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For administrative efficiency, DOE prefers filings to be filed electronically. All filings must include a reference to “Docket No. 18–70–LNG” or “Mexico Pacific Limited LLC Extension Application” in the title line.

For electronic submissions: Please include all related documents and attachments (e.g., exhibits) in the original email correspondence. Please do not include any active hyperlinks or password protection in any of the documents or attachments related to the filing. All electronic filings submitted to DOE must follow these guidelines to ensure that all documents are filed in a timely manner.

The Extension Application, and any filed protests, motions to intervene, notices of intervention, and comments will be available electronically on the DOE website at www.energy.gov/fecm/regulation.

A decisional record on the Extension Application will be developed through responses to this Notice by parties, including the parties’ written comments and replies thereto. Additional procedures will be used as necessary to achieve a complete understanding of the facts and issues. If an additional procedure is scheduled, notice will be provided to all parties. If no party requests additional procedures, a final Order may be issued based on the official record, including the Extension Application and responses filed by parties pursuant to this Notice, in accordance with 10 CFR 590.316.

Signed in Washington, DC, on July 3, 2025.

Amy Sweeney,

Director, Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement, Office of Resource Sustainability.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP25–60–000]

Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC; Notice Of Schedule For The Preparation Of An Environmental Assessment For The Proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline Southgate Amendment Project

On February 3, 2025, Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC filed an application in Docket No. CP25–60–000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, and Part 157 of the Commission’s regulations to amend

Mountain Valley’s certificate of public convenience and necessity for the Southgate Project authorized by the Commission in Docket No. CP19–14–000.¹ The amended project known as the Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) Southgate Amendment Project (Amendment Project) would increase the operating capacity from 375,000 dekatherms per day (Dth/d) to 550,000 Dth/d.

On February 18, 2025, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the Amendment Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff’s environmental document for the Project.

This notice identifies Commission staff’s intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the Project and the planned schedule for the completion of the environmental review.² The EA will be issued for a 30-day comment period.

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA—October 3, 2025
90-day Federal Authorization Decision

Deadline³—January 1, 2026

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

Project Description

In February 2020, FERC issued a final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that analyzed the Southgate Project. On June 18, 2020, the Commission authorized the Southgate Project. MVP further evaluated the Southgate Project and proposes modifications as part of the Amendment Project.⁴

The Amendment Project includes modifications to the previously

authorized Southgate Project and would originate at Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC’s Zone 5 Compressor Station 165 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia and end in Rockingham County, North Carolina. The Amendment Project would remove the Lambert Compressor Station, decrease the length of the pipeline from 75.1 miles to 31.3 miles, increase the pipeline diameter from 16- and 24-inch diameters to 30-inch diameter, change the location of two meter (interconnect) stations, adopt several route variations for engineering and environmental reasons, remove four mainline valves, remove two cathodic protection groundbeds, and add two new contractor yards.

Background

On May 22, 2025, the Commission issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline Southgate Amendment Project and Notice of Public Scoping Session* (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 multiple stakeholders including the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality; the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation—Division of Natural Heritage; the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office; Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC; Appalachian Voices; a joint filing from Appalachian Voices, Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League, Center for Biological Diversity, Chesapeake Climate Action Network, 7 Directions of Service, Sierra Club, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, Wild Virginia, Katie Whitehead, and Robert McNutt; Virginia Scientist Community Interface; Chesapeake Climate Action Network; Southern Environmental Law Center; and 20 individuals.

The primary issues raised by the commenters are concerns regarding groundwater, waterbodies, wetlands, threatened and endangered species, forested areas, cumulative impacts, air emissions, and pipeline safety associated with the increased diameter and capacity. All substantive environmental comments will be addressed in the EA.

¹ *Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC*, 171 FERC ¶ 61,232 (2020).

² For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX–019–20–000–1751374027.

³ The Commission’s deadline applies to the decisions of other federal agencies, and state agencies acting under federally delegated authority, that are responsible for federal authorizations, permits, and other approvals necessary for proposed projects under the Natural Gas Act. Per 18 CFR 157.22(a), the Commission’s deadline for other agency’s decisions applies unless a schedule is otherwise established by federal law.

⁴ Construction of the Southgate Project has not yet started.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Virginia and North Carolina Ecological Services Field Offices are cooperating agencies in the preparation of 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.

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.

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., CP25-60), 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: July 3, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15094-002]

Ohio Power and Light, LLC; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting 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. *Type of Application:* Major Original License.

b. *Project No.:* 15094-002.

c. *Date filed:* January 23, 2025.

d. *Applicant:* Ohio Power and Light, LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Robert C. Byrd Locks and Dam Hydroelectric Project (RC Byrd Project or project).

f. *Location:* On the Ohio River in Mason County, West Virginia, at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) Robert C. Byrd Locks and Dam. The project would occupy about 16 acres of federal land managed by the Corps.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Jeremy King, P.E., Chief Executive Officer, Current Hydro LLC (agent for the applicant, Ohio Power and Light, LLC), One Boston Place, Suite 2600, Boston, MA 02108, Telephone: (706) 835-8516, Email: jeremy@currenthydro.com; and Mr. Norman Bishop, P.E., Chief Executive Engineer, Current Hydro LLC, One Boston Place, Suite 2600, Boston, MA 02108, Telephone: (303) 475-0608.

i. *FERC Contact:* Andy Bernick at (202) 502-8660, or andrew.bernick@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests:* on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on September 1, 2025.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERConline.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>.

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, 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, Maryland 20852. All filings must clearly identify the project name and docket number on the first page: Robert C. Byrd Locks and Dam Hydroelectric Project (P-15094-002).

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.

k. This application has been accepted for filing but is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. The proposed RC Byrd Project would utilize the existing Corps' Robert C. Byrd Locks and Dam and would consist of the following new facilities: (1) two 142.5-foot-long, 110-foot-wide powerhouses each containing three 4.75-kilowatt turbine-generator units to be constructed within two decommissioned locks on the east side of the Corps' Robert C. Byrd Locks and Dam; (2) two intake channels; (3) two tailrace channels; (4) a 250-foot-long underground conduit carrying generator leads from the powerhouses to a step-up transformer contained in a substation; (5) a 69-kilovolt, 2.5-mile-long aboveground transmission line to the Apple Grove Substation, where project power would connect with the electrical grid; and (6) appurtenant facilities.

The proposed RC Byrd Project would operate in a run-of-release mode, whereby outflow from the project would approximate inflow made available for generation by the Corps. The RC Byrd Project would be projected to have an annual energy generation of about 165,169 megawatt-hours.

m. A copy of the application is available for review 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. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY (202) 502-8659.

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