

Dated: April 6, 2022.  
**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC22-11-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (Ferc-538) Comment Request; Extension

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection FERC-538 (Gas Pipeline Certificates: Section 7(a) Mandatory Initial Service).

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due June 13, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit your comments (identified by Docket No. IC22-11-000) by one of the following methods:

Electronic filing through <http://www.ferc.gov>, is preferred.  
 • **Electronic Filing:** Documents must be filed in acceptable native applications and print-to-PDF, but not in scanned or picture format.

• For those unable to file electronically, comments may be filed by USPS mail or by hand (including courier) delivery:

○ **Mail via U.S. Postal Service Only:**  
 Addressed to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

○ **Hand (Including Courier) Delivery:**  
 Addressed to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

**Instructions:** All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov>. For user assistance, contact FERC Online Support by email at [ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov](mailto:ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov), or by phone at (866) 208-3676 (toll-free).

**Docket:** Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at <http://www.ferc.gov>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Brown may be reached by email at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), telephone at (202) 502-8663.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Gas Pipeline Certificates: Section 7(a) Mandatory Initial Service.  
**OMB Control No.:** 1902-0061.

**Type of Request:** Three-year extension of the FERC-538 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

**Abstract:** The purpose of FERC-537 is to implement the information collections pursuant to sections 7(a), 10(a) and 16 of Natural Gas Act (NGA),<sup>1</sup> and part 156 of the Commission Regulations.<sup>2</sup> These statutes and regulations upon application by a person or municipality authorized to engage in the local distribution of natural gas, allow for the Commission to order a natural gas company to extend or improve its transportation facilities and sell natural gas to the municipality or person and, for such purpose, to extend its transportation facilities to communities immediately adjacent to such facilities or to territories served by the natural gas pipeline company. The Commission uses the application data in order to be fully informed concerning the applicant, and the service the applicant is requesting.

**Type of Respondents:** Persons or municipalities authorized to engage in the local distribution of natural gas.

**Estimate of Annual Burden:**<sup>3</sup> The Commission estimates the annual reporting burden and cost for the information collection as:

#### FERC-538—GAS PIPELINE CERTIFICATES: SECTION 7(a) MANDATORY INITIAL SERVICE

	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hrs. & cost (\$ per response) <sup>4</sup>	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (\$)	Cost per respondent (\$)
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Gas Pipeline Certificates .....	1	1	1	240 hrs.; \$20,880 .....	240 hrs.; \$20,880 .....	\$20,880

**Comments:** Comments are invited on:  
 (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility;  
 (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;  
 (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and  
 (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those

who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 5261-023]

#### Green Mountain Power Corporation; Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed

hourly cost (for wages and benefits) of \$87.00 (and an average annual cost of \$180,703/year). Commission staff is using the FERC average salary plus benefits because we consider people completing the FERC-538 to be compensated at rates similar to FERC employees.

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 717f-w.

<sup>2</sup> 18 CFR 156.

<sup>3</sup> "Burden" is defined as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a federal agency. For further

explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, reference 5 CFR 1320.3.

<sup>4</sup> The estimates for cost per response are derived using the following formula: Average Burden Hours per Response \* \$87.00/hour = Average cost/response. The figure is the 2021 FERC average

with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application*: Subsequent Minor License.

b. *Project No.*: 5261–023.

c. *Date Filed*: August 27, 2021.

d. *Applicant*: Green Mountain Power Corporation.

e. *Name of Project*: Newbury Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location*: On the Wells River, in the town of Newbury, Orange County, Vermont. The project does not occupy any federal land.

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

h. *Applicant Contact*: John Greenan, Green Mountain Power Corporation, 2152 Post Road, Rutland, VT 05701; Phone at (802) 770–2195, or email at [John.Greenan@greenmountainpower.com](mailto:John.Greenan@greenmountainpower.com).

i. *FERC Contact*: Adam Peer, (202) 502–8449 or [adam.peer@ferc.gov](mailto:adam.peer@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions*: 60 days from the issuance date of this notice; reply comments are due 105 days from the issuance date of this notice.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCONline.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. 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 submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P–5261–023.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that

may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. This application has been accepted and is ready for environmental analysis at this time.

The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) issued a final rule on July 15, 2020, revising the regulations under 40 CFR parts 1500–1518 that federal agencies use to implement the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (see Update to the Regulations Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, 85 FR 43,304). The Final Rule became effective on and applies to any NEPA process begun after September 14, 2020. Commission staff intends to conduct its NEPA review in accordance with CEQ's new regulations.

l. The Newbury Project consists of: (1) An 11.4-acre impoundment at a normal water surface elevation of 463.9 feet mean sea level; (2) a 26 foot-high by 90-foot-long concrete gravity dam that includes a 73.3-foot-long spillway topped with 5-foot-high pneumatic crest gates; (3) a seasonally installed, 8-foot-long by 4-foot-wide steel sluice box on the south side of the spillway to provide downstream fish passage; (4) an 11.2-foot-wide, 9-foot-long intake structure that includes trash racks with 1-inch clear bar spacing, connected to a 5-foot-diameter, 435-foot-long underground steel penstock; (5) a powerhouse containing a single 315-kilowatt turbine-generator unit (unit 1); (6) a second 50-kilowatt turbine-generator unit (unit 2) located outside of the powerhouse approximately 75-feet downstream of the dam along the bypassed reach; (7) a 125-foot-long tailrace that receives discharges from unit 1; (8) a 130-foot-long underground generator lead from unit 1 and a 410-foot-long generator lead from unit 2 that connect to three above-ground pole mounted 167 kilovolt-ampere step-up transformers; (9) a 3-phase, 7-foot-long transmission line; and (10) appurtenant facilities. The project creates a 590-foot-long bypassed reach of the Wells River.

