

long, 14-inch-diameter partially buried high-density polyethylene (HDPE) penstock extending between the intake structure in Crooked Creek to an 8-foot-long, 6-foot-diameter buried energy dissipation structure near the shoreline of Jim's Lake; (3) a new 30-foot-long, 4-foot-wide, 18-inch deep rip-rap discharge apron below the energy dissipation structure that discharges into the existing 160-foot-long natural channel flowing into Jim's Lake; (4) the existing Jim's Lake with a new surface area of 5.7 acres and gross storage capacity of 76-acre-feet at normal maximum water elevation of 342 feet mean low water; (5) a new 200-foot-long, 14-foot-high reinforced concrete dam with a 35-foot-long, 20-foot-wide, 14-foot-high spillway section at the outlet of Jim's Lake; (6) a new intake consisting of a 4-foot-wide, 6-foot-high vertically-oriented intake screen and a 20-inch-diameter intake opening; (7) a new 2,350-foot-long, 16 to 20-inch-diameter buried HDPE penstock extending between the intake pipe opening and the powerhouse; (8) a 20-foot-long, 28-foot-wide, 14-foot-high wood-frame powerhouse containing a 105-kilowatt impulse turbine-generator unit; (9) a tailrace discharging flows into Port Althorp; (10) a 5,800-foot-long, 7.2/12.47-kilovolt (kV) buried transmission line extending from the project powerhouse to Elfin Cove's existing 7.2/12.47-kV transmission line; and (11) appurtenant facilities.

The project would generate an average of 594.8 megawatt-hours annually.

m. Due to the small size and location of this project, the applicant's close coordination with federal and state agencies during preparation of the application, and studies completed during pre-filing consultation, we intend to waive scoping and expedite the licensing process. Based on a review of the application and resource agency consultation letters including comments filed to date, Commission staff does not anticipate that any new issues would be identified through additional scoping. Based on the issues identified during the pre-filing period, staff's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document will consider the potential effects of project construction and operation on geology and soils, aquatic, terrestrial, threatened and endangered species, recreation, and cultural and historic resources.

n. 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.

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.

o. Any qualified applicant desiring to file a competing application must submit to the Commission, on or before the specified intervention deadline date, a competing development application, or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing development application no later than 120 days after the specified intervention deadline date. Applications for preliminary permits will not be accepted in response to this notice.

A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit a development application. A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, and .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION," "COMPETING APPLICATION," "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 protesting or intervening; 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. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. 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 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

p. 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.

q. Procedural schedule: The application will be processed according to the following preliminary schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

| Milestone  | Target date   |
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| Deadline for filing interventions, protests, comments, recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and preliminary fishway prescriptions. | August 2022.  |
| Deadline for filing reply comments.  | October 2022. |

Dated: June 28, 2022.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 3211-010; Project No. 2701-061]

#### Power Authority of the State of New York; Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On July 31, 2020, the Power Authority of the State of New York (NYPA) filed an application for a new major license for the 9-megawatt Hinckley (Gregory B.

Jarvis) Hydroelectric Project (Hinckley-Jarvis Project; FERC No. 3211). The Hinckley-Jarvis Project is located on West Canada Creek near the Hamlet of Hinckley in the counties of Oneida and Herkimer, New York. On February 26, 2021, Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P. (Erie) filed an application for a new major license for the 39.75-megawatt West Canada Creek Hydroelectric Project (West Canada Creek Project; FERC No. 2701). The West Canada Creek Project is also located on West Canada Creek, downstream of the Hinckley-Jarvis Project, in the counties of Oneida and Herkimer, New York. No federal or tribal lands occur within or adjacent to either project's boundary.

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, on January 12, 2022, Commission staff issued separate notices that both the Hinckley-Jarvis and West Canada Creek projects were ready for environmental analysis (REA Notice).<sup>1</sup> Based on the information in the projects' records, including comments filed on the REA Notices, staff does not anticipate that licensing the projects would constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. However, because the Hinckley-Jarvis and West Canada Creek projects are located adjacent to each other in the same river basin and include similar issues, it is the Commission's intent to continue to process these relicense applications concurrently. Therefore, staff intends to prepare a draft and final multi-project Environmental Assessment (EA) on the applications to relicense the Hinckley-Jarvis and West Canada Creek projects.

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

| Milestone                   | Target date             |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Commission issues draft EA  | December 2022.          |
| Comments due on draft EA .. | January 2023.           |
| Commission issues final EA  | June 2023. <sup>2</sup> |

<sup>1</sup> On March 1, 2022, NYPA requested that the deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests, comments, recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and preliminary fishway prescriptions be extended until June 11, 2022, in order to allow parties to work on a settlement agreement. On March 3, 2022, Erie requested a similar extension. Commission staff granted both requests for extension in letters issued on March 10, 2022.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Emily Carter at (202) 502-6512 or [emily.carter@ferc.gov](mailto:emily.carter@ferc.gov).

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

**[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2016-0743; FRL-9943-01-OCSPP]**

### **n-Methylpyrrolidone (NMP); Draft Revision to Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Risk Determination; Notice of Availability and Request for Comment**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the availability of and seeking public comment on a draft revision to the risk determination for the n-methylpyrrolidone (NMP) risk evaluation issued under TSCA. The draft revision to the NMP risk determination reflects the announced policy changes to ensure the public is protected from unreasonable risks from chemicals in a way that is supported by science and the law. In this draft revision to the risk determination EPA finds that NMP, as a whole chemical substance, presents an unreasonable risk of injury to health when evaluated under its conditions of use. In addition, this draft revised risk determination does not reflect an assumption that all workers always appropriately wear personal protective equipment (PPE). EPA understands that there could be occupational safety protections in place at workplace locations; however, not assuming use of PPE reflects EPA's recognition that unreasonable risk may exist for subpopulations of workers that may be highly exposed because they are not covered by OSHA standards, or their employers are out of compliance with OSHA standards, or because OSHA has not issued a permissible exposure limit (PEL) (as is the case for NMP). This

<sup>2</sup> 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 a draft and final EA for the Hinckley-Jarvis and West Canada Creek projects. Therefore, in accordance with CEQ's regulations, the final EA must be issued within 1 year of the issuance date of this notice.

revision, when final, would supersede the condition of use-specific no unreasonable risk determinations in the December 2020 NMP risk evaluation (and withdraw the associated order) and would make a revised determination of unreasonable risk for NMP as a whole chemical substance.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before August 1, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-EPA-HQ-OPPT-2016-0743, using the *Federal eRulemaking Portal* at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Additional instructions on commenting and visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

*For technical information contact:* Clara Hull, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (7404M), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 564-3954; email address: [hull.clara@epa.gov](mailto:hull.clara@epa.gov).

*For general information contact:* The TSCA-Hotline, ABVI-Goodwill, 422 South Clinton Ave., Rochester, NY 14620; telephone number: (202) 554-1404; email address: [TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov](mailto:TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Executive Summary**

##### *A. Does this action apply to me?*

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to those involved in the manufacture, processing, distribution, use, disposal, and/or the assessment of risks involving chemical substances and mixtures. You may be potentially affected by this action if you manufacture (defined under TSCA to include import), process (including recycling), distribute in commerce, use or dispose of NMP, including NMP in products. Since other entities may also be interested in this draft revision to the risk determination, EPA has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action.