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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ellen Brown may be reached by email at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), or by telephone at (202) 502-8663.  
**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**  
*Type of Request:* Three-year extension of the information collection

requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.  
*Title:* Preservation of Records for Public Utilities and Licensees, Natural Gas Companies, and Oil Pipeline Companies.  
*OMB Control No.:* 1902-0098.  
*Abstract:* The Commission collects the information to carry out its responsibilities described in sections 301, 304 and 309 of the Federal Power Act (FPA),<sup>1</sup> sections 8, 10 and 16 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA),<sup>2</sup> and in the Interstate Commerce Act (ICA).<sup>3</sup>  
The regulations for preservation of records at 18 CFR parts 125, 225, and 356 establish retention periods and other requirements for applicable records. These requirements apply to the public utilities, licensees, natural gas companies, and oil pipeline companies that are subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. Regulated entities use these records as the basis for required rate filings and reports to the Commission. The Commission's audit staff will use the records during

compliance reviews, and the Commission's enforcement staff will use the information during investigations. In addition, the Commission's staff may use the records for special analyses on subjects such as jurisdictional entities' responses to extreme weather events.  
On January 8, 1999 the Commission issued AI99-2-000, an Accounting Issuance providing guidance on records storage media.<sup>4</sup> More specifically, the Commission gave each jurisdictional company the flexibility to select its own storage media. The storage media selected must have a life expectancy equal to the applicable record period unless the quality of the data transferred from one media to another with no loss of data would exceed the record period.  
*Types of Respondents:* Electric utilities, licensees, natural gas companies, and oil pipeline companies.  
*Estimate of Annual Burden:* The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden for the information collection as:

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Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hrs. & cost per response <sup>5</sup>	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost
(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)
509	1	509	5,218 hrs.; \$453,966	2,655,962 hrs.; \$231,068,694

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.

Dated: July 18, 2022.  
**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**  
**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**  
**[Docket No. CP22-488-000]**  
**WBI Energy Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization and Establishing Intervention and Protest Deadline**

Take notice that on July 8, 2022 WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. (WBI Energy) filed a prior notice request for authorization, in accordance with 18 CFR Sections 157.205, 157.208, and 157.210 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations and WBI Energy's blanket certificate issued in Docket Nos. CP82-487-000 for authorization to construct and operate natural gas pipeline facilities in Phillips and Valley Counties, Montana and abandon in place 1,965 feet of natural gas mainline.

The estimated cost of the project will be about \$10 million.

Specifically, WBI Energy proposes to construct and operate approximately 17.2 miles of 4-inch diameter natural gas mainline facilities to connect two sections of WBI Energy's existing Line Section 8 that are not physically connected and abandon in place 1,965 feet of 6-inch diameter natural gas mainline, 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 (<https://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

<sup>1</sup> 16 U.S.C. 825, 825c and 825h.  
<sup>2</sup> 15 U.S.C. 717g, 717i, and 717o.  
<sup>3</sup> 49 U.S.C. 60502.

<sup>4</sup> The Accounting Issuance can be found in the FERC eLibrary by typing the docket number (*i.e.*, AI99-2-000) in the eLibrary Search Form, within the field labeled "Enter Docket Number."

<sup>5</sup> Commission staff estimates that the average industry hourly cost for this information collection is approximated by the FERC 2021 average hourly costs for wages and benefits, *i.e.*, \$87.00/hour.

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 application should be directed to Lori Myerchin, Director, Regulatory Affairs and Transportation Services—WBI Energy Transmission Inc., P.O. Box 5601, Bismarck, North Dakota 58506-5601 Phone (701) 530-1563 Email: [lori.myerchin@wbienenergy.com](mailto:lori.myerchin@wbienenergy.com).

Pursuant to Section 157.9 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure,<sup>1</sup> 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.

### 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 September 16, 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>2</sup> any person<sup>3</sup> or the Commission's staff may file a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed or if a protest is filed and then withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request for authorization will be considered by the Commission.

Protests must comply with the requirements specified in section 157.205(e) of the Commission's regulations,<sup>4</sup> and must be submitted by the protest deadline, which is September 16, 2022. A protest may also serve as a motion to intervene so long as the protestor states it also seeks to be an intervenor.

### Interventions

Any person has the option to file a motion to intervene in this proceeding. Only intervenors have the right to request rehearing of Commission orders issued in this proceeding and to subsequently challenge the Commission's orders in the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal.

To intervene, you must submit a motion to intervene to the Commission in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure<sup>5</sup> and the regulations under the NGA<sup>6</sup> by the intervention deadline for the project, which is September 16, 2022. As described further in Rule 214, your motion to intervene must state, to the extent known, your position regarding the proceeding, as well as your interest in the proceeding. For an individual, this could include your status as a landowner, ratepayer, resident of an impacted community, or recreationist. You do not need to have property directly impacted by the project in order to intervene. For more information about motions to intervene, refer to the FERC website at <https://www.ferc.gov/resources/guides/how-to-intervene.asp>.

