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via USPS, use the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. To mail via any other courier, use the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on February 11, 2021.

Dated: January 26, 2021.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 539-015]

#### Lock 7 Hydro Partners, LLC; Notice Soliciting Scoping Comments

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.:* 539-015.

c. *Date Filed:* April 30, 2020.

d. *Applicant:* Lock 7 Hydro Partners, LLC (Lock 7 Hydro).

e. *Name of Project:* Mother Ann Lee Hydroelectric Station Water Power Project (Mother Ann Lee Project).

f. *Location:* The project is located on the Kentucky River in Mercer, Jessamine, and Garrard Counties, Kentucky. The project does not occupy federal land.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* David Brown Kinloch, Lock 7 Hydro, 414 S Wenzel St., Louisville, Kentucky 40204; (502) 589-0975 or [kyhydropower@gmail.com](mailto:kyhydropower@gmail.com).

i. *FERC Contact:* Joshua Dub at (202) 502-8138 or [joshua.dub@ferc.gov](mailto:joshua.dub@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing scoping comments:* February 25, 2021.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file scoping comments using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FEROnline.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>. 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, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, 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: Mother Ann Lee Project (P-539-015).

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all interveners 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. The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. The Mother Ann Lee Project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) A reservoir with a surface area of 777 acres and a storage capacity of 5,828 acre-feet at elevation 513.12 NGVD 29 (National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929); (2) a 250-foot-long, 15.3-foot-high, timber crib dam with a concrete cap and an abandoned 62-foot-long lock structure on the east side; (3) a 120-foot-long, 100-foot-wide forebay; (4) a 24-foot-tall, 84-foot-wide trashrack; (5) a 93-foot-long, 25-foot-wide, 16-foot-high powerhouse integral with the dam containing three generating units with a total installed capacity of 2,210 kilowatts; (6) a 30-foot-long, 15.3-foot-high concrete spillway section from the powerhouse to the west shore; (7) an 85-foot-long substation; and (8) a 34.5 kilovolt, 4,540-foot-long transmission line. The project is estimated to generate an average of 9,200 megawatt-hours annually.

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<sup>6</sup> *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 170 FERC 61,144, at P 40 (2020).

<sup>7</sup> *Id.* P 40.

<sup>8</sup> Similarly, the Commission will not re-litigate the issuance of an NGA section 3 authorization, including whether a proposed project is not inconsistent with the public interest and whether the Commission's environmental analysis for the permit order complied with NEPA.

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o. *Scoping Process:* Commission staff will prepare either an environmental assessment (EA) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that describes and evaluates the probable effects, if any, of the licensee's proposed action and alternatives. The EA or EIS will consider environmental impacts and reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. The Commission's scoping process will help determine the required level of analysis and satisfy the NEPA scoping requirements, irrespective of whether the Commission prepares an EA or an EIS. Due to restrictions on mass gatherings related to COVID-19, we do not intend to conduct a public scoping meeting and site visit in this case. Instead, we are soliciting written comments and suggestions on the preliminary list of issues and alternatives to be addressed in the NEPA document, as described in scoping document 1 (SD1), issued January 26, 2021.

Copies of the SD1 outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the NEPA document were distributed to the parties on the Commission's mailing list and the applicant's distribution list. Copies of SD1 may 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, call 1-866-208-3676 or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Dated: January 26, 2021.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP20-26-000]

#### Eastern Gas Transmission and Storage, Inc.; Notice of Request for Extension of Time

Take notice that on January 21, 2021, Eastern Gas Transmission and Storage, Inc.<sup>1</sup> (Eastern GTS) requested that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) grant an extension of time, until August 22, 2021, to abandon, reconfigure, and relocate storage wells and related pipelines within its jurisdictional Bridgeport Storage Field in Harrison County, West Virginia (Project),<sup>2</sup> as deemed authorized, effective February 22, 2020. Under the applicable regulations, the Project was to be completed and made available for service by February 22, 2021, *i.e.*, within one year of authorization.<sup>3</sup>

Eastern GTS states that, primarily due to delays related to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as weather related delays, Eastern GTS will be unable to complete all construction activities necessary to complete the Project within the authorized one-year timeframe. Accordingly, Eastern GTS requests a six-month extension of time, until August 22, 2021, to complete construction of the Project.

This notice establishes a 15-calendar day intervention and comment period deadline. Any person wishing to comment on Columbia's request for an extension of time may do so. No reply comments or answers will be considered. If you wish to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this request, you should, on or before the comment date stated below, file a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10).<sup>4</sup>

As a matter of practice, the Commission itself generally acts on

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<sup>1</sup> As of November 1, 2020, Berkshire Hathaway Energy Company acquired certain companies of Dominion Energy, including Dominion Energy Transmission, Inc. and has changed its name to Eastern Gas Transmission and Storage, Inc.

<sup>2</sup> Prior Notice of Blanket Certificate Activity, Docket No. CP20-26-000 (filed December 16, 2019).

<sup>3</sup> Pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Commission's regulations, 18 CFR 157.205, a prior notice application is deemed to be authorized the day after the intervention period lapses if no protests are filed.

<sup>4</sup> Only motions to intervene from entities that were party to the underlying proceeding will be accepted. *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 170 FERC ¶ 61,144, at P 39 (2020).

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