

job, or other activity on behalf of FERC or Federal Government and who have a need to access the information in the performance of their duties or activities.

9. To the National Archives and Records Administration in records management inspections and its role as Archivist.

10. To the Merit Systems Protection Board or the Board's Office of the Special Counsel, when relevant information is requested in connection with appeals, special studies of the civil service and other merit systems, review of Office of Personnel Management (OPM) rules and regulations, and investigations of alleged or possible prohibited personnel practices.

11. To appropriate Federal, State, or local agency responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing, or implementing a statute, rule, regulation, or order, if the information may be relevant to a potential violation of civil or criminal law, rule, regulation, order.

12. To appropriate agencies, entities, and person(s) that are a party to a dispute, when FERC determines that information from this system of records is reasonably necessary for the recipient to assist with the resolution of the dispute, and the information may include the name, address, telephone number, email address, and affiliation of the agency, entity, and/or person(s) seeking and/or participating in dispute resolution services, where appropriate.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORAGE OF RECORDS:

Records are stored electronically on a FedRAMP-authorized cloud service provider, and on a FedRAMP-authorized SharePoint site. In addition, all FERC employees and contractors with authorized access have undergone a thorough background security investigation. Data access is restricted to agency personnel or contractors whose responsibilities require access. Access to electronic records is controlled by the organization's Single Sign-On and Multi-Factor Authentication Solution. Role based access is used to restrict electronic data access and the organization employs the principle of least privilege, allowing only authorized users with access necessary to accomplish assigned tasks in accordance with organizational missions and business functions.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETRIEVAL OF RECORDS:

Records are retrieved by employee name and associated case number.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR THE RETENTION AND DISPOSAL OF RECORDS:

Records are retained in accordance with the applicable National Archives and Records Administration Schedules, with the following applicable General Records Schedules:

1. General Records Schedule (GRS) 2.3: Employee Relations Records, Item 010, DAA-GRS-2022-0001-0001. Temporary. Destroy when 3 years old, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.

2. General Records Schedule (GRS) 2.3: Employee Relations Records, Item 020, DAA-GRS-2022-0001-0002. Temporary. Destroy 3 years after employee separation from the agency or all appeals are concluded, whichever is later, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.

3. General Records Schedule (GRS) 2.3: Employee Relations Records, Item 110, DAA-GRS-2018-0002-0012. Temporary. Destroy 3 years after resolution of case, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.

4. General Records Schedule (GRS) 2.3: Employee Relation Records, Item 111, DAA-GRS2018-0002-0013. Temporary: Destroy 7 years after close of case, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.

ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL, AND PHYSICAL SAFEGUARDS:

See Policies and Practices for Storage of Records.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals requesting access to the contents of records must submit a request through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) office. The FOIA website is located at: <https://www.ferc.gov/foia>. Requests may be submitted through the following portal: <https://www.ferc.gov/enforcement-legal/foia/electronic-foia-privacy-act-request-form>. Written requests for access to records should be directed to: Director, Office of External Affairs, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

See Records Access Procedures.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

Generalized notice is provided by the publication of this notice. For specific notice, see Records Access Procedure, above.

EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

HISTORY:

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Dated: November 25, 2024.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CD25-1-000]

Black Canyon Hydrokinetic 1, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Determination of a Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility and Soliciting Comments and Motions To Intervene

On November 21, 2024, and supplemented on November 22, 2024, Black Canyon Hydrokinetic 1, LLC, filed a notice of intent to construct a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, pursuant to section 30 of the Federal Power Act (FPA). The proposed Emmett Main Canal Hydro Project would have an installed capacity of 75 kilowatts (kW) and would be located on the Emmett Irrigation District North Side Main Canal near the City of Emmett in Gem County, Idaho.

Applicant Contact: Ryan Cook, C T Corporation System, 1555 W Shoreline Dr., Suite 100, Boise, ID 83702, 614-368-9405, ryan.cook@emrgy.com.

FERC Contact: Christopher Chaney, 202-502-6778, christopher.chaney@ferc.gov.

Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility Description: The project would consist of: (1) two 30-kW twin-turbine generating units and one 15-kW twin-turbine generating unit for a total capacity of 75-kW and (2) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an estimated annual generation of approximately 281 megawatt-hours.

