

Reasonable Period of Time To Act on the Certification Request: One year, May 8, 2026.

If Maine DEP 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)(41) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1341(a)(1).

Dated: May 21, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2325–100]

Brookfield White Pine Hydro, LLC; Notice of Reasonable Period of Time for Water Quality Certification Application

On May 13, 2025, Brookfield White Pine Hydro, LLC submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) documentation from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (Maine DEP) 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 Brookfield White Pine Hydro, LLC, in conjunction with the above captioned project on May 8, 2025. Pursuant to the Commission's regulations,¹ we hereby notify Maine DEP of the following.

Date of Receipt of the Certification Request: May 8, 2025.

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[Docket No. CP25–60–000]

Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC; Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline Southgate Amendment Project, and Notice of Public Scoping Session

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental document that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) Southgate Amendment Project (Amendment Project) involving construction and operation of facilities by Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC (MVP) in Pittsylvania County, Virginia and Rockingham County, North Carolina. The Commission will use this environmental document in its decision-making process to determine whether the Amendment Project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies regarding the Amendment Project. As part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process, the Commission takes into account concerns the public may have about proposals and the environmental impacts that could result from its action whenever it considers the issuance of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. This gathering of public input is referred to as “scoping.” The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the environmental document on the important environmental issues. Additional information about the Commission's NEPA process is described below in the NEPA Process and Environmental Document section of this notice.

By this notice, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of issues to address in the environmental document. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on June 21, 2025. Comments may be submitted in written or oral form. Further details on how to submit comments are provided in the Public Participation section of this notice.

Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the environmental document. Commission staff will consider all written or oral comments during the preparation of the environmental document.

If you submitted comments on this Amendment Project to the Commission before the opening of this docket on February 3, 2025, you will need to file those comments in Docket No. CP25–60–000 to ensure they are considered as part of this proceeding.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for this Amendment Project. State and local government representatives should notify their constituents of this proposed Amendment Project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, a pipeline company representative may contact you about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable easement agreement. You are not required to enter into an agreement. However, if the Commission approves the Amendment Project, the Natural Gas Act conveys the right of eminent domain to the company. Therefore, if you and the company do not reach an easement agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in court. In such instances, compensation would be determined by a judge in accordance with State law. The Commission does not subsequently grant, exercise, or oversee the exercise of that eminent domain authority. The courts have exclusive authority to handle eminent domain cases; the Commission has no jurisdiction over these matters.

MVP provided landowners with a fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled “An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?” which addresses typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. This fact sheet along with other landowner topics of interest are available for viewing on the FERC website (www.ferc.gov) under the Natural Gas, Landowner Topics link.

Public Participation

There are four methods you can use to submit your comments to the

¹ 18 CFR 4.201(e).