

be found in its *Critical Minerals Assessment* published on its website in July 2023.<sup>4</sup>

By this Notice, the Secretary of Energy advises the public of the addition of metallurgical coal to DOE's Critical Material List. The assessment<sup>5</sup> that forms the justification for including metallurgical coal used in the production of steel on the Critical Material List can be found on DOE's website: <https://www.energy.gov/cmm/what-are-critical-materials-and-critical-minerals>. The assessment concludes that the current U.S. steel market and its reliance on metallurgical coal puts the industry on track for significant import reliance. Meeting the policy goal of U.S. steel dominance will require dramatic increases in domestic metallurgical coal production and use, and thereby supports the determination that coal used for steelmaking is a DOE critical material. Furthermore, this action directly supports the President's policy goals of reinvigorating the U.S. coal industry and achieving American energy dominance as explained in Executive Order 14261, "Reinvigorating America's Beautiful Clean Coal Industry and Amending Executive Order 14241".<sup>6</sup>

#### Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on May 22, 2025, by Tala Goudarzi, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

<sup>4</sup> U.S. Dept't of Energy, *Critical Materials Assessment* (July 2023), [https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2023-07/doe-critical-material-assessment\\_07312023.pdf](https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2023-07/doe-critical-material-assessment_07312023.pdf).

<sup>5</sup> U.S. Dept't of Energy, *The Intrinsic Role of Coal in Achieving Steel Dominance* (May 2025), [<https://www.energy.gov/cmm/what-are-critical-materials-and-critical-minerals>].

<sup>6</sup> E.O. 14261 of April 8, 2025, *Reinvigorating America's Beautiful Clean Coal Industry and Amending Executive Order 14241*, 90 FR 15517 (April 14, 2025), <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-04-14/pdf/2025-06380.pdf>.

Signed in Washington, DC, on May 22, 2025.

**Treena V. Garrett,**

*Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the commission received the following accounting Request filings:

#### Filings Instituting Proceedings

*Docket Numbers:* AC25–101–000.

*Applicants:* MDE Midstream, LLC.

*Description:* MDE Midstream, LLC submits request for approval of proposed journal entries re acquisition of Medallion Midstream Services, LLC, et al. by Plains Oryx Permian Basin Pipeline LLC on 02/02/2025.

*Filed Date:* 5/21/25.

*Accession Number:* 20250521–5174.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 6/11/25.

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

*Docket Numbers:* RP25–903–000.

*Applicants:* Rover Pipeline LLC.

*Description:* 4(d) Rate Filing:

Houskeeping Filing on 5–22–25 to be effective 6/22/2025.

*Filed Date:* 5/22/25.

*Accession Number:* 20250522–5039.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 6/3/25.

Any person desiring to intervene, to protest, or to answer a complaint in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211, 214, or 206 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214, or 385.206) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercensearch.asp>) by querying the docket number.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

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public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, community organization, 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](mailto:OPP@ferc.gov).

Dated: May 22, 2025.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 10806–015]

#### City of Holyoke Gas & Electric Department; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Application Type:* Extension of License Term.

b. *Project No:* P–10806–015.

c. *Date Filed:* May 14, 2025.

d. *Applicant:* City of Holyoke Gas & Electric Department.

e. *Name of Project:* Station No. 5 Hydroelectric Project (P–10806).

f. *Location:* The project is located on the Connecticut River in the City of Holyoke, Hampden County, Massachusetts.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a–825r.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Sarah LaRose, Senior Project Engineer, City of Holyoke Gas & Electric Department, 99 Suffolk Street, Holyoke, MA 01040, (413) 9409, [slrose@hged.com](mailto:slrose@hged.com).

i. *FERC Contact:* Rebecca Martin, (202) 502–6012, [rebecca.martin@ferc.gov](mailto:rebecca.martin@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests:* June 20, 2025.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://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 <https://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](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. The first page of any filing should include the docket number P-10806-015. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not considered part of the Commission record.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears 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.

k. *Description of Request:* The City of Holyoke Gas & Electric Department, licensee for the Station No. 5 Hydroelectric Project No. 10806 filed a request with the Commission for a 9-year, 3-month extension of the 40-year license for the project, currently expiring on May 3, 2030. The new expiration date for the project would be August 31, 2039. The licensee requests the extension to align the project license expiration date with the Holyoke Project No. 2004 and the Holyoke Number 4 Project No. 7758. The licensee states that aligning the expiration dates for the projects would allow a more synchronized approach to the relicensing process because the projects are all interdependent.

l. *Locations of the Application:* This filing may be viewed on the Commission's website at <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. You may also register online at <https://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, call 1-866-208-3676 or email [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene:* 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, .214, respectively. 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.

o. *Filing and Service of Documents:* Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (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 commenting, protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis. Any filing made by an intervenor 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.

p. 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, 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](mailto:OPP@ferc.gov).

Dated: May 21, 2025.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2611-093]

#### Hydro Kennebec, LLC; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission or FERC) regulations, 18 CFR part 380, Commission staff reviewed Hydro Kennebec, LLC's request for a temporary variance of the license for the Hydro-Kennebec Hydroelectric Project No. 2611 and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project.<sup>1</sup> The licensee proposes to install 3-foot-high flashboards at the project instead of the normal 6-foot-high flashboards to lower the reservoir elevation by 3 feet (elevation of 78 feet U.S. Geological Survey Datum) to allow for repairs to a spillway gate. The temporary variance would begin immediately and last until the gate is repaired, but no later than December 31, 2025. The Hydro-Kennebec Project is located on the Kennebec River in Kennebec and Somerset counties, Maine and does not occupy federal land.

The EA contains Commission staff's analysis of the potential environmental effects of the proposed temporary variance, alternatives to the proposed action, and concludes that the temporary variance, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

The EA may be viewed on the Commission's website at <https://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number (P-2611) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

You may also register online at <https://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.

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<sup>1</sup> The unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1746012887.