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*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on August 18, 2015.

Dated: July 28, 2015.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CD15-31-000]

#### Town of Grand Lake, Colorado; Notice of Preliminary Determination of a Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility and Soliciting Comments and Motions To Intervene

On July 16, 2015, the Town of Grand Lake, Colorado, filed a notice of intent to construct a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, pursuant to section 30 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), as amended by section 4 of the Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2013 (HREA). The proposed Grand Lake WTP Hydro Project would have an installed capacity of 20 kilowatts (kW), and would be located along an existing

12-inch-diameter raw water pipeline within the city’s water treatment plant. The project would be located in the Town of Grand Lake, Colorado.

*Applicant Contact:* Jim White, Town Manager, P.O. Box 99, Grand Lake, CO, Phone No. (970) 627-3435.

*FERC Contact:* Christopher Chaney, Phone No. (202) 502-6778, email: [christopher.chaney@ferc.gov](mailto:christopher.chaney@ferc.gov).

*Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility Description:* The proposed project would consist of: (1) An approximately 360-square-foot powerhouse within the existing water treatment plant building; (2) a short intake receiving water from the existing 12-inch-diameter raw water pipeline; (3) one turbine/generator unit with an installed capacity of 20 kW; (4) a short discharge returning water to the existing 12-inch-diameter raw water pipeline; and (5) appurtenant facilities.

The proposed project would have a total installed capacity of 20 kW.

A qualifying conduit hydropower facility is one that is determined or deemed to meet all of 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), as amended by HREA .....	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), as amended by HREA .....	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), as amended by HREA .....	The facility has an installed capacity that does not exceed 5 megawatts	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(iii), as amended by HREA .....	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:* Based upon the above criteria, Commission staff preliminarily determines that the proposal 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 45 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.<sup>1</sup> 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 <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

<sup>1</sup> 18 CFR 385.2001–2005 (2014).

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, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. 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.

**Locations of Notice of Intent:** Copies of the notice of intent can be obtained directly from the applicant or such copies can be viewed and reproduced at the Commission in its Public Reference Room, Room 2A, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number (*i.e.*, CD15-31) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3676 or email [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

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Secretary.

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jurisdiction pursuant to Section 1(b) of the NGA, all as more fully set forth in the application, which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may also 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, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Tyler R. Brown, Senior Counsel, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC, 5151 San Felipe, Suite 2500, Houston, TX 77056, phone: (713) 386-3797 or email: [tbrown@cpg.com](mailto:tbrown@cpg.com).

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, 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 NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 7 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL14-26-000]

#### New York Independent System Operator, Inc.; Notice of Filing

Take notice that on July 23, 2015, New York Independent System Operator, Inc. filed a compliance filing in response to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) March 20, 2014 Order to Show Cause.<sup>1</sup>

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as

<sup>1</sup> Posting of Offers to Purchase Capacity, Order to Show Cause, 146 FERC ¶ 61,203 (2014).

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP15-531-000]

#### Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Application

Take notice that on July 14, 2015, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia), 5151 San Felipe, Suite 2500, Houston, TX 77056, filed in Docket No. CP15-531-000, an application pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations, seeking authorization to abandon by sale certain natural gas facilities located in various Counties in Ohio to Columbia Gas of Ohio. The facilities consist of 13.1 miles of pipeline, 594 measuring stations, 35 mainline consumer taps and appurtenances. In addition, Columbia further request that the Commission find that following abandonment by sale, the facilities will perform distribution activities and thus be exempt from the Commission's