

Eastern's pipelines. The four mainline segments will remain in-service and be elevated using sandbags and skids for about two years until the longwall mining activities have completed and any potential ground subsidence has settled.

### Background

On October 1, 2019, the Commission issued a *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Marshall County Mine Panel 19E Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues* (NOI). The Commission issued an additional NOI on January 13, 2020, following the Texas Eastern's Marshal County Mine Panel 20E amendment application. The NOIs were sent to affected landowners; owners of minerals rights; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. Comment letters were received from the Osage Nation Historic Preservation Office and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in response to the NOIs. The primary issues raised in the comments are impacts on streams and wetlands and permitting requirements. All substantive comments will be addressed in the EA.

### Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to [www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp).

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](http://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.*, CP19-501), 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](mailto: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: February 13, 2020.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2587-065]

#### Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, and Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process.

b. *Project No.:* 2587-065.

c. *Date Filed:* December 30, 2019.

d. *Submitted By:* Northern States Power Company—Wisconsin (Northern States Power).

e. *Name of Project:* Superior Falls Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Montreal River, in Iron County, Wisconsin and Gogebic County, Michigan. No federal lands are occupied by the project works or located within the project boundary.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 5.3 and 5.5 of the Commission's regulations.

h. *Potential Applicant Contact:* James Zyduck, Northern States Power Company, 1414 West Hamilton Avenue, Post Office Box 8, Eau Claire, WI 54702-0008; (715) 737-1136; email at [James.Zyduck@XcelEnergy.com](mailto:James.Zyduck@XcelEnergy.com).

i. Lee Emery at (202) 502-8379; or email at [lee.emery@ferc.gov](mailto:lee.emery@ferc.gov).

j. Northern States Power filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on December 30, 2019 and provided public notice of the request on December 26, 2019. In a letter dated February 13, 2020, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved Northern States Power's request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.

k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR part 402; and NOAA Fisheries under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.920. We are also initiating consultation with the Michigan and

Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Officers as required by section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. With this notice, we are designating Northern States Power as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; and consultation pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

m. On December 30, 2019, Northern States Power filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD); including a proposed process plan and schedule with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

n. A copy of the PAD is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website (<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 Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.

o. The licensee states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a new license for Project No. 2587. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.8, 16.9, and 16.10, each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by December 31, 2022.

p. Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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