

TABLE 1—CRITERIA FOR QUALIFYING CONDUIT HYDROPOWER FACILITY

Statutory provision	Description	Satisfies (Y/N)
FPA 30(a)(3)(A)	The conduit the facility uses is a tunnel, canal, pipeline, aqueduct, flume, ditch, or similar man-made water conveyance that is operated for the distribution of water for agricultural, municipal, or industrial consumption and not primarily for the generation of electricity.	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(i)	The facility is constructed, operated, or maintained for the generation of electric power and uses for such generation only the hydroelectric potential of a non-federally owned conduit.	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(ii)	The facility has an installed capacity that does not exceed 40 megawatts	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(iii)	On or before August 9, 2013, the facility is not licensed, or exempted from the licensing requirements of Part I of the FPA.	Y

Preliminary Determination: The proposed Socorro Energy Park Project will not alter the primary purpose of the conduit, which is for irrigation. 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.¹ All comments contesting Commission staff’s preliminary determination that the facility meets the qualifying criteria must set forth their evidentiary basis.

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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.

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, (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., CD25–2) 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. For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project/Docket No. 137–227]

Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Notice of Reasonable Period of Time for Water Quality Certification Application

On February 12, 2025, California State Water Resources Control Board 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 Pacific Gas and Electric Company, in conjunction with the above captioned project on January 21, 2025. Pursuant to section 4.201(e) of the Commission’s regulations,¹ we hereby notify the California State Water Resources Control Board of the following:

Date of Receipt of the Certification Request: January 21, 2025.

Reasonable Period of Time to Act on the Certification Request: One year (January 21, 2026).

If California State Water Resources Control Board 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).

¹ 18 CFR 385.2001–2005 (2024).

¹ 18 CFR 4.201(e).

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[Docket No. CP25–60–000]

Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC; Notice of Application and Establishing Intervention Deadline

Take notice that on February 3, 2025, Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC (Mountain Valley), 2200 Energy Drive, Canonsburg, Pennsylvania 15317, filed an application under section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations requesting authorization to amend its Southgate Project authorized by the Commission in Docket No. CP19–14–000.¹ The Southgate Amendment Project (Project) consists of approximately 31.3 miles of 30-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline (H–650 Pipeline), four meter stations, and other ancillary facilities (e.g. mainline valves, contractor yards and access roads). The Project is fully subscribed under two non-affiliate precedent agreements with two Foundation Shippers for a total of 550,000 dekatherms per day (Dth/d) of firm transportation capacity. Mountain Valley estimates the total cost of the Project to be \$524,137,766 all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open for 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://www.ferc.gov>). From the Commission's Home Page on the internet, this information is available on eLibrary. The full text of this document is available on eLibrary in PDF and Microsoft Word format for viewing, printing, and/or downloading. To access this document in eLibrary, type the docket number excluding the last three digits of this document in the docket number field.

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(toll free at 1–866–208–3676) or email at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or the Public Reference Room at (202) 502–8371, TTY (202) 502–8659. Email the Public Reference Room at public.refrenceroom@ferc.gov.

Any questions regarding the proposed project should be directed to William S. Lavarco, NextEra Energy, Inc., 801 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 220, Washington, DC 20004, by phone at (202) 347–7127, or by email at william.lavarco@nee.com.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure,² within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: complete its environmental review and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or environmental assessment (EA) for this proposal. The filing of an EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

Water Quality Certification

Mountain Valley stated that a water quality certificate under section 401 of the Clean Water Act is required for the project from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VADEQ), Water Division and the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ), Division of Water Resources. When available, Mountain Valley should submit to the Commission a copy of the request for certification for the Commission authorization, including the date the request was submitted to the certifying agency, and either (1) a copy of the certifying agency's decision or (2) evidence of waiver of water quality certification.

Public Participation

There are three ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project: you can file comments on the project, you can protest the filing, and you can file a motion to intervene in the proceeding. There is no fee or cost for filing comments or intervening.

The deadline for filing a motion to intervene is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 11, 2025. How to file protests, motions to intervene, and comments is explained below.

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Comments

Any person wishing to comment on the project may do so. Comments may include statements of support or objections, to the project as a whole or specific aspects of the project. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be.

Protests

Pursuant to sections 157.10(a)(4)³ and 385.211⁴ of the Commission's regulations under the NGA, any person⁵ may file a protest to the application. Protests must comply with the requirements specified in section 385.2001⁶ of the Commission's regulations. A protest may also serve as a motion to intervene so long as the protestor states it also seeks to be an intervenor.

To ensure that your comments or protests are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments on or before March 11, 2025.

There are three methods you can use to submit your comments or protests to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the Project docket number CP25–60–000 in your submission.

(1) You may file your comments electronically by using the eComment feature, which is located on the Commission's website at www.ferc.gov under the link to Documents and Filings. Using eComment is an easy method for interested persons to submit brief, text-only comments on a project; (2) You may file your comments or protests electronically by using the eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and

³ 18 CFR 157.10(a)(4).

⁴ 18 CFR 385.211.

⁵ Persons include individuals, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and other entities. 18 CFR 385.102(d).

⁶ 18 CFR 385.2001.

¹ Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC, 171 FERC ¶ 61,232 (2020).

² 18 CFR 157.9.