

more information should be addressed by electronic mail to Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov, or by facsimile to (202) 586–8008.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Energy (DOE) regulates exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country, pursuant to sections 301(b) and 402(f) of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7151(b) and 42 U.S.C. 7172(f)). Such exports require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On June 18, 2015, DOE issued Order EA–409, which authorized Saracen to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer for a five-year term using existing international transmission facilities appropriate for open access. The authorization expires on June 18, 2020. On March 31, 2020, Saracen filed an application (Application or App.) with DOE for renewal of the export authorization contained in Order No. EA–409.

Saracen states that it is a “Texas limited partnership with its principal place of business in Houston, Texas,” that it “is controlled by Saracen Energy Trading LP (“SET”), a Texas limited partnership and the sole general partner of Saracen Power LP,” and that “[t]he general partner of SET is SET GP LLC, a Texas limited liability company that in turn is owned by individuals Neil Kelley and Mark Wilken.” App. at 2. The Applicant further states that it “will purchase the power to be exported to Canada from wholesale generators, electric utilities, and federal power marketing agencies.” *Id.* at 3. Saracen contends that its proposed exports “will not impair or tend to impede the sufficiency of electric power supplies in the United States or the regional coordination of electric utility planning or operations.” *Id.* at 4.

The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by the Applicant have previously been authorized by Presidential permits issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended, and are appropriate for open access transmission by third parties.

Procedural Matters: Any person desiring to be heard in this proceeding should file a comment or protest to the Application at the address provided above. Protests should be filed in accordance with Rule 211 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (FERC) Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211). Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding

should file a motion to intervene at the above address in accordance with FERC Rule 214 (18 CFR 385.214).

Comments and other filings concerning Saracen’s application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with OE Docket No. EA–409–A. Additional copies are to be provided directly to Allison P. Duensing, General Counsel, The Saracen Group of Companies, 3033 W Alabama St., Houston, TX 77098, aduensing@saracenenenergy.com and Daniel E. Frank & Allison E. Speaker, Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP, 700 Sixth St. NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20001–3980, danielfrank@evershedsutherland.com, allisonspeaker@evershedsutherland.com.

A final decision will be made on this Application after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to DOE’s National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (10 CFR part 1021) and after DOE determines that the proposed action will not have an adverse impact on the sufficiency of supply or reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of this Application will be made available, upon request, by accessing the program website at <http://energy.gov/node/11845>, or by emailing Matthew Aronoff at matthew.aronoff@hq.doe.gov.

Signed in Washington, DC, on April 14, 2020.

Christopher Lawrence,
*Management and Program Analyst,
Transmission Permitting and Technical Assistance, Office of Electricity.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP20–49–000]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC; Notice of Revised Schedule for Environmental Review of a Proposed Amendment of the Northeast Supply Enhancement Project

This notice identifies the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission staff’s revised schedule for the completion of the environmental assessment (EA) for Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC’s Northeast Supply Enhancement Project Amendment. The first notice of schedule, issued on March 25, 2020, identified May 15, 2020 as the EA issuance date. However, we received few comments regarding the access road

that is the subject of the amendment. As a result, staff has revised the schedule for issuance of the EA.

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of the EA April 24, 2020
90-day Federal Authorization Decision

Deadline July 23, 2020

If a schedule change becomes necessary, an additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the project’s progress.

Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. 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. Go to www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp.

Additional information about the Project is available from the Commission’s Office of External Affairs at (866) 208–FERC or on the FERC website (www.ferc.gov). Using the “eLibrary” link, select “General Search” from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and “Docket Number” excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, CP20–49), and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at (866) 208–3676, TTY (202) 502–8659, or at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. The eLibrary link on the FERC website also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

Dated: April 14, 2020.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 10721–032]

Idaho Aviation Foundation; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Intent To Waive Scoping, Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests, Ready for Environmental Analysis, and Soliciting Comments, Terms and Conditions, Recommendations, and Prescriptions

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed

with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* Subsequent License.

b. *Project No.:* 10721-032.

c. *Date Filed:* February 28, 2020.

d. *Applicant:* Idaho Aviation Foundation.

e. *Name of Project:* Big Creek Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On McCorkle Creek, near the town of Yellow Pine in Valley County, Idaho. The project would occupy 0.43 acre of federal land managed by the U.S. Forest Service.

g. *Applicant Contact:* Vic Jaro, Idaho Aviation Foundation, P.O. Box 2016, Eagle, ID 83616, (208) 404-9627; info@idahoaviationfoundation.org.

h. *FERC Contact:* Suzanne Novak, (202) 502-6665, or suzanne.novak@ferc.gov.

i. *Deadline for filing requests for cooperating agency status, motions to intervene and protests, comments, terms and conditions, recommendations, 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 motions to intervene, protests, comments, terms and conditions, recommendations, and prescriptions 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, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-10721-032.

