed:* April 27, 2017.

d. *Applicant:* New York Power Authority (NYPA).

e. *Name of Project:* Blenheim-Gilboa Pumped Storage Project (Blenheim-Gilboa Project).

f. *Location:* The existing project is located on Schoharie Creek in the towns of Blenheim and Gilboa in Schoharie County, New York. The project does not occupy lands of the United States.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Robert A. Daly, Licensing Manager, New York Power Authority, 123 Main Street, White Plains, New York 10601; (914) 681–6564; Rob.Daly@nypa.gov.

i. *FERC Contact:* Andy Bernick, (202) 502–8660 or andrew.bernick@ferc.gov.

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

k. *Project Description:* The existing Blenheim-Gilboa Project consists of the following: (1) a 2.25-mile-long, 30-foot-wide earth and rock fill embankment dike with a maximum height of 110 feet, constructed at Brown Mountain and forming the 399-acre Upper Reservoir (operating at the maximum and extreme minimum elevations of 2,003 feet and 1,955 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 [NGVD 29], respectively) with 15,085 acre-feet of usable storage and dead storage of 3,706 acre-feet below elevation 1,955 feet NGVD 29; (2) a 655-foot-long emergency spillway with a 25-foot-wide asphaltic concrete crest at elevation 2,005 feet NGVD 29 and a capacity of 10,200 cubic feet per second (cfs); (3) an intake system that includes: (i) A 125-foot-wide hexagonal-shaped intake cover with trash racks with a clear spacing of 5.25 inches; (ii) a 1,042-foot-long, 28-foot-diameter, concrete-lined vertical shaft in the bottom of the Upper Reservoir; (iii) a 906-foot-long horizontal, concrete-lined rock tunnel; and (iv) a 460-foot-long concrete-lined manifold that distributes flow to four 12-foot-diameter steel-lined penstocks, each with a maximum length of about 1,960 feet, to four pump-turbines located at the powerhouse; (4) a 526-foot-long, 172-foot-wide, and 132-foot-high multi-level powerhouse located along the east bank of the Lower Reservoir at the base of Brown Mountain, containing four reversible pump turbines that each produce approximately 290 megawatts (MW) in generation mode, and have a total maximum discharge of 12,800 cfs during generation and 10,200 cfs during pumping; (5) a bottom trash rack with a clear spacing of 5.625 inches, and four upper trash racks with a clear spacing of 5.25 inches; (6) an 1,800-foot-long central core, rock-filled lower dam with a maximum height of 100 feet that impounds Schoharie Creek to form the 413-acre Lower Reservoir (operating at the maximum and minimum elevations of 900 feet and 860 feet NGVD 29, respectively) with 12,422 acre-feet of usable storage and dead storage of 3,745 acre-feet below 860 feet NGVD 29; (7) three 38-foot-wide by 45.5-foot-high Taintor gates at the left end of the lower dam; (8) a 425-foot-long, 134-foot-wide concrete spillway structure with a crest elevation of 855 feet NGVD 29; (9) a 238-foot-long, 68.5-foot-deep concrete stilling basin; (10) a low level outlet with four discharge valves of 4, 6, 8, and 10 inches for release of 5 to 25 cfs, and two 36-inch-diameter Howell-Bunger valves to release a combined flow of 25

to 700 cfs; (10) a switchyard on the eastern bank of Schoharie Creek adjacent to the powerhouse; and (11) appurtenant facilities.

During operation, the Blenheim-Gilboa Project's pump-turbines may be turned on or off several times throughout the day, but the project typically generates electricity during the day when consumer demand is high and other power resources are more expensive. Pumping usually occurs at night and on weekends when there is excess electricity in the system available for use. According to a July 30, 1975, settlement agreement, NYPA releases a minimum flow of 10 cubic feet per second (cfs) during low-flow periods when 1,500 acre-feet of water is in storage, and 7 cfs when less than 1,500 acre-feet is in storage. For the period 2007 through 2016, the project's average

annual generation was about 374,854 megawatt-hours (MWh) and average annual energy consumption from pumping was about 540,217 MWh.

1. *Locations of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site 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, please 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 item (h) above.

m. 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. *Procedural Schedule:* On September 6, 2016, Commission staff issued a revised process plan and schedule with milestones and dates for the filing and review of NYPA's remaining study reports. NYPA filed its remaining study report on February 17, 2017. The Director, Office of Energy Projects will make a final determination on the need to modify the approved study plan for the remaining study by June 18, 2017. At this time, the application is expected to be processed according to the following preliminary Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made following the Director's determination on the remaining study, and as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Notice of Acceptance/Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis	June 2017.
Filing of recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and fishway prescriptions	August 2017.
Commission issues Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)	February 2018.
Comments on Draft EA or EIS	April 2018.
Modified terms and conditions	June 2018.
Commission issues Final EA or EIS	September 2018.

o. Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

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Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP17-133-000]

Northwest Pipeline LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed North Fork Nooksack Line Lowering Project Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the North Fork Nooksack Line Lowering Project (Nooksack Lowering Project or Project) involving construction and operation of facilities by Northwest Pipeline LLC (Northwest) in Whatcom

County, Washington. The Commission will use this EA in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the EA. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please send your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before June 8, 2017.

If you sent comments on this project to the Commission before the opening of this docket on April 6, 2017, you will need to refile those comments in Docket No. CP17-133-000 to ensure they are considered as part of this proceeding.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives should notify their constituents of this

proposed project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, a pipeline company representative may contact you about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the Commission approves the project, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings where compensation would be determined in accordance with state law.

Northwest provided landowners with a fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is also available for viewing on the FERC Web site (www.ferc.gov).

Public Participation

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. The