

gas in the A-line to other existing mainlines on Northern's system. Northern also proposes to construct and operate a 6.04-mile-long extension of its 30-inch-diameter Ogden to Ventura IAM60604 D-line (referred to as the D-Line) and appurtenances to replace the capacity associated with the abandoned A-line. According to Northern, its Project would enhance the safety, reliability, security, and operational efficiency of its pipeline system.

The Project would consist of the following facilities:

- Disconnecting the 20-inch-diameter A-Line near the Ogden Compressor Station in Boone County, Iowa;
- disconnecting the 20-inch-diameter A-Line at the Eagle Grove branch line take-off in Wright County, Iowa;
- installing temporary compression at three discrete locations (one 300 horsepower unit within Boone, Webster, and Hancock Counties) to evacuate gas from the A-Line to the IAM60602 B-line;
- disconnecting the 20-inch-diameter A-Line at the Ventura Compressor Station in Hancock County, Iowa; and
- installing a pipeline extension of the D-Line consisting of 6.04 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipeline and an associated aboveground pig receiver<sup>3</sup> in Wright County, Iowa.

### Background

On March 4, 2022, the Commission issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Ogden to Ventura A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project* (Notice of Scoping). The Notice of Scoping was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. In response to the Notice of Scoping, the Commission received comments from six landowners. The primary issues raised by the commenters are impacts on agricultural land; final disposition of the pipeline; and an objection to the Project pending the applicant provide additional information to identify affected properties. All substantive comments will be addressed in the EA.

### Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers

a free service called eSubscription. This service provides automatic notification of filings made to subscribed dockets, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to register for eSubscription.

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](http://www.ferc.gov)). Using the "eLibrary" link, select "General Search" from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and "Docket Number" (i.e., CP22-42), 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](mailto: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.

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 9690-000]

#### **Eagle Creek Hydro Power, LLC, Eagle Creek Water Resources, LLC, Eagle Creek Land Resources, LLC; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation**

On March 31, 2020, Eagle Creek Hydro Power, LLC, Eagle Creek Water Resources, LLC, and Eagle Creek Land Resources, LLC, (collectively referred to as Eagle Creek) co-licensees for the Rio Hydroelectric Project No.9690, filed an application for a new major license. The Rio Hydroelectric Project is located on the Mongaup River in Sullivan and Orange Counties, New York.

The license for Project No.9690 was issued for a period ending March 31, 2022. 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 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(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No.9690 is issued to Eagle Creek for a period effective April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023 or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before March 23, 2023, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

If the project is not subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that Eagle Creek is authorized to continue operation of the Rio Hydroelectric Project, until such time as the Commission takes final action on the application for a new major license.

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 5362-000]

#### **Kennebec Light and Power District; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation**

On March 31, 2021, Kennebec Light and Power District, licensee for the Lower Mousam Hydroelectric Project No. 5362, filed an application for Surrender of License. The Lower Mousam Hydroelectric Project is located on the Mousam River in York County, Maine.

<sup>3</sup> A "pig" is a tool that the pipeline company inserts into and pushes through the pipeline for cleaning the pipeline, conducting internal inspections, or other purposes.