

production mission and implement surge efforts to exceed 30 pits per year up to the analyzed limit as necessary. Pit production at these levels will take place without construction of CMRR–NF. Prior to implementing this decision, NNSA will issue a site-specific Amended ROD for the LANL SWEIS, as appropriate. NNSA will continue to re-evaluate the single-site pit production strategy announced in the 2008 Programmatic ROD and complete the site-specific SRS EIS prior to announcing further decisions on pit production.

These decisions continue the transformation of the Complex following the end of the Cold War and the cessation of nuclear weapons testing, particularly decisions announced in the 1996 ROD for the SSM PEIS (DOE/EIS–0236) (61 FR 68014; Dec. 26, 1996) and the 2008 Programmatic Alternatives ROD for the Complex Transformation SPEIS. This Amended ROD modifies only the plutonium operations aspects of the 2008 Programmatic ROD related to pit production at LANL. NNSA has made no proposals to, and there are no changes to, NNSA's decisions on other aspects of the 2008 Programmatic ROD.

Basis for Decision

In making these decisions, NNSA considered the 2019 SPEIS SA, the Complex Transformation SPEIS, other referenced NEPA analyses, and its statutory responsibilities to support the nuclear weapons stockpile. Federal law and national security policies continue to require NNSA to maintain a safe, secure, and reliable nuclear weapons stockpile and create a responsive nuclear weapons infrastructure that are cost-effective and have adequate capacity to meet reasonably foreseeable national security requirements. This Amended ROD will enable NNSA to continue meeting federal law and national security requirements.

Mitigation Measures

As described in the Complex Transformation SPEIS and the 2008 Programmatic ROD, NNSA operates in compliance with environmental laws, regulations, and policies within a framework of contractual requirements; many of these requirements mandate actions to control and mitigate potential adverse environmental effects.

Examples of mitigation measures include site security and threat protection plans, emergency plans, Integrated Safety Management Systems, pollution prevention and waste minimization programs, cultural resource and protected species

programs, and energy and water conservation programs. Any additional site-specific mitigation actions would be identified in site-specific NEPA documents.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on August 24, 2020, by Lisa E. Gordon-Hagerty, Under Secretary for Nuclear Security and Administrator, NNSA, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC on August 28, 2020.

Treena V. Garrett,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EF20–6–000]

Southeastern Power Administration; Notice of Filing

Take notice that on August 21, 2020, Southeastern Power Administration submitted tariff filing per: 300.10: Cumberland 2020 Rate Adjustment to be effective 10/1/2020.

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 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.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the eFiling link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically may mail similar pleadings to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. Hand delivered submissions in docketed proceedings should be delivered to Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

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 (<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. 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 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at FEROnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (886) 208–3676 or TTY, (202) 502–8659.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on September 21, 2020.

Dated: August 27, 2020.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP16–10–000]

Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC; Notice of Request for Extension of Time

Take notice that on August 25, 2020, Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC (Mountain Valley) requested that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) grant an extension of time, until October 13, 2022, to complete the Mountain Valley Pipeline Project (Project), as authorized in the February 19, 2019 Order Issuing Certificates and Granting Abandonment (Certificate Order).¹

¹ *Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC*, 161 FERC 61,043 (2017), *order on reh'g*, 163 FERC 61,197

Mountain Valley states it has not completed Project construction due to unforeseen litigation and permitting delays outside of Mountain Valley's control. This includes litigation directly challenging Project permits and authorizations as well as litigation associated with other infrastructure projects. These challenges have affected, directly or indirectly, Project permits and authorizations from the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Park Service. Because of these permitting challenges, Mountain Valley states it will not be able to complete construction and make the Project facilities available for service by October 13, 2020.

This notice establishes a 15-calendar day intervention and comment period deadline. Any person wishing to comment on Mountain Valley's request for an extension of time may do so. No reply comments or answers will be considered. If you wish to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this request, you should, on or before the comment date stated below, file 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 Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10).²

As a matter of practice, the Commission itself generally acts on requests for extensions of time to complete construction for Natural Gas Act facilities when such requests are contested before order issuance. For those extension requests that are contested,³ the Commission will aim to issue an order acting on the request within 45 days.⁴ The Commission will address all arguments relating to whether the applicant has demonstrated there is good cause to grant the extension.⁵ The Commission will not consider arguments that re-litigate the issuance of the certificate order, including whether the Commission properly found the project to be in the public convenience and necessity and whether the Commission's environmental analysis for the

certificate complied with the National Environmental Policy Act.⁶ At the time a pipeline requests an extension of time, orders on certificates of public convenience and necessity are final and the Commission will not re-litigate their issuance.⁷ The OEP Director, or his or her designee, will act on all of those extension requests that are uncontested.

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Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on September 11, 2020.

Dated: August 27, 2020.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14227-003]

Nevada Hydro Inc.; Notice of Anticipated Schedule for Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage Project

On October 2, 2017, Nevada Hydro Inc. filed an application requesting authorization to construct and operate the Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage Project. The project would be located on Lake Elsinore and San Juan Creek near the town of Lake Elsinore in Riverside and San Diego Counties, California. The project would occupy about 845 acres of federal land administered by the U.S. Forest Service.

The application will be processed according to the following revised schedule.

Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis: *December 11, 2020*

Draft Environmental Impact Statement: *July 9, 2021*

Final Environmental Impact Statement: *December 10, 2021*

In addition, in accordance with Title 41 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, enacted on December 4, 2015, agencies are to publish completion dates for all federal environmental reviews and authorizations. This notice identifies the Commission's anticipated schedule for issuance of the final order for the project, which is based on the anticipated date of issuance of the final Environmental Impact Statement. Accordingly, we currently anticipate issuing a final order for the project no later than:

Issuance of Final Order *March 17, 2022*

If a schedule change becomes necessary, an additional notice will be provided so that interested parties and government agencies are kept informed of the project's progress.

Dated: August 27, 2020.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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(2018) (Certificate Order), *aff'd sub. nom., Appalachian Voices v. FERC*, No. 17-1271, 2019 WL 847199 (D.C. Cir. Feb. 19, 2019).

² Only motions to intervene from entities that were party to the underlying proceeding will be accepted. *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 170 FERC 61,144, at P 39 (2020).

³ Contested proceedings are those where an intervenor disputes any material issue of the filing. 18 CFR 385.2201(c)(1) (2019).

⁴ *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 170 FERC 61,144, at P 40 (2020).

⁵ *Id.* at P 40.

⁶ Similarly, the Commission will not re-litigate the issuance of an NGA section 3 authorization, including whether a proposed project is not inconsistent with the public interest and whether the Commission's environmental analysis for the permit order complied with NEPA.

⁷ *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 170 FERC 61,144, at P 40 (2020).