

with the applicable State Historic Preservation Office(s), and to solicit their views and those of other government agencies, interested Indian Tribes, and the public on the project's potential effects on historic properties.<sup>4</sup> The environmental document for this project will document findings on the impacts on historic properties and summarize the status of consultations under section 106.

#### Environmental Mailing List

The environmental mailing list includes Federal, State, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American Tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. This list also includes all affected landowners (as defined in the Commission's regulations) who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within certain distances of aboveground facilities, and anyone who submits comments on the project and includes a mailing address with their comments. Commission staff will update the environmental mailing list as the analysis proceeds to ensure that Commission notices related to this environmental review are sent to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project.

If you need to make changes to your name/address, or if you would like to remove your name from the mailing list, please complete one of the following steps:

(1) Send an email to [GasProjectAddressChange@ferc.gov](mailto:GasProjectAddressChange@ferc.gov) stating your request. You must include the docket number CP24-468-000 in your request. If you are requesting a change to your address, please be sure to include your name and the correct address. If you are requesting to delete your address from the mailing list, please include your name and address as it appeared on this notice. This email address is unable to accept comments.

OR

(2) Return the attached "Mailing List Update Form" (appendix 2).

#### Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the

Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208-FERC, or on the FERC website at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number in the "Docket Number" field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

Public sessions or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at <https://www.ferc.gov/news-events/events> along with other related information.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15345-000]

#### Nightfall Renewables Inc.; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On February 26, 2024, Nightfall Renewables Inc., filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the Maxwell Pumped Storage Project to be located in Kern County, California near Rosamond, California. The proposed 3,600-megawatt closed-loop project would occupy federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Management. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed project would consist of: (1) four new roller-compacted concrete or rockfill dams upper dams and reservoirs, and 36 lower reservoirs, excavated from rock consisting of 16 "rooms", each 50 feet wide, 70 feet high, and 200 feet-long; (2) four 3,000-foot-long/deep, 24-foot-diameter

concrete lined, vertical headrace shafts; (3) nine 20-foot-wide, 20-foot-high headrace tunnels averaging 5,150 feet long; (4) thirty six 12-foot-diameter, 160-foot-long steel penstock pipes at the powerhouse turbine level; (5) twelve 300-foot-long, 100-foot-wide, 230-foot-high powerhouses excavated from rock approximately 5,000 feet below surface; (6) a transformer room 36 feet wide, 25 feet high, and 190 feet long located approximately 260 feet above each powerhouse; (7) thirty six sets of 18-foot-wide, 16-foot-high, 435-foot-long unlined turbine tailraces; foot-wide, 16-foot-high, 410-foot-long on average unlined pump intake tailraces; and 12-foot-diameter, 200-foot-long steel pipe pump discharge tailraces; (8) two access ramps and 35 access tunnels, all approximately 18 feet wide and 16 feet high, totaling approximately 105,000 feet in length; (9) an approximately 5,560-foot-long, 1,780-foot-wide, 160-acre rock pad; (10) a new 9.5-mile-long, 8-inch-diameter pipe connecting the project to an existing untreated water pipe; and (11) two new 500-foot-long, 100-foot-wide pre-fabricated steel buildings.

Upper reservoir dam 1 would be approximately 1,740 feet long and 40 feet wide at the crest, creating upper reservoir 1, with a surface area of approximately 29.1 acres, a storage capacity of approximately 2,420 acre-feet, and a surface elevation of 5,120 feet above mean sea level (msl). Upper reservoir dam 2 would be approximately 1,300 feet long and 40 feet wide at the crest, creating upper reservoir 2, with a surface area of approximately 27.1 acres, a storage capacity of approximately 2,760 acre-feet, and a surface elevation of 4,920 feet msl. Upper reservoir dam 3 will be approximately 1,280 feet long and 60 feet wide at the crest, creating upper reservoir 3, with a surface area of approximately 26.6 acres, a storage capacity of approximately 2,435 acre-feet, and a surface elevation of 4,880 feet msl. Upper reservoir dam 4 will be approximately 1,120 feet long and 60 feet wide at the crest, creating upper reservoir 4, with a surface area of approximately 24.3 acres, a storage capacity of approximately 2,385 acre-feet, and a surface elevation of 4,720 feet MSL.

A new substation (Maxwell Substation) would be constructed, bifurcating two existing Southern California Edison (SCE) 500-kilovolt (kV) single-circuit transmission lines. A second transmission line would be constructed from the Maxwell Substation to the SCE Whirlwind Substation. A new 3.5-mile-long 500-kV double-circuit transmission line would

<sup>4</sup> The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulations are at 36 CFR part 800. Those regulations define historic properties as any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

be constructed from the Maxwell Substation to connect to the powerhouses. A sub-surface line would connect to the underground powerhouse transformers. The estimated annual energy production of the proposed project would be approximately 14,000,000 megawatt-hours.

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**FERC Contact:** Benjamin Mann; email: [benjamin.mann@ferc.gov](mailto:benjamin.mann@ferc.gov); phone (202) 502-8127.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.

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 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). Comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications should be submitted within 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/eFiling.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 get in touch with FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). Instead 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 docket number P-15345-000.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of the Commission's website at <https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search>. Enter the docket number (P-15345) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, do not hesitate to get in touch with FERC Online Support.

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**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM01-5-000]

#### Electronic Tariff Filings; Notice of Revisions to eTariff

Take notice that on September 30, 2024, the Commission will implement revisions to the eTariff program to enhance the capabilities of the system by enabling filing pipelines and utilities to identify the correct lead applicants for a proceeding and to have more flexibility in the programs used to create and file tariffs by filing tariff records in Microsoft Word or Excel format.

As a result of adding the capability to file in Word or Excel, certain changes will be made in the way eTariff is displayed on the eTariff Public Viewer and eLibrary. The tariff files will be converted to .pdf using print-to-pdf for display. The Public Viewer display should appear as it does today for .pdf filings. The tariff files in eLibrary will display in a FERC Generated PDF document. The metadata for each tariff record will display on one page (rather than at the top of the page) and the tariff text will follow on the next page.

Along with this document, the Commission also is posting, under the same eLibrary Accession Number, a marked version of the revised XML schema and the revised validation codes that will be associated with these revisions.

Starting on June 28, 2024, a sandbox will be made available for pipeline and utility companies to make test filings under the new XML schema.

In addition, pursuant to the Commission's previous practice in developing eTariff standards,<sup>1</sup> the North American Standards Organization (NAESB) will be hosting a virtual meeting with Commission staff on July 23, 2024, starting at 10 a.m. EST to discuss these issues. People wishing to attend the meeting should contact NAESB at: (713) 356-0060 or [naesb@naesb.org](mailto:naesb@naesb.org) to register and obtain log-on information.

#### I. Lead Applicant Identification

The eTariff XML schema will add a mandatory lead applicant field. The lead applicant field will determine the lead party making the filing and will be added to the Commission's service list. This change will require the filing pipeline or utility to add the Company Identifier (CID) for the lead applicant to the XML schema. Filings without a lead applicant CID will be rejected. Filers also must continue to include the company id field to identify the company whose tariff is being revised. If pipelines and utilities are filing with themselves as the lead applicant, they will include their own CID in both the lead\_applicant\_id field and the company\_id field if they are filing for themselves.

The Commission also will post on the eTariff website, <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/etariff>, a CSV file with CID numbers and will endeavor to update that file monthly.

Pipelines and utilities will continue to make the eTariff filings through the eFiling web page at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/Login.aspx>. The contact information associated with the CID of the lead applicant will be added to the Commission's service list. Filers need to be aware that although the filing pipeline or utility will be presented with the following screen and will have to enter an email address as signer, the company and email will not be added to the service list.

<sup>1</sup> *Electronic Tariff Filings*, Order No. 714, 124 FERC ¶ 61,270 (2008).