The current license requires Green Mountain Power Corporation to: (1) Operate the project in run-of-river mode; (2) release a continuous bypassed reach minimum flow of 50 cubic feet per second (cfs) from April 15 to June 10 and 5 cfs during the remainder of the year; (3) release a year-round, continuous aesthetic flow of 5 cfs over the dam; and (4) operate the fish passage chute from April 1 to June 1 and September 1 to November 15 with flows of 20 cfs and 10 cfs, respectively. The

average annual generation of the project is approximately 882 megawatt-hours.

Green Mountain Power Corporation proposes to: (1) Continue operating the project in run-of-river mode; (2) release a new bypassed reach minimum flow of 35 cfs from May 15 to October 15 and 30 cfs from October 16 to May 14; (3) release a new aesthetic flow of 10 cfs over the dam from May 15 to October 15 during daytime hours and no aesthetic flow the remainder of the year; (4) operate the fish passage chute from April 1 to June 1 and September 1 to November 15 with new flows of 10 cfs during both operating periods; (5) construct a hand-carry access area for recreational boaters; and (6) consult with the resource agencies prior to conducting maintenance and repairs that have the potential to affect water quality.

m. A copy of the application can be viewed on the Commission's website at <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.

All filings must: (1) Bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS," "REPLY COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

You may also register online at <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. The applicant must file no later than 60 days following the date of issuance of this notice either: (1) Evidence of the date on which the certifying agency received the certification request; (2) a copy of the water quality certification; or (3)

evidence of waiver of water quality certification.

o. *Procedural Schedule:* The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and preliminary fishway prescriptions.	June 2022.
Deadline for filing reply comments.	July 2022.

p. Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of this notice.

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 3267-000]

#### ECOsponsible, LLC; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

The license for the Ballard Mill Hydroelectric Project No. 3267, located on the Salmon River, in the Town of Malone, Franklin County, New York, was issued for a period ending March 31, 2022.<sup>1</sup> Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year-to-year an annual license to the then licensee(s) under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If, as is the case here, the project's prior license waived the applicability of section 15 of the FPA, then, based on section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(b), if the licensee has not filed an application for a subsequent license, the Commission may issue an order requiring the licensee to continue to operate the project, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license, until the Commission either acts on any

applications for subsequent license timely filed by another entity or takes action pursuant to 18 CFR 16.25 or 16.26.

ECOsponsible, LLC, licensee for the project, has failed to file an acceptable license application.<sup>2</sup>

Accordingly, notice is hereby given that ECOsponsible, LLC, is authorized to continue operation of the Ballard Mill Hydroelectric Project, until such time as the Commission either acts on any applications for subsequent license timely filed by another entity, takes action pursuant to 18 CFR 16.25 or 16.26, or other disposition under the FPA.

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP22-142-000]

#### Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization and Establishing Intervention and Protest Deadline

Take notice that on March 30, 2022, Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC (FGT), 1300 Main St., Houston, Texas 77002, filed in the above referenced docket a prior notice pursuant to sections 157.205, 157.208, 157.210, and 157.211 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and its blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-553-000 requesting authorization to: (1) Construct the approximately 2.0-mile, 12-inch-diameter Brazoria County Lateral in Brazoria County, Texas; (2) the new Rosharon—Brotman meter and regulation station in Brazoria County, Texas; (3) various appurtenances in Brazoria County, Texas; and (4) modify and uprate an existing reciprocating compressor unit from 2,000 horsepower (hp) to 2,700 hp at its Compressor Station 4 in Matagorda County, Texas

<sup>2</sup> On March 31, 2020, ECOsponsible filed an Application for a Subsequent Minor License. On April 7, 2021, the Director, Division of Hydropower Licensing rejected the license application. ECOsponsible did not seek rehearing of that order. On September 23, 2021, Commission staff directed the licensee to file a surrender application within 60 days, noting that its subsequent license application was rejected. On March 15, 2022, Commission staff again requested the licensee to file a surrender application. The licensee has not filed a surrender application.

(Brazoria County Project). FGT states the project will enable it to deliver up to 68,000 million British thermal units per day of new firm transportation service to Brotman Generating, LLC. FGT estimates the cost of the Brazoria County Project to be approximately \$11 million, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

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://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 [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions concerning this request should be directed to Blair Lichtenwalter, Senior Director of Certificates, Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC, 1300 Main St., Houston, Texas 77002, by telephone at (713) 989-2605, by fax at (713) 989-1205, or by email at [blair.lichtenwalter@energytransfer.com](mailto:blair.lichtenwalter@energytransfer.com).

#### Public Participation

There are three ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project: You can file a protest to the project, you can file a motion to intervene in the proceeding, and you can file comments on the project. There is no fee or cost for filing protests, motions to intervene, or comments. The deadline for filing protests, motions to intervene, and comments is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on June 6, 2022. How to file protests, motions to intervene, and comments is explained below.

#### Protests

Pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's regulations under the NGA,<sup>1</sup> any person<sup>2</sup> or the Commission's staff may file a protest to the request. If

<sup>1</sup> 18 CFR 157.205.

<sup>2</sup> Persons include individuals, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and other entities. 18 CFR 385.102(d).

<sup>1</sup> Greater Malone Community Council, Inc., 19 FERC ¶ 62,086 (1982).