

made substantial progress in achieving the goals and objectives of the project; whether the grantee has expended funds in a manner that is consistent with its approved application and budget; and, if the Secretary has established performance measurement requirements, whether the grantee has made substantial progress in achieving the performance targets in the grantee's approved application.

In making a continuation award, the Secretary also considers whether the grantee is operating in compliance with the assurances in its approved application, including those applicable to Federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department (34 CFR 100.4, 104.5, 106.4, 108.8, and 110.23).

VII. Other Information

Accessible Format: On request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format. The Department will provide the requestor with an accessible format that may include Rich Text Format (RTF) or text format (txt), a thumb drive, an MP3 file, braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc, or other accessible format.

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Ian Rosenblum,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Programs, Delegated the Authority to Perform the Functions and Duties of the Assistant Secretary Office of Elementary and Secondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2445-028]

Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission and Soliciting Additional Study Requests and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Relicensing and a Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments; Green Mountain Power Corporation

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

- a. *Type of Application:* Subsequent Minor License.
- b. *Project No.:* 2445-028.
- c. *Date filed:* December 23, 2021.
- d. *Applicant:* Green Mountain Power Corporation (GMP).
- e. *Name of Project:* Center Rutland Hydroelectric Project (project).
- f. *Location:* On Otter Creek in Rutland County, Vermont. The project does not occupy any federal land.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. John Greenan, PE, Green Mountain Power Corporation, 2152 Post Road, Rutland, VT 05701; Phone at (802) 770-2195, or email at John.Greenan@greenmountainpower.com.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Taconya D. Goar at (202) 502-8394, or Taconya.Goar@ferc.gov.
- j. *Cooperating agencies:* Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item l below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. See 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

k. Pursuant to section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the application, and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

l. *Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status:* February 21, 2022.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FEROnline.aspx>. 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: 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, MD 20852. All filings must clearly identify the project name and docket number on the first page: Center Rutland Hydroelectric Project (P-2445-028).

m. The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. *Project Description:* The existing Center Rutland Project consists of: (1) A 190-foot-long, 14-foot-high concrete and stone masonry gravity dam that includes: (i) A 174-foot-long spillway section with 2.3-foot-high wooden flashboards and a crest elevation of 507.1 feet mean seal level (msl) at the top of the flashboards; and (ii) a 16-foot-long non-overflow section; (2) an impoundment with a surface area of 13 acres and a storage capacity of 30 acre-feet at an elevation of 507.4 feet msl; (3) a forebay; (4) a concrete and marble masonry intake structure; (5) a 6-foot-diameter, 75-foot-long steel penstock; (6) a 40-foot-long, 33-foot-wide stone and marble masonry powerhouse containing one 275-kilowatt horizontal-shaft turbine-generator unit; (7) a substation; (8) an 80-foot-long, 12.47-kilovolt transmission line; (9) a 0.35-mile-long fiber optic cable for smart grid communications with the electric system; and (10) appurtenant facilities. The project creates an approximately 100-foot-long bypassed reach of Otter Creek.

The project includes a small off-street parking area (with 3 to 5 car spaces), signage, landscaping, and a marked footpath to Otter Creek.

The current license requires the project to operate in a run-of-river mode such that outflow from the project approximates inflow to the impoundment to protect aquatic resources in Otter Creek. The current

license also requires a minimum bypassed reach flow of 80 cubic feet per second or inflow to the impoundment, whichever is less, from June 1 through October 15 to protect aquatic resources in Otter Creek and aesthetic resources in the project area. The average annual generation of the project was approximately 541.7 megawatt-hours from 2014 through 2020.

The applicant proposes to: (1) Continue to operate the project in a run-of-river mode to protect aquatic resources; (2) continue to release a minimum bypassed reach flow of 80 cfs or inflow, whichever is less, from June 1 through October 15, to protect aquatic resources; (3) release a minimum bypassed reach flow of 40 cfs or inflow, whichever is less, from October 16 through May 31, to protect aquatic resources; and (4) implement a seasonal clearing restriction from April 15 through October 31, for trees that are 4 inches in diameter or greater, to protect the federally threatened northern long-eared bat. In addition, GMP states that the flashboards have not been in place since prior to 2012, and proposes to reinstall them.

o. In addition to publishing the full text of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this notice, as well as other documents in the proceeding (e.g., license application) via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<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 (P-2445). For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

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

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

Issue Deficiency Letter (if necessary)—February 2022

Request Additional Information—February 2022

Issue Scoping Document 1 for comments—May 2022

Request Additional Information (if necessary)—June 2022

Issue Acceptance Letter—June 2022

Issue Scoping Document 2—July 2022

Issue Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis—July 2022

q. Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

Dated: January 6, 2022.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP22-33-000]

Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization and Establishing Intervention and Protest Deadline; Northern Natural Gas Company

Take notice that on December 27, 2021, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124, filed in the above referenced docket, a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205, 157.213(b) and 157.216(b) of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Northern's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-401-000, for authorization to replace an injection and withdrawal well at its Redfield Storage Field, located in Dallas County, Iowa. Northern purposes to (1) install and operate an injection and withdrawal well; (2) install a natural gas pipeline lateral; (3) install a water production line; and (4) abandon an existing injection and withdrawal well. Northern estimates that the cost of the Project is approximately \$3.8 million. Northern states that the replacement injection and withdrawal well will have no impact on the Redfield storage field's certificated physical parameters, including total gas storage inventory, reservoir pressure, reservoir and buffer boundaries and certificated capacity. In addition, Northern states that there will be no impact to service of Northern's customers as a result of the proposed Project, all as more fully set forth in the application, which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, 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 Home Page ([\[ferc.gov\]\(http://ferc.gov\)\) using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC at \[FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov\]\(mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov\) or call toll-free, \(886\) 208-3676 or TTY, \(202\) 502-8659.](http://</p>
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Any questions regarding this prior notice request should be directed to Michael T. Loeffler, Senior Director, Certificates and External Affairs for Northern, 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, NE 68124, at 402-398-7103, or by email to mike.loeffler@nngco.com.

Public Participation

There are three ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project: You can file a protest to the project, you can file a motion to intervene in the proceeding, and you can file comments on the project. There is no fee or cost for filing protests, motions to intervene, or comments. The deadline for filing protests, motions to intervene, and comments is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 7, 2022. How to file protests, motions to intervene, and comments is explained below.

Protests

Pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's regulations under the NGA,¹ any person² or the Commission's staff may file a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed or if a protest is filed and then withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request for authorization will be considered by the Commission.

Protests must comply with the requirements specified in section 157.205(e) of the Commission's regulations,³ and must be submitted by the protest deadline, which is March 7, 2022. A protest may also serve as a motion to intervene so long as the

¹ 18 CFR 157.205.

² Persons include individuals, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and other entities. 18 CFR 385.102(d).

³ 18 CFR 157.205(e).