

commercialization of HALEU fuel production and acquisition of up to 290 MT of HALEU under the Proposed Action: (1) mining, extraction, and recovery of uranium ore producing triuranium octoxide (U_3O_8) (from in-situ recovery or conventional mining and milling sources); (2) uranium conversion from U_3O_8 to UF_6 for input to enrichment facilities; (3) enrichment in up to three steps (a) from natural uranium to LEU of no more than 5 weight percent U-235, (b) from LEU to HALEU greater than 5 and less than 10 weight percent U-235, and (c) to HALEU from 10 to less than 20 weight percent U-235; (4) HALEU deconversion from UF_6 to uranium oxide, metal, and other forms; (5) storage of HALEU; (6) transportation of uranium/HALEU between facilities; and (7) DOE acquisition of HALEU of at least 19.75 weight percent and less than 20 weight percent U-235. While not specifically a part of the Proposed Action, the following related actions could result from implementation of the Proposed Action: (1) fuel fabrication for a variety of fuel types; (2) HALEU-fueled reactor (demonstration and test, power, isotope production) operations; and (3) spent fuel storage and disposition. Although these are reasonably foreseeable activities that could result from implementation of the Proposed Action, many of the specifics (e.g., locations, vendors, reactor designs, type of technology, fuel forms) are unknown or not developed. These activities are dependent upon decisions outside of the Proposed Action activities. Further, the extent to which these activities could happen and if so, where they would happen is unknown and highly speculative. Therefore, a detailed assessment of the impacts of these activities is not included in the EIS. DOE acknowledged and addressed the impacts from these reasonably foreseeable activities to the extent practicable in the Final HALEU EIS.

While the Final HALEU EIS provides information that could be used to identify impacts from the construction and operation of HALEU fuel cycle facilities, the selection of specific locations and facilities will not be a part of the Record of Decision for this EIS.

The No Action Alternative is the status quo, where DOE would not implement the Proposed Action and no sufficient domestic commercial supply of HALEU is available. Development of a domestic commercial supply of HALEU would be left to industry or industry would remain reliant on foreign supplies of HALEU.

The Proposed Action—to acquire, through procurement from commercial

sources, HALEU enriched to at least 19.75 and less than 20 weight percent U-235 over a 10-year period of performance, and to facilitate the establishment of commercial HALEU fuel production—is DOE's Preferred Alternative.

Public Involvement

The Final HALEU EIS follows the March 2024 release of the Draft HALEU EIS (DOE/EIS-0059). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency published its Notice of Availability on March 8, 89 FR 16765 (Mar. 8, 2024). DOE accepted comments through April 22, 2024. During the review and comment period, DOE held three virtual hearings, two virtual Tribal Listening Sessions, and one in-person Tribal Listening Session. DOE received comments from Federal and state agencies, Tribes, industry, nonprofit organizations, and the public. In preparing the Final HALEU EIS, DOE considered and responded to the comments received on the Draft HALEU EIS. Responses to all comment are included in Volume 3 of the Final HALEU EIS.

Signing Authority

This document of DOE was signed on October 16, 2024, by Dr. Michael Goff, Acting Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy, 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 DOE. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on October 16, 2024.

Treena V. Garrett,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 8402-004]

American Climate Partners; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On October 12, 2023, American Climate Partners filed an application for surrender of the exemption for the Rapidan Mill Hydroelectric Project No. 8402. The project is located in Rapidan, on Rapidan River in Orange and Culpeper counties, Virginia. The project does not occupy federal lands.

The exemptee proposes to surrender its exemption. To decommission the project, the exemptee proposes to remove the equipment used to operate the turbine preventing future generation. No physical changes to any project features are planned and no ground disturbance would occur under this proposal. The dam would remain in place. After Commission jurisdiction ends, however, the exemptee indicates that the dam may be removed in collaboration with several other federal and state resource agencies. The Commission issued public notice of the proposed surrender on February 23, 2024.

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the project.¹ The planned schedule for the completion of the EA is April 1, 2025. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate. The EA will be issued and made available for review by all interested parties and a 30-day comment period. All comments filed on the EA will be reviewed by staff and considered in the Commission's final decision on the proceeding.

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, environmental justice communities, Tribal members, and others to 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.

¹ In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1728462572. 40 CFR 1501.5(c)(4) (2024).

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Diana Shannon at 202-502-6136 or diana.shannon@ferc.gov.

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL24-146-000]

LS Power Grid California, LLC; Notice of Institution of Section 206 Proceeding and Refund Effective Date

On October 15, 2024, the Commission issued an order in Docket No. EL24-146-000, pursuant to section 206 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 824e, instituting an investigation to determine whether LS Power Grid California, LLC's Formula Rate Template and Protocols are unjust, unreasonable, unduly discriminatory or preferential, or otherwise unlawful. *LS Power Grid California, LLC*, 189 FERC ¶ 61,027 (2024).

The refund effective date in Docket No. EL24-146-000 established pursuant to section 206(b) of the FPA, will be the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Any interested person desiring to be heard in Docket No. EL24-146-000 must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate, with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR. 385.214 (2024), within 21 days of the date of issuance of the 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://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. From FERC's Home Page on the internet, this information is available on eLibrary. The full text of this document is available on eLibrary in PDF and Microsoft Word format for viewing, printing, and/or downloading. To access this document in eLibrary, type the docket number excluding the last three digits of this document in the docket

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The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFile" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. 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.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Good Neighbor Environmental Board

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) gives notice of a public meeting of the Good Neighbor Environmental Board (GNEB). The purpose of this meeting is for the Board to approve its first comment letter and discuss the second comment letter that will comprise the GNEB 21st report.

DATES: November 13, 2024, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (EST).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) headquarters located at 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Eugene Green at (202) 564-2432 or via email at green.eugene@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board is an independent Federal advisory committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. 10. Its mission is to advise the President and Congress of the United States on good neighbor practices along the U.S. border with Mexico. Its recommendations are focused on environmental infrastructure needs within the U.S. states contiguous to Mexico. A copy of the agenda will be posted at www.epa.gov/faca/gneb. The meeting will be held virtually and in-person in Washington, DC at 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460. The meeting is open to the public with limited seating available for in-person attendance and on a first come, first served basis. Members of the public wishing to participate or attend in-person must contact Eugene Green at green.eugene@epa.gov or 202-564-2432 by November 6, 2024, to register. Members of the public wishing to attend or participate virtually must contact Eugene Green using the information above by November 6, 2024, to receive a link to the meeting. The Federal Protective Service requires 48-hour notification for guests entering Federal Government spaces, therefore, it is imperative that the timeframe noted is met prior to the meeting.

Requests to make oral comments or submit written public comments to the board, also should be directed to Eugene Green at least five business days prior to the meeting (November 6, 2024). Requests for accessibility and/or accommodations for individuals with disabilities should be directed to Eugene Green at the phone number or email address listed above. To ensure adequate time for processing, please make requests for accommodations at least 10 business days (October 30, 2024) prior to the meeting.

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Program Analyst.

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