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*Title of Collection:* Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS 2021) Main Study Data Collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 1850–0645.

*Type of Review:* A change to a currently existing information collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individuals and Households.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 31,490.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 10,947.

*Abstract:* The Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) is an international assessment of fourth-grade students' achievement in reading. PIRLS reports on four benchmarks in reading achievement at grade 4 and on a variety of issues related to the education context for the students in the sample, including instructional practices, school resources, curriculum implementation, and learning supports outside of school. Since its inception in 2001, PIRLS has continued to assess students every 5 years (2001, 2006, 2011, and 2016), with the next PIRLS assessment, PIRLS 2021, being the fifth iteration of the study. Participation in this study by the United States at regular intervals provides data on student achievement and on current and past education policies and a comparison of U.S. education policies and student performance with those of the U.S. international counterparts. In PIRLS 2016, 58 education systems participated. The United States will participate in PIRLS 2021 to continue to monitor the progress of its students compared to that of other nations and to provide data on factors that may influence student achievement. PIRLS is coordinated by the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), an international collective of research organizations and government agencies that create the assessment framework, the assessment instrument, and background questionnaires. The IEA decides and agrees upon a common set of standards and procedures for collecting and reporting PIRLS data, and defines the studies' timeline, all of which must be followed by all participating countries. As a result, PIRLS is able to provide a reliable and comparable measure of student skills in participating countries. In the U.S., the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) conducts this study. In

preparation for the PIRLS 2021 main study, all countries are asked to implement a field test in 2020. The purpose of the PIRLS field test is to evaluate new assessment items and background questions, to ensure practices that promote low exclusion rates, and to ensure that classroom and student sampling procedures proposed for the main study are successful. Data collection for the field test in the U.S. will occur from March through April 2020 and for the main study from March through June 2021. The submission describing the overarching plan for all phases of the data collection, including the 2021 main study, and requesting approval for all activities, materials, and response burden related to the field test recruitment was approved in April 2019 with a change request in September 2019 (OMB# 1850–0645 v.11–12), while the submission describing all aspects of the field test and recruitment for the main study was approved in October 2019 (OMB# 1850–0645 v.13). The submission for all aspects of the PIRLS 2021 main study, including data collection activities, with an accompanying 30-day public comment period was approved in May 2020. With the COVID–19 pandemic and under the guidance from IEA, this submission request is to update changes in the sampling population and data collection materials related to the changes. The supporting statements Parts A and B describe all aspects of the study; Appendices A1 and A2 provide the main study communication materials and additional materials related to the data collection activities, respectively; Appendix B provides the non-response bias analysis plan for the main study; and Appendix C provides the questionnaires for the Main Study. In the case that the final approved U.S. adapted versions of the PIRLS 2021 main study questionnaires differ from those in this submission, the final versions including any updates for the Main Study will be submitted to OMB for approval as a change request in May 2021.

Dated: November 19, 2020.

**Stephanie Valentine,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### National Petroleum Council Meeting

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the National Petroleum Council. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**. Due to the COVID–19 pandemic, this meeting will be entirely virtual on-line.

**DATES:** Thursday, December 15, 2020; 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (EST).

**ADDRESSES:** Virtual meeting.

Information to access a live stream of the on-line meeting proceedings will be available at <https://www.energy.gov/fe/national-petroleum-council-npc>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Nancy Johnson, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Oil and Natural Gas (FE–30), 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585; telephone: (202) 586–6458 or email: [nancy.johnson@hq.doe.gov](mailto:nancy.johnson@hq.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Committee:* To provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on matters relating to oil and natural gas, and the oil and natural gas industries.

*Tentative Agenda:*

- Call to Order, Introductory Remarks, and Welcome to Participants
- Remarks by the Honorable Dan R. Brouillette, Secretary of Energy
- Remarks by the Honorable Mark W. Menezes, Deputy Secretary of Energy
- Report of the NPC Cochair's Coordinating Committee
- Update on Post-Approval Activities for the 2019 NPC *Dynamic Delivery* and *Dual Challenge* Reports
- Administrative Matters
- Discussion of Any Other Business Properly Brought Before the National Petroleum Council
- Adjournment

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. The Chair of the Council will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Ms. Nancy Johnson at the address or telephone number listed above. Approximately 15 minutes will be reserved for public comments. The time allocated per speaker will depend on the number of requests received, but will not exceed five minutes. Requests

for oral statements must be received at least seven days prior to the meeting. Those not able to attend the meeting or having insufficient time to address the Council are invited to send a written statement to [nancy.johnson@hq.doe.gov](mailto:nancy.johnson@hq.doe.gov). Any member of the public who wishes to file a written statement to the Council will be permitted to do so, either before or after the meeting.

