

**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).

Dated: March 21, 2025.

**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).