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Dated: February 7, 2024.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2736-046]

#### Idaho Power Company; 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*: New Major License.

b. *Project No.*: 2736-046.

c. *Date filed*: February 14, 2023.

d. *Applicant*: Idaho Power Company.

e. *Name of Project*: American Falls Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location*: The American Falls project is located on the Snake River in Power County, Idaho, near the city of American Falls, about 25 miles

southwest of Pocatello. The project is located at the American Falls Dam, owned and operated by the United States Bureau of Reclamation. The project occupies 7.37 acres of United States land administered by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in Power County, Idaho.

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

h. *Applicant Contact*: Andrea L. Courtney, Hydro Licensing Leader, Idaho Power Company, P.O. Box 70, 1221 W Idaho St., Boise, ID 83702; (208) 388-2655; or email at *ACourtney@idahopower.com*.

i. *FERC Contact*: Golbahar Mirhosseini at *Golbahar.Mirhosseini@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/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 *FEROnlineSupport@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, Deputy 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, Deputy 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: American Falls Project (P-2736-046).

The Commission's Rules of Practice 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. The American Falls dam and spillway are owned and operated by the Bureau of Reclamation; these features are not project facilities or contained within the project boundary. The concrete gravity dam has a structural height of 103.5 feet and a crest length of 5,277 feet, width of 42.5 feet and elevation of 4,366.5 feet.<sup>1</sup> The spillway has a crest elevation of 4,333 feet. Reclamation operates and manages the reservoir for irrigation delivery, power generation, flood control, fish and wildlife, and recreation benefits. The reservoir has a maximum storage capacity of 2,672,590 acre-feet and 1.7 million acre-feet of usable storage capacity. Its water surface elevation fluctuates between 4,295.7 feet and 4,354.5 feet and reservoir's maximum surface area is 58,000 acres.

Three 18-foot-diameter steel-lined penstocks begin at the dam intake and extend 300 feet downstream to the American Falls project's turbines. Reclamation's ownership and maintenance of the penstocks begins at the intake and extends downstream approximately 60 feet to the coupling pit. Idaho Power's ownership and maintenance of the penstocks begins at the coupling pit and extends downstream to the Project's turbines.

From the coupling pit, each of the project's 18-foot-diameter penstocks extend approximately 240 feet downstream to each of the project's three 22.5-megawatt (MW) Kaplan turbine-generator units contained in a reinforced concrete powerhouse. The total installed project capacity is 67.5 MW.<sup>2</sup> Water is discharged from the powerhouse directly to the Snake River.

Electricity generated at the powerhouse is transmitted to the electric grid via a switchyard upstream of the powerhouse containing a 13.8/138-kilovolt (kV) step-up transformer. From there power is transmitted over a 2,300-foot-long, 138-kV overhead transmission line to the American Falls Switchyard. The American Falls project generates an average of 395,000 megawatt-hours (MWh) annually.

<sup>1</sup> All elevations are National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 (NGVD 29).

<sup>2</sup> See Order Amending License, Revising Project Description, Revising Annual Charges, and Approving Revised Exhibit M issued September 27, 2002. *Idaho Power Company*, 180 FERC ¶ 62,170 (2022). Following turbine maintenance that commenced in October 2022 and will extend through 2025, each of the turbines will have a rated hydraulic capacity of 4,705 cfs at 88 feet net head.

Project recreation facilities include: Trenner Memorial Park, American Falls Park, an improved fishing and access area, and the Oregon Trail Boat Ramp (Power County Boat Ramp).

The American Falls project operates in a run-of-release mode, which means it only uses flows released to the project by Reclamation. More specifically, power generation is seasonally dictated as reservoir levels and irrigation flow deliveries are set by Reclamation.

m. A copy of the application can be viewed on the Commission's website 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, contact FERC Online Support.

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, address, and telephone number 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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You may also register online at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOnline.aspx> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. *The applicant must file no later than 60 days following the date of issuance 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 agency received the request; or (3) evidence of waiver of water quality certification. Please note that the certification request must comply with 40 CFR 121.5(b), including documentation that a pre-filing meeting request was submitted to the certifying authority at least 30 days prior to submitting the certification request. Please also note that the certification request must be sent to the certifying authority and to the Commission concurrently.

o. *Procedural Schedule:* The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Deadline for Filing Comments, Recommendations, and Agency Terms and Conditions/Prescriptions.	April 2024.
Licensee's Reply to REA Comments.	May 2024.

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: February 7, 2024.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP24-37-000]

#### **Columbia Gulf Transmission, LLC; Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Amoco South Pecan Lake Abandonment Project**

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental document, that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Amoco South Pecan Lake Abandonment Project (Project), involving abandonment of obsolete pipeline and abandonment of pipeline and appurtenant facilities by removal by Columbia Gulf Transmission, LLC (Columbia Gulf) in Cameron Parish,

Louisiana. The Commission will use this environmental document 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 regarding the Project. As part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process, the Commission takes into account concerns the public may have about proposals and the environmental impacts that could result from its action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. This gathering of public input is referred to as "scoping." The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the environmental document on the important environmental issues. Additional information about the Commission's NEPA process is described below in the *NEPA Process and Environmental Document* section of this notice.

By this notice, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of issues to address in the environmental document. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before 5 p.m. eastern time on March 8, 2024. Comments may be submitted in written form. Further details on how to submit comments are provided in the *Public Participation* section of this notice.

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 environmental document. Commission staff will consider all written comments during the preparation of the environmental document.

If you submitted comments on this Project to the Commission before the opening of this docket on January 25, 2024, you will need to file those comments in Docket No. CP24-37-000 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