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.

j. This application has been accepted for filing and is now ready for environmental analysis.

k. *The Big Creek Project consists of the following facilities:* (1) A 2-foot-wide, 7-foot-long diversion structure with a check gate; (2) a 1,321-foot-long, 4-inch-diameter, buried PVC penstock with a screened inlet; (3) a 12-foot-wide, 14-foot-long generator house containing a Pelton turbine with an installed capacity of 5 kilowatts; (4) an 18-inch-diameter tailrace that discharges to McCorkle Creek; (5) a 257-foot-long transmission line buried in 2-inch-diameter PVC conduit; and (6) appurtenant facilities. The project operates in a run-of-river mode between mid-May and late October; it does not operate the remainder of the year. The project generates an average of 1.2 to 1.6 megawatt-hours annually. No changes to project operation or facilities are proposed.

l. Due to the small size and location of this project, the applicant's close coordination with federal and state agencies during preparation of the application and the studies completed during pre-filing consultation, and the lack of any study requests submitted in response to the Commission's tendering notice, we intend to waive scoping. Due to the small size and location of this project, the applicant's close coordination with federal and state agencies during preparation of the application, the studies completed during pre-filing consultation, and the lack of any study requests in response to the Commission's tendering notice, we intend to waive scoping. Based on a review of the application and resource agency consultation letters including comments filed to date, Commission staff intends to prepare a single environmental assessment (EA). Commission staff determined that the issues that need to be addressed in its EA have been adequately identified during the pre-filing period, and no new issues are likely to be identified through additional scoping. The EA will consider assessing the potential effects of project operation on geology and soils, aquatic, terrestrial, threatened and endangered species, recreation, and cultural and historic resources.

m. A copy of the application may 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.

You may 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.

For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. Any qualified applicant desiring to file a competing application must submit to the Commission, on or before the specified intervention deadline date, a competing development application, or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing development application no later than 120 days after the specified intervention deadline date. Applications for preliminary permits will not be accepted in response to this notice.

A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit a development application. A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

o. *A license applicant must file no later than 60 days following the date of issuance of this notice:* (1) A copy of the water quality certification; (2) a copy of the request for certification, including proof of the date in which the certifying agency received the request; or (3) evidence of waiver of water quality certification.

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

Commission issues EA: November 2020

Comments on EA due: December 2020

Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, and .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION," "COMPETING APPLICATION," "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 protesting or intervening; 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. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. 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 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

Dated: April 14, 2020.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Records Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(b), of the receipt

of prohibited and exempt off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive a prohibited or exempt off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested proceeding, to deliver to the Secretary of the Commission, a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication.

Prohibited communications are included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not a part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become a part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such a request only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication shall serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications are included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of off-the-record communications recently received by the Secretary of the Commission. The communications listed are grouped by docket numbers in ascending order. 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 or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202)502-8659.

Docket Nos.	File date	Presenter or requester
<i>Prohibited:</i> NONE.		
<i>Exempt:</i>		
1. EL16-49-000	4-2-2020	U.S. Senate. ¹
2. P-2082-062, P-14803-000	4-8-2020	U.S. Senate. ²
3. CP14-96-000	4-9-2020	State of New York, Office of the Attorney General. ³
4. EC19-120-000	4-9-2020	U.S. Senate. ⁴
5. CP16-9-000	4-14-2020	Congressman Stephen F. Lynch.
6. CP15-554-000	4-14-2020	Congresswoman Elaine Luria.

¹ Senators Cory A. Booker, Charles E. Schumer, Thomas R. Carper, Sheldon Whitehouse, Tammy Duckworth, Chris Van Hollen, Christopher A. Coons, and Benjamin L. Cardin.

² Senators Ron Wyden, Jeffrey A. Merkley, Dianne Feinstein, Kamala D. Harris, and Representative Jared Huffman.

³ Bureau Chief of Environmental Protection, Lemuel M. Srolovic.

⁴ Senators Jeffrey A. Merkley, Bernard Sanders, and Edward J. Markey.

Dated: April 14, 2020.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric corporate filings:

Docket Numbers: EC20-43-000.

Applicants: Pacific Gas and Electric Company, PG&E Corporation.

Description: Supplement to March 2, 2020 Application for Authorization Under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act of Pacific Gas and Electric Company, et al.

Filed Date: 4/13/20.