

### Comments

Any person wishing to comment on the project may do so. The Commission considers all comments received about the project in determining the appropriate action to be taken. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments on or before May 23, 2025. The filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. To become a party, you must intervene in the proceeding.

### How To File Protests, Interventions, and Comments

There are two ways to submit protests, motions to intervene, and comments. In both instances, please reference the Project docket number CP25–148–000 in your submission.

(1) You may file your protest, motion to intervene, and comments by using the Commission's eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to Documents and Filings. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; first select "General" and then select "Protest", "Intervention", or "Comment on a Filing"; or <sup>7</sup>

(2) You can file a paper copy of your submission by mailing it to the address below. Your submission must reference the Project docket number CP25–148–000.

*To file via USPS:* Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

*To file via any other method:* Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

The Commission encourages electronic filing of submissions (option

1 above) and has eFiling staff available to assist you at (202) 502–8258 or [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov).

Protests and motions to intervene must be served on the applicant either by mail at: Jennifer Matthews, Manager, Regulatory, Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc., 4700 State Route 56, Owensboro, Kentucky 42301, or by email (with a link to the document) at [Jennifer.Matthews@southernstar.com](mailto:Jennifer.Matthews@southernstar.com). Any subsequent submissions by an intervenor must be served on the applicant and all other parties to the proceeding. Contact information for parties can be downloaded from the service list at the eService link on FERC Online.

### Tracking the Proceeding

Throughout the proceeding, additional information about the project will be available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208–FERC, or on the FERC website at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) using the "eLibrary" link as described above. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. For more information and to register, go to [www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp).

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**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CD25–3–000]

### 3R Valve; Notice of Preliminary Determination of a Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility and Soliciting Comments and Motions To Intervene

On March 17, 2025, 3R Valve filed a notice of intent to construct a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, pursuant to section 30 of the Federal Power Act (FPA). The proposed Aquifer Pumped Hydro Project would have an installed capacity of 50 kilowatts (kW) and would be located at the Willow Springs Water Bank, also known as Antelope Valley Water Storage, near Rosamond, Kern County, California.

*Applicant Contact:* Lon W. House, Water and Energy Consulting, 10645 N Oracle Rd., Ste. 121–216, Oro Valley, AZ 85704, 530–409–9702, [lonwhouse@gmail.com](mailto:lonwhouse@gmail.com).

*FERC Contact:* Christopher Chaney, 202–502–6778, [christopher.chaney@ferc.gov](mailto:christopher.chaney@ferc.gov).

*Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility Description:* The project would consist of: (1) one pump as turbine generating unit with a capacity of 50 kW and (2) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an estimated annual generation of approximately 14.2 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

<sup>7</sup> Additionally, you may file your comments electronically by using the eComment feature, which is located on the Commission's website at

[www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. Using eComment is an easy method for

interested persons to submit brief, text-only comments on a project.

**Preliminary Determination:** The proposed Aquifer Pumped Hydro Project will not alter the primary purpose of the conduit, which is for agricultural and municipal use. 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," "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's Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, community organizations, Tribal members and others, access publicly available information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as comments or motions to intervene, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502-6595 or [OPP@ferc.gov](mailto:OPP@ferc.gov).

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 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, 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 <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (i.e., CD25-3) in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Dated: March 21, 2025.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 4678-053]

#### New York Power Authority; Notice of Reasonable Period of Time for Water Quality Certification Application

On March 17, 2025, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (New York DEC) submitted to the Federal Energy

Regulatory Commission (Commission) notice that it received a request for a Clean Water Act section 401(a)(1) water quality certification as defined in 40 CFR 121.5, from the New York Power Authority, in conjunction with the above captioned project on March 17, 2025. Pursuant to the Commission's regulations,<sup>1</sup> we hereby notify New York DEC of the following:

**Date of Receipt of the Certification Request:** March 17, 2025.

**Reasonable Period of Time to Act on the Certification Request:** One year, March 17, 2026.

If New York DEC fails or refuses to act on the water quality certification request on or before the above date, then the certifying authority is deemed waived pursuant to section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1341(a)(1).

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**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP24-512-000]

#### Texas Connector Pipeline LLC; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Texas Connector Amendment Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Texas Connector Amendment Project (Amendment Project), proposed by Texas Connector Pipeline LLC (Texas Connector) in the above-referenced docket. Texas Connector proposes to amend the Commission's authorization for the Texas Connector Project and to construct and operate the amended project facilities in Jefferson and Orange Counties, Texas.

The Texas Connector Project (Docket No. CP17-21-000), together with the Port Arthur Liquefaction Project (Docket No. CP17-20-000), and the Louisiana Connector Project (Docket No. CP18-7-000), was approved by the Commission on April 18, 2019. On May 25, 2023, the Commission issued an Order in Docket Nos. CP17-21-003, CP23-78-000, and CP23-79-000, authorizing the transfer of the certificated Texas Connector Project from Port Arthur Pipeline, LLC to Texas Connector. Texas Connector

<sup>1</sup> 18 CFR 385.2001-2005 (2024).

<sup>1</sup> 18 CFR 5.23(b)(2).