

for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the application, and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

l. Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status: on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on September 29, 2025.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FEROnline.aspx>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at

FEROnlineSupport@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: 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. All filings must clearly identify the project name and docket number on the first page: Chateaugay High Falls Hydroelectric Project (P-5698-024).

m. The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

Project Description: The Chateaugay High Falls Project includes an 87.6-foot-long, 63.7-foot-high dam, known as the High Falls Dam, that consists of an 85.6-foot-long spillway with a crest elevation of 962.7 feet National Geodetic Vertical Dam of 1929 (NGVD 29) and a 2-foot-long east abutment. The dam creates an impoundment that has a surface area of 2.9 acres at 962.7 feet NGVD 29.

From the impoundment, water flows through an intake structure located on the eastern shoreline of the impoundment approximately 180 feet upstream of the dam that is equipped with a 16-foot-long intake opening with trashracks with 1-inch clear bar spacing and a 5-foot-long slide gate. From the intake structure, water flows through a 480-foot-long penstock to a 50-foot-wide, 40-foot-long powerhouse that contains a 1,260-kilowatt (kW) horizontal Francis turbine-generator unit and a 450-kW vertical Byron Jackson turbine-generator unit, for a total installed capacity of 1,710 kW. Water is discharged from the powerhouse to a 38-foot-long tailrace.

The project creates an approximately 250-foot-long bypassed reach.

The project includes a downstream fish passage facility adjacent to the intake structure that consists of a fish collection box and a series of pipes that lead to a plunge pool located approximately 100 feet downstream of the dam.

Electricity generated at the powerhouse is transmitted to the electric grid via a 1,110-foot-long, 4.16-kilovolt transmission line. The minimum and maximum hydraulic capacities of the powerhouse are 20 and 235 cubic feet per second (cfs), respectively. The average annual energy production of the project from 2015 through 2024, was 5,321 megawatt-hours.

The current license requires the project to operate in a run-of-river mode such that project outflow approximates inflow to the impoundment. Triton Power maintains the normal maximum surface elevation of the impoundment at 962.7 feet NGVD 29. The current license also requires Triton Power to release a minimum aesthetic flow of 55 cfs or inflow, whichever is less, over the spillway from sunrise to sunset, from Memorial Day through September 30, and on all Saturdays, Sundays, and United States and Canadian holidays during May and the first three weeks of October. Triton Power proposes to continue operating the project as currently licensed. Triton Power proposes to remove from the project boundary 0.04 acre that is adjacent to the project interconnection point with the electric grid.

Triton Power states that it is not proposing any new measures at this time, but intends to file a revised licensing proposal by July 31, 2026, following agency consultation and completion of several studies that it did not complete prior to filing the license application, including a water quality study, freshwater mussel survey, macroinvertebrate survey, fish community survey, downstream fish passage evaluation, bypass habitat and flow study, run-of-river operation study, and wetlands and aquatic vegetation study.

n. In addition to publishing the full text of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this notice, as well as other documents in the proceeding (e.g., license application) via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<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 (P-5698). For assistance, contact FERC at FEROnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

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

o. The Commission's Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, community organizations, Tribal members and others, access publicly available information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

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

Issue Deficiency Letter and Request Additional Information—September 2025

q. Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

Dated: August 14, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2444-000]

Northern States Power Company; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

The license for the White River Hydroelectric Project No. 2444 was issued for a period ending July 31, 2025.

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. 2444 is issued to Northern States Power Company for a period effective August 1, 2025, through July 31, 2026, 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 July 31, 2026, 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 Northern States Power Company is authorized to continue operation of the White River Hydroelectric Project under the terms and conditions of the prior license until the issuance of a subsequent license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first.

Dated: August 14, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP25–52–000]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America LLC; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Gulf Coast Storage Expansion Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Gulf Coast Storage Expansion (Project), proposed by Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America LLC (Natural) in the above-referenced docket.¹ Natural requests authorization to construct and operate the following natural gas pipeline facilities at its North Lansing Storage Field in Harrison County, Texas:

- approximately 5.9 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipeline loop;
- one new pigging tool launcher at the start of the loop; and
- one new compressor unit rated at 12,000 horsepower at existing Compressor Station 388.

The Project would enable Natural to convert 10 billion cubic feet of cushion gas to working gas inventory at its North Lansing Storage Field and to increase the certificated peak day withdrawal level from 1,240 million cubic feet per day (MMcf/day) to 1,420 MMcf/day. The Project purpose is to meet the storage needs of Natural's shippers and the growing demand for firm storage service in the Gulf Coast area.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed Project would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The Commission mailed a copy of the *Notice of Availability* to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups; and newspapers and libraries in the Project area. The EA is only available in electronic format. It may be viewed and downloaded from the FERC's website (www.ferc.gov), on the natural gas

environmental documents page (<https://www.ferc.gov/industries-data/natural-gas/environment/environmental-documents>). In addition, the EA may be accessed by using the eLibrary link on the FERC's website. Click on the eLibrary link (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search>), select "General Search" and enter the docket number in the "Docket Number" field, excluding the last three digits (*i.e.* CP25–52). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659.

The EA is not a decision document. It presents Commission staff's independent analysis of the environmental issues for the Commission to consider when addressing the merits of all issues in this proceeding. Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Your comments should focus on the EA's disclosure and discussion of potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that the Commission has the opportunity to consider your comments prior to making its decision on this project, it is important that we receive your comments in Washington, DC on or before 5:00pm Eastern Time on September 15, 2025.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to file your comments to the Commission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has staff available to assist you at (866) 208–3676 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded.

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to FERC Online. This is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can also file your comments electronically using the eFiling feature on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to FERC Online. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." You must select the type of filing you are making. If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select "Comment on a Filing"; or

¹ For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX–019020–000–1739953064.