*Minutes:* The minutes of the meeting will be available at <https://www.energy.gov/fe/national-petroleum-council-npc> or by contacting Ms. Johnson. She may be reached at the above postal address or email address.

Signed in Washington, DC, on November 13, 2020.

**LaTanya Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 3253-015]

#### **Mad River Power Associates LP; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission and Soliciting Additional Study Requests and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Relicensing and a 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:* Subsequent Minor License.

b. *Project No.:* 3253-015.

c. *Date filed:* November 3, 2020.

d. *Applicant:* Mad River Power Associates (MRPA).

e. *Name of Project:* Campton Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Mad River in Grafton County, New Hampshire. The project occupies approximately 0.05 acre of federal land administered by the U.S. Forest Service.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Ian Clark, Mad River Power Associates, 1 Pepsi Way, Suite 6n75, Katonah, NY 10536; Phone at (914) 297-7645, or email at [info@dichotomycapital.com](mailto:info@dichotomycapital.com).

i. *FERC Contact:* Amanda Gill at (202) 502-6773, or [amanda.gill@ferc.gov](mailto:amanda.gill@ferc.gov).

j. *Cooperating agencies:* Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues

that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item l below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. *See* 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

k. Pursuant to section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the application, and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

l. *Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status:* January 2, 2021. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FEROnline.aspx>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FEROnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FEROnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

m. The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. MRPA electronically filed the license application with the Commission after the close of business on November 2, 2020 at 7:58 p.m. Pursuant to 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(2), any document received after 5:00 p.m. eastern time is considered filed on the next regular business day. On November 3, 2020, Mad River Power filed a motion requesting that the Commission accept its November 3, 2020 license application out of time or other appropriate remedies. By this notice, the requirement under 18 CFR 16.20(c) to file the subsequent license application at least 24 months before the expiration of the existing license (*i.e.*, no later than November 2, 2020) is waived.

o. *Project Description:* The existing Campton Hydroelectric Project utilizes water from the impoundment (Campton Pond) created by the U.S. Forest Service's Campton Dam and consists of: (1) An intake structure located approximately 60 feet upstream of the Campton Dam that includes a 25-foot-long trashrack; (2) a 600-foot-long, 78-inch-diameter underground steel penstock; (3) a 40-foot-long, 28-foot-

wide powerhouse located on the east side of the Mad River that contains a 167-kilowatt (kW) Francis turbine-generator unit; (4) two 236-kW submersible Flygt turbine-generator units located outside of the powerhouse; (5) an approximately 50-foot-long, 56-foot-wide tailrace; (6) a 200-foot-long transmission line and a 33.5-kilovolt transformer that connects the generators to the electric grid; and (7) appurtenant facilities. The project creates an approximately 600-foot-long bypassed reach of the Mad River.

Downstream passage for Atlantic Salmon is provided by a smolt bypass facility located on the left riverbank of the Mad River.

The current license requires: (1) Inflow to be discharged over the spillway to the bypassed reach during periods of non-generation or when inflow is less than 25 cfs; (2) a minimum flow of 4.5 cfs through the Atlantic salmon smolt bypass facility during periods of generation or when inflow is greater than 25 cfs; and (3) operation of the smolt bypass facility from mid-April to mid-June. The average annual generation of the project is approximately 1,170 megawatt-hours (MWh).

MRPA proposes to: (1) Operate the project in a run-of-river mode; (2) replace one of the Flygt turbine-generator units with a new 340-kW Flygt turbine-generator unit, (3) release a minimum flow of 29 cfs or inflow, whichever is less, to the bypassed reach; and (4) close the existing smolt bypass facility. MRPA estimates the project enhancements will result in an average annual generation of approximately 1,900 MWh.

p. 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-3253). At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC at [FEROnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FEROnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).