

foot-long tailrace; (8) a 12-foot-wide, 10-foot-high ice sluice; (9) three 80-foot-long, 6.6-kV generator leads that connect the turbine-generator units to two step-up transformers; (10) a 920-foot-long, 8-foot-wide fishway; (11) a concrete fish barrier dam in the bypassed reach; and (12) appurtenant facilities.

**Vernon Project**

The existing Vernon Project consists of: (1) a 956-foot-long, 58-foot-high concrete dam that includes: (a) 356-foot-long section integral to the powerhouse; and (b) a 600-foot-long overflow spillway section that includes: (i) a 9-foot-high, 6-foot-wide fishway sluice; (ii) a 13-foot-high, 13-foot-wide trash/ice sluice; (iii) two 20-foot-high, 50-foot-wide tainter gates; (iv) four 10-foot-high, 50-foot-wide tainter gates; (v) two 10-foot-high, 50-foot-wide hydraulic panel bays; (vi) two 10-foot-high, 50-foot-wide stanchion bays; (vii) a 10-foot-high, 42.5-foot-wide stanchion bay; and (viii) eight 7-foot-high, 9-foot-wide hydraulic flood gates; (2) a 26-mile-long, 2,550-acre impoundment with a useable storage volume of 18,300 acre-feet between elevations 212.13 and 220.13 feet NGVD 29; (3) eight approximately 30-foot-high trashracks with 1.75-inch clear bar spacing and two approximately 30-foot-high trashracks with 3.625-inch clear bar spacing; (4) a 356-foot-long, 55-foot-wide, 45-foot-high reinforced concrete, steel, and brick powerhouse containing four 2–MW vertical Francis turbine-generator units, four 4–MW vertical Kaplan turbine-generator units, and two 4.2–MW vertical Francis turbine-generator units for a total project capacity of 32.4 MW; (5) ten concrete draft tubes ranging from 16 to 27 feet in diameter; (6) a 500-foot-long, 13.8-kV underground generator lead that connects the turbine-generator units to two step-up transformers; (7) a 984-foot-long, 15-foot-wide fishway; (8) downstream fish passage facilities; and (9) appurtenant facilities.

Great River Hydro operates all three projects in coordination and in a peaking mode. Average annual generation is approximately 161,739; 247,373; and 162,557 MW-hours at the Wilder, Bellows Falls, and Vernon Projects, respectively. Great River Hydro is not proposing any new project facilities or changes to operation of these projects at this time.

1. *Locations of the Applications:* Copies of the applications are 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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY). Copies are 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 these or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. *Procedural Schedule:* In the final license applications, Great River Hydro states that it will file amended final license applications after it completes additional field work for two studies, conducts additional consultation with stakeholders on the study results, and models operational alternatives. After Great River Hydro completes and files the revised study reports and amended final license applications, Commission staff will issue a revised procedural schedule with target dates for the post-filing milestones listed below.

Milestone	Target date
Amended Final License Applications.	TBD.
Notice of Acceptance/Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis.	TBD.
Filing of recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and fishway prescriptions.	TBD.
Commission issues Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).	TBD.
Comments on Draft EIS .....	TBD.
Modified terms and conditions .....	TBD.
Commission issues Final EIS .....	TBD.

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

Dated: May 15, 2017.  
**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*  
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14831–000]

Merchant Hydro Developers, LLC;  
Notice of Preliminary Permit  
Application Accepted for Filing And  
Soliciting Comments, Motions To  
Intervene, and Competing Applications

On January 18, 2017, Merchant Hydro Developers, LLC, filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the Savage Mountain Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project to be located in Allegany County, Maryland. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners’ express permission.

The proposed project would consist of the following: (1) A new upper reservoir with a surface area of 75 acres and a storage capacity of 1,125 acre-feet at a surface elevation of approximately 2,800 feet above mean sea level (msl) created through construction of a new roller-compacted concrete or rock-filled dam and/or dike; (2) excavating a new lower reservoir with a surface area of 50 acres and a total storage capacity of 1,350 acre-feet at a surface elevation of 1,820 feet msl; (3) a new 6,762-foot-long, 48-inch-diameter penstock connecting the upper and lower reservoirs; (4) a new 150-foot-long, 50-foot-wide powerhouse containing two turbine-generator units with a total rated capacity of 90 megawatts; (5) a new transmission line connecting the powerhouse to a nearby electric grid interconnection point at the Savage Mountain Wind Farm; and (6) appurtenant facilities. Possible initial fill water and make-up water would come from the nearby Casselman River, including groundwater. The proposed project would have an annual generation of 329,908 megawatt-hours.  
*Applicant Contact:* Adam Rousselle, Merchant Hydro Developers, LLC, 5710 Oak Crest Drive, Doylestown, PA 18902; phone: 267–254–6107.  
*FERC Contact:* Monir Chowdhury; phone: (202) 502–6736.

*Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications:* 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of

intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications 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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). 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-14831-000.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-14831) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: May 15, 2017.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP17-438-000]

#### Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

Take notice that on May 5, 2017, Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC (Algonquin), P.O. Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251-1642, filed in Docket No. CP17-438-000 a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.208 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), as amended, requesting authorization to replace a segment of 24-inch-diameter pipeline at a crossing of the Mystic River with an offset located adjacent to the existing pipeline at the confluence of the Mystic River and Alewife Brook (Mystic River Project). Specifically, Algonquin proposes to install a new, approximate 1,300-foot section of 24-inch-diameter pipeline on its J-1

System underneath the channel of the Mystic River and Alewife Brook in Somerville, Medford, and Arlington, Massachusetts. Algonquin states that the Mystic River Project will have no impact on the certificated capacity of Algonquin system, and there will be no abandonment or reduction in service to any customer of Algonquin as a result of the project. Algonquin estimates the cost of the Mystic River Project to be approximately \$15 million, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the Web 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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Lisa A. Connolly, Director, Rates and Certificates, Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC, P.O. Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251-1642, by telephone at (713) 627-4102, by fax at (713) 627-5947, or by email at [lisa.connolly@enbridge.com](mailto:lisa.connolly@enbridge.com).

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 60 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to section 157.205 of the regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205), a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

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 final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or 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 FEIS or 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, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of 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 commentary, will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents 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 7 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Dated: May 15, 2017.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER17-1594-000]

#### Archer Energy, LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of Archer Energy, LLC's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR