

from planning areas to monitor forecasted demands by electric utilities with fundamental demand responsibilities and to develop hourly demand characteristics.

Type of Respondent: Electric utility balancing authorities and planning areas in the United States.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*¹ The Commission estimates the annual public

reporting burden and cost² (rounded) for the information collection as follows:

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[Annual Electric Balancing Authority Area and Planning Area Report]

Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden & cost per response	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost	Cost per respondent (\$)
(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
176	1	176	93.33 hrs.; \$7,279.74	16,426.67 hrs.; \$1,281,280.26	\$7,279.74

Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15244-000]

PacifiCorp; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On October 13, 2021, PacifiCorp filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Rocky Ridge Pumped Storage Project (Rocky Ridge Project or

project), a closed-loop pumped storage project to be located south of the town of Glenrock in Converse and Natrona Counties, Wyoming. The proposed project would be located in part on federal lands administered by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. 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.

Three alternatives are being considered for the Rocky Ridge Project. Alternative 1 would be located about seven miles southeast of the town of Glenrock, Wyoming and consist of the following: (1) An upper reservoir with a surface area of 164 acres and a storage volume of approximately 3,032 acre-feet created by a 1,475-foot-long, 300-foot-high embankment dam; (2) a lower reservoir with a surface area of 63.5 acres and a storage volume of approximately 3,100 acre-feet created by a 4,600-foot-long, 60-foot-high embankment dam; (3) a 5.2-mile-long, 20-foot-diameter steel penstock connecting the upper reservoir with the powerhouse/pump station; (4) a 150-foot-long, 50-foot-wide concrete powerhouse/pump station located on the lower reservoir shoreline containing three 167-megawatt (MW) generating/pumping units for a total capacity of 500 MW; (5) a 4.2-mile-long, 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line interconnecting to PacifiCorp's Amasa substation; (6) a

11.4-mile-long, 24-inch-diameter underground pipeline to divert water from the North Platte River near Glenrock to the project for initial and maintenance fill; and, (7) appurtenant facilities.

The majority of the facilities for Alternative 2 (*i.e.*, project reservoirs, penstock, and powerhouse, etc.) would be located about three miles southwest of Alternative 1 and consist of the following: (1) An upper reservoir with a surface area of 202 acres and a storage volume of approximately 3,096 acre-feet created by a 1,750-foot-long, 150-foot-high embankment dam; (2) a lower reservoir with a surface area of 55.5 acres and a storage volume of approximately 3,100 acre-feet created by a 2,950-foot-long, 30-foot-high embankment dam; (3) a 1.6-mile-long, 20-foot-diameter steel penstock connecting the upper reservoir with the powerhouse/pump station; (4) a 150-foot-long, 50-foot-wide concrete powerhouse/pump station located on the lower reservoir shoreline containing three 167-MW generating/pumping units for a total capacity of 500 MW; (5) a 7-mile-long, 230-kV transmission line interconnecting to PacifiCorp's Amasa substation; (6) a 14.3-mile-long, 24-inch-diameter underground pipeline to divert water from the North Platte River near Glenrock to the project for initial and maintenance fill; and, (7) appurtenant facilities.

The majority of the facilities for Alternative 3 (*i.e.*, project reservoirs, penstock, and powerhouse, etc.) would be located about three miles southwest

¹ Burden is defined as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. For further explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, refer to 5 CFR 1320.3.

² The hourly cost (for salary plus benefits) uses the figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, May 2021, for the listed reporting requirements. These figures include salary (<https://www.bls.gov/oes/>

[current/naics2_22.htm](https://www.bls.gov/naics2_22.htm)) and benefits (<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/eccec.nr0.htm>) and are:

Management (Code 11-0000), \$97.89/hr.
Computer and mathematical (Code 15-0000), \$65.73/hr.
Electrical Engineers (Code 17-2071), \$72.15/hr.
Economist (Code 19-3011), \$75.75/hr.
Computer and Information Systems Managers (Code 11-3021), \$103.61/hr.

Accountants and Auditors (Code 13-2011), \$57.41/hr.

Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Managers (Code 11-3071), \$86.80/hr.

