application for a new license to continue to operate and maintain the Meyers Falls Hydroelectric Project No. 2544 (project). The project is located on the Colville River in Stevenson County, Washington. Commission staff has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project.

The EA contains staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

The Commission provides all interested persons with an opportunity to view and/or print the EA 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. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov,* or toll-free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, (202) 502–8659.

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Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice.

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Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Maryam Zavareh at (202) 502–8474 or *Maryam.Zavareh@ferc.gov.*

Dated: June 14, 2024.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2548–056]

Northbrook Lyons Falls, LLC; 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

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

a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.

b. *Project No.:* 2548–056.

c. *Date Filed:* May 31, 2024.

d. *Applicant:* Northbrook Lyons Falls, LLC (Northbrook).

e. *Name of Project:* Lyons Falls Hydroelectric Project (Lyons Falls Project or project).

f. *Location:* On the Black and Moose Rivers in Lewis County, New York.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)–825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Lewis Loon, General Manager, Operations and Maintenance—USA, Kruger Energy, 423 Brunswick Ave., Gardiner, ME 04345; telephone at (207) 203–3027; email at *lewis.loon@kruger.com.*

i. *FERC Contact:* Kelly Wolcott, Project Coordinator, Great Lakes Branch, Division of Hydropower Licensing; telephone at (202) 502–6480; email at *kelly.wolcott@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: July 30, 2024.

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/FERCOnline.aspx.* For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at *FERCOnlineSupport@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: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Acting 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, Acting 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: Lyons Falls Hydroelectric Project (P–2548–056).

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

n. *Project Description:* The project as currently licensed consists of the following three developments from upstream to downstream: the 1.05-megawatt (MW) Kosterville Development, the 2–MW Gouldtown Development, and the 11.2–MW Lyons Falls Development.

Project Facilities

Kosterville Development

The Kosterville Development consists of a concrete dam (Kosterville Dam) that includes: (1) a non-overflow section; (2) a 314-foot-long spillway with a crest elevation of 889.5 feet mean sea level

(msl); (3) a non-overflow gated section with three 11-foot-long stoplog gates; and (4) an intake structure with three steel sluice gates and a trashrack with 2-inch clear bar spacing.

The dam creates an impoundment that has a surface area of 3 acres at the spillway crest elevation of 889.5 feet msl. From the impoundment, water flows through the intake structure to a bay that includes two horizontal Francis turbines. The turbines are connected to a 0.55–MW generator and a 0.50–MW generator that are located in a 50-foot-wide, 50-foot-long steel and concrete powerhouse adjacent to the turbine bay. Water is discharged from the turbines to the Moose River.

The minimum and maximum hydraulic capacities of the turbines are 150 and 540 cubic feet per second (cfs), respectively. The Kosterville Development's generators are connected to the regional electric grid by an approximately 0.25-mile-long, 2.3-kilovolt (kV) overhead generator lead line and a 2.2/24-kV step-up transformer.

The Kosterville Development's project recreation facilities include a portage route on the north side of the impoundment that includes a take-out approximately 80 feet upstream of Kosterville Dam and a put-in approximately 100 feet downstream of the dam.

Gouldtown Development

The Gouldtown Development consists of a concrete dam (Gouldtown Dam) that includes: (1) a 30-foot-long intake structure with a 10-foot-long, 10-foot-high gate and a 30-foot-long, 12-foot-high trashrack with 2-inch clear bar spacing; (2) a south dam section that includes: (a) a low-level outlet gate and a sluice gate; (b) an 84-foot-long gated section with eleven 5-foot-high steel gates; and (c) a 50.7-foot-long abutment; and (3) a north dam section that includes: (a) a non-overflow section with a low-level outlet gate and a sluice gate; (b) a 100-foot-long spillway with 3-foot-high flashboards that have a crest elevation of 855 feet msl; and (c) an abutment section. The dam abuts a 4-acre island in the Moose River, between the south and north sections of the dam.

The dam creates an impoundment that has a surface area of 10 acres at the flashboard crest elevation of 855 feet msl. From the impoundment, water flows through the intake structure to a 105-foot-long, 10-foot-diameter steel penstock that conveys water to a bay that includes a horizontal Francis turbine and a surge pipe. The turbine is connected to a 2–MW generator that is located in a 48-foot-wide, 38-foot-long concrete powerhouse adjacent to the turbine bay. Water is discharged from the turbine to the Moose River.

The Gouldtown Development creates the following bypassed reach segments: (1) an approximately 200-foot-long segment downstream of the south section of the dam; and (2) an approximately 1,000-foot-long segment downstream of the north section of the dam that discharges approximately 230 feet downstream of the powerhouse (north channel bypassed reach). Northbrook releases minimum flows to the north channel bypassed reach through a 1.25-foot-diameter pipe that is attached to the sluice gate of the north dam.

The minimum and maximum hydraulic capacities of the turbines are 160 and 726 cfs, respectively.

The Gouldtown Development's generator is connected to the regional electric grid by: (1) 2.3-kV generator lead lines; (2) a step-up transformer located in a substation; and (3) an approximately 1-mile-long, 23-kV overhead transmission line.

The Gouldtown Development's project recreation facilities include: (1) a portage route on the north side of the impoundment that includes a take-out approximately 200 feet upstream of Gouldtown Dam and a put-in approximately 800 feet downstream of the dam; and (2) a parking area adjacent to the intersection of Kosterville and Shibley Roads.

Lyons Falls Development

The Lyons Falls Development currently consists of a concrete dam (Lyons Falls Dam) that includes: (1) a west abutment; (2) an intake structure with three sluice gates equipped with an 89-foot-long trashrack with 2-inch clear bar spacing; (3) an approximately 73.3-foot-long non-overflow section with a low level outlet gate, a 3.8-foot-long, 6-foot-high sluice gate, and two 25-foot-long, 6-foot-high steel sluice gates; and (4) a 362-foot-long spillway with 2.2-foot-high flashboards that have a crest elevation of 806.5 feet msl.

The dam creates an impoundment that has a surface area of 130 acres at the flashboard crest elevation of 806.5 feet msl. From the impoundment, water currently flows through the west sluice gate of the intake structure to a 250-foot-long, 6-foot-diameter penstock and a 250-foot-long, 12-foot-diameter penstock, and through the east sluice gate of the intake structure to a 125-foot-long, 8-foot-diameter penstock. The two 250-foot-long penstocks currently convey water to two 1.2-MW horizontal turbine-generator units, a 1.25 MW horizontal turbine-generator unit, and a 0.9 MW horizontal turbine-generator unit located in a 47-foot-long, 110-foot-wide brick and concrete powerhouse for a total installed capacity of 4.55 MW. The 125-foot-long penstock currently conveys water to a 1.04-MW vertical turbine-generator unit located in a 30-foot-long, 30-foot-wide powerhouse.

Water is currently discharged from the turbines to the Black River. The Lyons Falls Development creates an approximately 300-foot-long bypassed reach.

The minimum and maximum hydraulic capacities of the turbines are currently 410 and 1,170 cfs, respectively.

The Lyons Falls Development's generators are currently connected to the regional electric grid by: (1) 2.3-kV generator lead lines; (2) two 2.3/23-kV step-up transformers; (3) two 23-kV overhead transmission lines; and (4) a 540-foot-long, 23-kV overhead transmission line.

The Commission approved a license amendment on March 30, 2016 (2016 Order), to increase the installed capacity of the Lyons Falls Development from 5.61 MW to 11.2 MW by replacing the powerhouses and intake facilities with new facilities, including two new 5.6–MW turbine-generators. Northbrook has not commenced construction of the new facilities. Commission staff issued a letter on May 8, 2024, granting Northbrook's request for an extension of time to start and complete construction by September 30, 2025 and September 30, 2027, respectively. In the license application, Northbrook states that it is still proposing to construct the new intake and powerhouse facilities.

The Lyons Falls Development's project recreation facilities include a portage route around the east side of the dam and a boat access site, picnic area, and parking area downstream of the dam.

Project Operation

The current license requires the licensee to operate the project in a run-of-river mode. Northbrook maintains the surface elevation of the Lyons Falls, Gouldtown, and Kosterville Developments' impoundments at 806.5 feet, 855 feet, and 889.5 feet msl, respectively. The current license requires the licensee to release a minimum flow of 5 cfs or inflow, whichever is less, from the Gouldtown Development to the north channel bypassed reach. The current license also requires the implementation of a recreation plan filed on July 20, 1987, and revised on July 28, 1988.

The average annual energy production of the project (*i.e.,* Lyons Falls,

Gouldtown, and Kosterville Developments) from 2019 through 2023, was 33,601 megawatt-hours.

The 2016 Order amended the license to include several additional conditions for the construction of the new intake and powerhouse facilities, including but not limited to: (1) preconstruction requirements, such as a stream flow and water level monitoring plan and invasive species management plan; and (2) conditions required by the New York Department of Environmental Conservation's water quality certification, such as: (a) restrictions on the timing of construction, impoundment drawdowns/dewatering activities, dredging, sediment disposal, placement of cofferdams, and erosion control measures during construction; and (b) run-of-river operation, water level fluctuation limits, minimum bypassed reach flows, seasonal installation of 1-inch trashrack overlays, a trashrack management plan, and downstream fish passage measures following construction.

Northbrook proposes to revise the project boundary around the impoundments to follow the normal maximum impoundment elevations and add/remove land that is occupied by or adjacent to project facilities, which would result in a net reduction of land and water in the project boundary from 202 acres under the current license to 196 acres under the proposed relicensing.

Northbrook proposes to continue operating the project in a run-of-river mode. Northbrook proposes to maintain the surface elevations of the impoundments within 6 inches of the flashboard crests or the spillway crests if flashboards are not in place. Northbrook also proposes to: (1) release a continuous minimum flow of 10 cfs or inflow, whichever is less, to the north channel bypassed reach of the Gouldtown Development; (2) install trashrack overlays with 1-inch clear bar spacing at each development from April 15 through October 15; (3) implement a stream flow and water level monitoring plan as required by the 2016 Order; (4) implement the Invasive Species Management Plan, Bat Management Plan, and Bald Eagle Management Plan filed as Appendices H, I, and J of Volume 1 of the license application, respectively; (5) release an aesthetic flow of 0.5 inch of spill over the dam/flashboard crest of each development from Memorial Day to Labor Day; (6) revise the Recreation Plan required under the current license; (7) construct a parking lot for up to 15 cars at the Kosterville Development; (8) develop a walking trail to the pool below the Gouldtown Development waterfall; (9) provide public access to the Kosterville Development from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on whitewater release days; (10) cease generation at the Kosterville and Gouldtown Developments and release all inflow from the spillways when the Moose River Project is releasing whitewater boating flows; and (11) install directional and safety signage at project recreation facilities.

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–2548). For assistance, contact FERC at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov,* (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY).

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q. *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 and Request Additional Information—July 2024
Issue Scoping Document 1 for comments—September 2024
Request Additional Information (if necessary)—November 2024
Issue Acceptance Letter—November 2024
Issue Scoping Document 2 (if necessary)—November 2024
Issue Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis—November 2024

r. 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: June 14, 2024.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1971–135]

Idaho Power Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On October 6 and 7, 2022, and supplemented October 21, 2022, March 17, 2023, April 10, 2023, and July 17, 2023, Idaho Power Company filed an application for a non-capacity amendment of its license for the Hells Canyon Project No. 1971. The project is located on the Snake River in Adams and Washington counties, Idaho, and in Baker, Wallowa, and Malheur counties, Oregon. Federal lands administered by the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management (Payette and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests and Hells Canyon National Recreational Area) are included within the project boundary.

The licensee proposes to perform maintenance work on the turbines and generators at the Oxbow Development of the project. The work would increase the authorized installed capacity of the project from 1,222,300 kilowatts (kW) to 1,252,065 kW. To facilitate the turbine and generator maintenance work, the licensee is also proposing to: (1) extend the existing erection deck to the east; and (2) provide an area for additional parking and a job trailer. The deck extension would be approximately 100 feet by 84 feet and would necessitate relocating the septic drain field for the Oxbow power plant and increasing the amount of security fencing. The total disturbance area to the east of the existing erection deck would be approximately 0.75 acre. The licensee planned to commence construction of the erection deck in 2023 and begin the maintenance work on the first unit in 2025. The licensee would take a single unit off-line periodically between September 2025 and September 2029. The licensee is not proposing any changes to project operations nor has the licensee proposed variances to license conditions to complete the work. None of the work for the turbine and