A qualifying conduit hydropower facility is one that is determined or deemed to meet all the criteria shown in the table below.

TABLE 1—CRITERIA FOR QUALIFYING CONDUIT HYDROPOWER FACILITY

Statutory provision	Description	Satisfies (Y/N)
FPA 30(a)(3)(A)	The conduit the facility uses is a tunnel, canal, pipeline, aqueduct, flume, ditch, or similar manmade water conveyance that is operated for the distribution of water for agricultural, municipal, or industrial consumption and not primarily for the generation of electricity.	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(i)	The facility is constructed, operated, or maintained for the generation of electric power and uses for such generation only the hydroelectric potential of a non-federally owned conduit.	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(ii) ...	The facility has an installed capacity that does not exceed 40 megawatts	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(iii) ..	On or before August 9, 2013, the facility is not licensed, or exempted from the licensing requirements of Part I of the FPA.	Y

Preliminary Determination: The proposed Emmett Main Canal Hydro Project will not alter the primary purpose of the conduit, which is for irrigation. Therefore, based upon the above criteria, Commission staff preliminarily determines that the operation of the project described above satisfies the requirements for a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, which is not required to be licensed or exempted from licensing.

Comments and Motions to Intervene: Deadline for filing comments contesting whether the facility meets the qualifying criteria is 30 days from the issuance date of this notice. Deadline for filing motions to intervene is 30 days from the issuance date of this notice.

Anyone may submit comments or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210 and 385.214. Any motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular proceeding.

Filing and Service of Responsive Documents: All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the “COMMENTS CONTESTING QUALIFICATION FOR A CONDUIT HYDROPOWER FACILITY” or “MOTION TO INTERVENE,” as applicable; (2) state in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) state the name, address, and telephone number of the person filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of sections 385.2001 through 385.2005 of the Commission’s regulations.¹ All comments contesting Commission staff’s preliminary determination that the facility meets the qualifying criteria must set forth their evidentiary basis.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene and comments using the Commission’s eFiling system at <https://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 <https://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, (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may send a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, 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, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2010.

Locations of Notice of Intent: The Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission’s website at <https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (*i.e.*, CD25–1) in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. Copies of the notice of intent can be obtained directly from the applicant. For assistance, call toll-free 1–866–208–3676 or email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Interregional Transfer Capability Study: Strengthening Reliability Through the Energy Transformation; Notice of Request for Comments

On November 19, 2024, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) an Interregional Transfer Capability Study (ITC Study) pursuant to section 322 of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 (Fiscal Responsibility Act).¹ All interested persons are invited to file comments on this ITC Study no later than 60 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register**. We request the public to submit comments in the format indicated below.

In June 2023, Congress passed the Fiscal Responsibility Act, which requires the Commission-approved Electric Reliability Organization (*i.e.*, NERC),² in consultation with each regional entity and each transmitting utility³ that has facilities interconnected with a transmitting utility in a neighboring transmission planning region, to conduct a study of total transfer capability⁴ between

¹ Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023, Public Law 118–5, 137 Stat 10, sec. 322 (2023).

² Federal Power Act (FPA) section 215 provides that the Commission may certify an Electric Reliability Organization, the purpose of which is to develop mandatory and enforceable Reliability Standards, subject to Commission review and approval. 16 U.S.C. 824o(c). The Commission subsequently certified NERC as the Electric Reliability Organization. *N. Am. Elec. Reliability Corp.*, 116 FERC ¶ 61,062, *order on reh’g and compliance*, 117 FERC ¶ 61,126 (2006), *aff’d sub nom. Alcoa, Inc. v. FERC*, 564 F.3d 1342 (D.C. Cir. 2009).

³ Transmitting utility is defined in 16 U.S.C. 796 as “an entity (including an entity described in section 824(f) of [title 16]) that owns, operates, or controls facilities used for the transmission of electric energy—(A) in interstate commerce; (B) for the sale of electric energy at wholesale.”

⁴ 18 CFR 37.6(b)(1)(vi) (2024).

¹ 18 CFR 385.2001–2005 (2024).