Power Distributors and Dispatchers (Code 51-8012), \$63.74/hr.

The average hourly cost (wages plus benefits) for the above wages is \$77.89/hour (rounded to \$78.00/hour).

of Alternative 2 and consist of the following: (1) An upper reservoir with either: (a) A surface area of 73.1 acres and a storage volume of approximately 3,615 acre-feet created by a 6,100-foot-long, 200-foot-high embankment dam or (b) with a surface area of 256 acres and a storage volume of approximately 3,700 acre-feet created by a 2,400-foot-long, 240-foot-high embankment dam; (2) a lower reservoir with a surface area of 73.1 acres and a storage volume of approximately 3,800 acre-feet created by a 4,900-foot-long, 130-foot-high embankment dam; (3) either a 1.7- or 4.2-mile-long, 20-foot steel penstock with a diameter of 20-feet connecting the upper reservoir with the powerhouse/pump station; (4) a 150-foot-long, 50-foot-wide concrete powerhouse/pump station located on the lower reservoir shoreline containing three 167-MW generating/pumping units for a total capacity of 500 MW; (5) a 10.1-mile-long, 230-kV transmission line interconnecting to PacifiCorp's Amasa substation; (6) a 17.8-mile-long, 24-inch-diameter underground pipeline to divert water from the North Platte River near Glenrock to the project for initial and maintenance fill; and, (7) appurtenant facilities.

The estimated annual generation of the Rocky Ridge Project would be 1,460 gigawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: Tim Hemstreet, Managing Director, Renewable Energy Development, PacifiCorp, 825 NE Multnomah, Suite 1800, Portland, OR 97232; email: Tim.Hemstreet@pacificorp.com; phone: (503) 813-6170.

FERC Contact: John Matkowski; email: john.matkowski@ferc.gov; phone: (202) 502-8576.

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. 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. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-15244-000.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-15244) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 3472-024]

Aspinook Hydro, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On April 30, 2020, Aspinook Hydro, LLC filed an application for a new major license for the 2.78-megawatt Wyre Wynd Hydroelectric Project (Wyre Wynd Project) (FERC No. 3472). The Wyre Wynd Project is located on the Quinebaug River in New London and Windham Counties, Connecticut. The project does not occupy federal land.

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, on October 6, 2021, Commission staff issued a notice that the project was ready for environmental analysis (REA notice). Based on the information in the record, including comments filed on the REA notice, staff does not anticipate that licensing the project would constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, staff intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the application to license the Wyre Wynd Project.

The EA will be issued and circulated for review by all interested parties. All comments filed on the EA will be analyzed by staff and considered in the Commission's final licensing decision.

The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Commission issues EA	June 2022. ¹
Comments on EA	July 2022.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Kristine Sillett at (202) 502-6575 or kristine.sillett@ferc.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Numbers: PR22-5-001.

Applicants: Eagle Ford Midstream, LP.

Description: Submits tariff filing per 284.123(b),(e)+(g): Amended Section 311 Rate Approval to be effective 11/12/2021.

Filed Date: 1/7/2022.

Accession Number: 20220107-5076.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/28/22.

284.123(g) Protests Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/28/22.

Docket Numbers: RP22-479-000.

Applicants: Adelphia Gateway, LLC.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Adelphia Negotiated Rate filing 1-10-22 to be effective 1/10/2022.

Filed Date: 1/10/22.

Accession Number: 20220110-5100.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 1/24/22.

Docket Numbers: RP22-480-000.

Applicants: Gas Transmission Northwest LLC.

Description: Compliance filing: Report of Refunds—Coyote Springs Lateral IT Revenue (Nov. 2020–Oct. 2021) to be effective N/A.

Filed Date: 1/10/22.

Accession Number: 20220110-5113.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 1/24/22.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings

¹ The Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) regulations under 40 CFR 1501.10(b)(1) require that EAs be completed within 1 year of the federal action agency's decision to prepare an EA. This notice establishes the Commission's intent to prepare an EA for the Wyre Wynd Project. Therefore, in accordance with CEQ's regulations, the EA must be issued within 1 year of the issuance date of this notice.