All timely, unopposed motions to intervene are automatically granted by operation of Rule 214(c)(1). Motions to intervene that are filed after the intervention deadline are untimely and may be denied. Any late-filed motion to intervene must show good cause for

being late and must explain why the time limitation should be waived and provide justification by reference to factors set forth in Rule 214(d) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies (paper or electronic) of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties.

### Comments

Any person wishing to comment on the project may do so. The Commission considers all comments received about the project in determining the appropriate action to be taken. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments on or before September 16, 2022. The filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. To become a party, you must intervene in the proceeding.

### How To File Protests, Interventions, and Comments

There are two ways to submit protests, motions to intervene, and comments. In both instances, please reference the Project docket number CP22-488-000 in your submission.

(1) You may file your protest, motion to intervene, and comments by using the Commission's eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to Documents and Filings. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; first select "General" and then select "Protest", "Intervention", or "Comment on a Filing"; or<sup>7</sup>

(2) You can file a paper copy of your submission by mailing it to the address below. Your submission must reference the Project docket number CP22-488-000.

To mail via USPS, use the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

To mail via any other courier, use the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

<sup>7</sup> Additionally, you may file your comments electronically by using the eComment feature, which is located on the Commission's website at [www.ferc.gov](http://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. The eFiling feature includes a document-less intervention option; for more information, visit <https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/document-less-intervention.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> 18 CFR 157.205.

<sup>3</sup> Persons include individuals, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and other entities. 18 CFR 385.102(d).

<sup>4</sup> 18 CFR 157.205(e).

<sup>5</sup> 18 CFR 385.214.

<sup>6</sup> 18 CFR 157.10.

<sup>1</sup> 18 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) 157.9.

The Commission encourages electronic filing of submissions (option 1 above) and has eFiling staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov).

Protests and motions to intervene must be served on the applicant either by mail or email (with a link to the document) at: Lori Myerchin, Director, Regulatory Affairs and Transportation Services—WBI Energy Transmission Inc., P.O. Box 5601, Bismarck, North Dakota 58506-5601 Email: [lori.myerchin@wbienenergy.com](mailto:lori.myerchin@wbienenergy.com).

Any subsequent submissions by an intervenor must be served on the applicant and all other parties to the proceeding. Contact information for parties can be downloaded from the service list at the eService link on FERC Online.

### Tracking the Proceeding

Throughout the proceeding, additional information about the project will be available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208-FERC, or on the FERC website at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) using the "eLibrary" link as described above. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. For more information and to register, go to [www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp).

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**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 3509-042]

#### Little Falls Hydroelectric Associates, LP; Notice of Waiver Period for Water Quality Certification Application

On July 14, 2022, Little Falls Hydroelectric Associates, LP, submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) a copy of its application for a Clean Water Act

section 401(a)(1) water quality certification filed with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (New York DEC), in conjunction with the above captioned project. Pursuant to 40 CFR 121.6 and section [4.34(b)(5), 5.23(b), 153.4, or 157.22] of the Commission's regulations,<sup>1</sup> we hereby notify the New York DEC of the following:

Date of Receipt of the Certification Request: July 14, 2022.

Reasonable Period of Time to Act on the Certification Request: July 14, 2023.

If New York DEC fails or refuses to act on the water quality certification request on or before the above date, then the agency certifying authority is deemed waived pursuant to section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1341(a)(1).

Dated: July 18, 2022.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15277-000]

#### Rye Bailey Hydroelectric, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On June 6, 2022, Rye Bailey Hydroelectric, LLC, filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of hydropower at the existing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) R.D. Bailey Dam located on the Guyandotte River in Mingo and Wyoming Counties, West Virginia. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed R.D. Bailey Hydroelectric Project would consist of the following: (1) a new 40-foot-wide, 60-foot-long powerhouse to be located downstream of the Corps dam along the northern bank; (2) a new concrete bifurcation chamber at the end of an

existing conduit to divide flows between the stilling basin and the powerhouse; (3) a new 15-foot-diameter penstock approximately 50 feet long; (4) two turbine-generator units with a total generating capacity of 8 megawatts; (5) a new 100-foot-wide by 400-foot-long tailrace; (6) a new substation with a step-up transformer; (7) a new 2.5-mile-long, 46-kilovolt transmission line; and (8) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an estimated annual generation of 30,000 megawatt-hours.

**Applicant Contact:** Michael Rooney, Rye Development, LLC, 100 S. Olive Street, West Palm Beach, FL 33401; phone: (412) 400-4186; Erik Steimle, Rye Development, LLC, 100 S. Olive Street, West Palm Beach, FL 33401; phone: (503) 998-0230.

**FERC Contact:** Monir Chowdhury; phone: (202) 502-6736.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FEROnline.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.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of the Commission's website at <https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search>. Enter the docket number (P-15277) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

<sup>1</sup> 18 CFR [4.34(b)(5)/5.23(b)/153.4/157.22].