

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

## Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15055–001]

**Northern States Power Company;  
Notice of Application Tendered for  
Filing With the Commission and  
Establishing Procedural Schedule for  
Licensing and Deadline for  
Submission of Final Amendments**

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

a. *Type of Application:* Original Major License.

b. Project No.: 15055–001.

c. *Date Filed:* August 18, 2023.

d. *Applicant:* Northern States Power Company, a Wisconsin Corporation (NSP).

e. *Name of Project:* Gile Flowage Storage Reservoir Project (project).

f. *Location:* On the West Fork of the Montreal River in Iron County, Wisconsin approximately 3 miles southwest of the towns of Hurley, Wisconsin and Ironwood, Michigan.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Matthew Miller, Hydro License Compliance Consultant, Xcel Energy, 1414 West Hamilton Avenue, P.O. Box 8, Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54702–0008; telephone at (715) 737–1353, or email at [matthew.j.miller@xcelenergy.com](mailto:matthew.j.miller@xcelenergy.com).

i. *FERC Contact:* Nicholas Ettema, telephone at (312) 596–4447, or email at [nicholas.ettema@ferc.gov](mailto:nicholas.ettema@ferc.gov).

j. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

k. *Project Description:* The project includes the following existing facilities: (1) a 902.6-foot-long, 32.5-foot-high dam that includes: (a) a 300-foot-long west earthen embankment with a crest elevation of 1495.0 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 (NGVD 29); (b) a 27.6-foot-long concrete section that includes a 6-foot-wide, 6-foot-high sluice gate with a trashrack with 2.625-inch clear bar spacing, and a 16-foot-wide, 12-foot-high Tainter gate; and (c) a 575-foot-long east earthen embankment with a crest elevation of 1495.0 feet NGVD 29; (2) an impoundment with a surface area of 3,454 acres at an elevation of 1,490 feet NGVD 29 and usable storage capacity of 32,713 acre-feet between surface

elevations of 1,475 feet and 1,490 feet NGVD 29; (3) a 35-foot-long concrete conduit downstream of the sluice gate; (4) an approximately 60-foot-long concrete apron downstream of the dam; (5) a 27.5-foot-wide, 11.8-foot-long brick gatehouse integral to the concrete section of the dam; and (6) appurtenant facilities. The project does not contain any generating facilities.

The project includes the following existing recreation facilities: (1) a canoe take-out site on the shoreline of the impoundment, at the east earthen embankment; (2) an approximately 100-foot-long canoe portage route; and (3) a canoe put-in site located on the east shore of the West Fork of the Montreal River, immediately downstream of the project dam.

An August 19, 2020 order, issued in FERC Docket No. UL20–1–000, found that the project is required to be licensed because it is part of a complete unit of development that includes the Saxon Falls Hydroelectric Project No. 2610 (Saxon Project) and the Superior Falls Hydroelectric Project No. 2587 (Superior Project).<sup>1</sup> NSP currently operates the project to augment flow in the West Fork of the Montreal River during the summer and winter low-flow periods for hydroelectric generation at the downstream Saxon and Superior Projects. NSP maintains the impoundment levels between 1,475 feet and 1,490 feet NGVD 29. To protect aquatic resources, NSP releases a continuous minimum flow of 10 cubic feet per second or inflow, whichever is less, downstream of the project dam. NSP provides the minimum flow through the sluice gate.

To augment flows available for generation at the Saxon Falls Project and Superior Falls Project, NSP typically begins drawing down the impoundment in the summer and winter, respectively around May 1 and December 1. The project has a maximum drawdown of 15 feet, but the average summer and winter drawdowns are typically 5.2 feet and 6.8 feet, respectively. The impoundment remains at the lower level until seasonal inflow refills the impoundment in the fall and spring. To protect aquatic and recreation resources, under normal project operation, NSP limits the rate of the impoundment drawdowns to 0.2 feet per day.

<sup>1</sup> See *Northern States Power Company—Wisconsin*, 172 FERC ¶ 62,093 (2020).

NSP is not proposing any new facilities or operational changes that would alter the current project operation. The proposed project boundary encompasses approximately 3,457.5 acres, including: (1) the impoundment; (2) 2.1 acres of land associated with the project facilities listed above; (3) 0.2 acre of water associated with the West Fork of the Montreal River immediately downstream of the project dam; (4) 0.3 acre of land north of the west earthen embankment; and (5) 0.9 acre of land north of the east earthen embankment.

l. 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–15055). For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY). At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room.

m. 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.

n. 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, 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).

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

Milestone	Target date
Issue Deficiency Letter .....	September 2023.
Request Additional Information (if necessary) .....	September 2023.
Notice of Acceptance/Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis .....	March 2024.
Filing of recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and preliminary fishway prescriptions .....	May 2024.

p. 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 25, 2023.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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#### Notice of Pre-Recorded Workshop: "Fundamentals of Intervention in FERC Matters"; Office of Public Participation Fundamentals for Participating in FERC Matters

Office of Public Participation (OPP) staff will release an educational video on October 25, 2023, in the above-referenced proceedings. The video, titled "FERC Intervention: Powering Up Your Participation" will explain how and why a member of the public may choose to intervene in a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) proceeding. Staff will address common questions about filing an intervention at FERC.

The conversation will cover intervening in energy infrastructure projects (natural gas pipelines, liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminals, or hydroelectric dams) proceedings, and in electric rates proceedings. OPP directly helps constituents to navigate FERC proceedings by explaining what an intervention is and how to intervene in the correct docket. Intervention is the procedural pathway to becoming a party in a proceeding at FERC.

Further questions which will be addressed include: What does it mean to file an intervention in a docket? Is that the same as filing a comment? Does that make me a party to a case, and what does becoming a party to a case mean? Is a lawyer required? Are there examples or templates? What should I know before deciding to intervene?

OPP wants to hear from you. What questions do you have? What has been your experience intervening, commenting, or otherwise navigating a FERC proceeding?

The video will be posted on FERC's YouTube channel on Office of Public Participation's playlist. It will include captioning in English and Spanish and will be compliant with section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations, please send an email to [accessibility@ferc.gov](mailto:accessibility@ferc.gov) or call toll free 1-866-208-3372 (voice) or 202-502-8659 (TTY) or send a FAX to 202-208-2106 with the required accommodations.

Please file your questions or comments in the docket on or before Wednesday September 20, 2023. If you need help with filing or have any other questions, feel free to reach out to Matthew Rolnick of the Commission's Office of Public Participation at [Matthew.Rolnick@ferc.gov](mailto:Matthew.Rolnick@ferc.gov) or [OPP@ferc.gov](mailto:OPP@ferc.gov).

Dated: August 25, 2023.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Docket No. ER23-2694-000]

#### Cereal City Solar, LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of Cereal City Solar, LLC's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard

to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is September 14, 2023.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically may mail similar pleadings to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. Hand delivered submissions in docketed proceedings should be delivered to Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

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