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[Project No. 7141–002]

Mill Shoals Hydro Company, Inc.; Mill Shoals Hydro Company, LLC; Notice of Transfer of Exemption

1. By letter filed April 24, 2015,1 William B. Conway, Jr., Counsel for Enel Green Power North America, Inc. (EGPNA),2 informed the Commission that the exemption from licensing for the Milstead Dam Project, FERC No. 7141, originally issued April 15, 1983,3 has been transferred to Mill Shoals Hydro Company, LLC, an affiliate of Enel Green Power. The project is located on the Yellow River in Rockdale County, Georgia. The transfer of an exemption does not require Commission approval.

2. Mill Shoals Hydro Company, LLC is now the exemptee of the Milstead Dam Project, FERC No. 7141. All correspondence should be forwarded to: Mill Shoals Hydro Company, LLC, c/o Enel Green Power North America, Inc., Attn: General Counsel, 1 Tech Drive, Suite 220, Andover, MA 01810.

Dated: May 19, 2015.

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.

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[Project No. 5633–011]

Hydro Development Group, Inc., Hydro Development Group Acquisition, LLC; Notice of Transfer of Exemption

1. By letter filed April 24, 2015,1 William B. Conway, Jr., Counsel for Enel Green Power North America, Inc. (EGPNA),2 informed the Commission that the exemption from licensing for the Number 3 Mill Project, FERC No. 5633, originally issued July 14, 1982,3 has been transferred to Hydro Development Group Acquisition, LLC, an affiliate of Enel Green Power. The project is located on the South Branch Oswegatchie River in St. Lawrence County, New York. The transfer of an exemption does not require Commission approval.

2. Hydro Development Group Acquisition, LLC is now the exemptee of the Number 3 Mill Project, FERC No. 5633. All correspondence should be forwarded to: Hydro Development Group Acquisition, LLC, c/o Enel Green Power North America, Inc., Attn: General Counsel, 1 Tech Drive, Suite 220, Andover, MA 01810.

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[Project No. CP15–144–000]

Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Jacksonville Expansion Project, and Request for Comments On Environmental Issues

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Jacksonville Expansion Project (Project). The Project would involve constructing and operating interstate natural gas transmission facilities by the Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC (FGT) in Bradford, Clay, Columbia, and Suwannee Counties, Florida.

Specifically, FGT would construct: (1) About 3 miles of pipeline in Suwannee and Columbia Counties; (2) about 5.7 miles of pipeline in Bradford County; and (3) a new compressor unit and regulation station in Bradford County. The Commission will use this EA in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the Project. You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the Project. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental impacts, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or minimize environmental impacts. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the EA. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please send your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before June 15, 2015.

If you sent comments on this Project to the Commission before the opening of this docket on March 31, 2015, you will need to file those comments in Docket No. CP15–144–000 to ensure they are considered as part of this proceeding.

This notice is being sent to the Commission’s current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives should notify their constituents of this proposed project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, an FGT representative may contact you about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the Commission approves the Project, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings where compensation would be determined in accordance with state law.

The “For Citizens” section of the FERC Web site (www.ferc.gov) provides more information about the FERC and the environmental review process. This section also includes information about getting involved in FERC jurisdictional projects, and a citizens’ guide entitled “An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need to Know?” This guide addresses a number of frequently asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission’s proceedings.

Public Participation

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert staff available to assist you at (202) 502–8258 or efiling@ferc.gov. Please carefully set up your e-mail in an electronic mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives should notify their constituents of this proposed project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

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1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature on the Commission’s Web site (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. This is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

2) You can file your comments electronically by using the eFiling feature on the Commission’s Web site (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on “eRegister.” If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select “Comment on a Filing” as the filing type; or

3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address. Be sure to reference the project docket number (CP15–144–000) with your submission: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

Summary of the Proposed Project

According to FGT, the purpose of the Project is to provide a total of approximately 75,000 MMbtu/d of natural gas capacity to be delivered at various amounts at several points throughout Florida. To accomplish this, FGT proposes to:

- Construct approximately 3.0 miles of 30-inch-diameter looping pipeline and associated facilities in Suwannee and Columbia Counties;
- Install one new compressor unit, re-wheel an existing turbine compressor unit, and construct and modify piping and valves at Compressor Station 16 in Bradford County;

- Construct approximately 5.7 miles of 20-inch-diameter looping pipeline and associated facilities in Bradford County and;

- Construct a new regulation station in Bradford County.

FGT would also own, operate, and maintain these interstate natural gas transmission facilities. The general location of the project facilities is shown in Appendix 1.2

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would disturb about 140 acres of land. Following construction, FGT would maintain about 50 acres of land; the remaining land would be restored/stabilized and allowed to revert to former uses. Where feasible, FGT proposes to use existing rights-of-way for construction and operation of the proposed facilities. Both of the proposed pipelines would be 100% collocated with other existing FGT pipelines.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the potential environmental impacts of a proposed project whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us3 to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as “scoping.” The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this notice, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. We will consider all filed comments during the preparation of the EA.

In the EA we will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils;
- Land use;
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands;
- Cultural resources;
- Vegetation and wildlife;
- Air quality and noise;
- Endangered and threatened species;
- Public safety; and
- Cumulative impacts.

We will also evaluate reasonable alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

The EA will present our independent analysis of the issues. The EA will be available in the public record through eLibrary and depending on the comments received during the scoping process we may also publish and distribute the EA to the public for an allotted comment period. We will consider all comments on the EA before making our recommendations to the Commission. To ensure we have the opportunity to consider and address your comments, please carefully follow the instructions in the Public Participation section below.

With this notice, we are asking agencies with jurisdiction by law and/or special expertise with respect to the environmental issues of this project to formally cooperate with us in the preparation of the EA. Agencies that would like to request cooperating agency status should follow the instructions for filing comments provided under the Public Participation section of this notice.

Consultations Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

In accordance with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation’s implementing regulations for section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, we are using this notice to initiate consultation with the applicable State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), 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. We will define the project-specific Area of Potential Effects (APE) in consultation with the SHPO as the project develops. On natural gas facility projects, the APE at a minimum encompasses all areas subject to ground disturbance (examples include construction right-of-way, contractor/pump storage yards, compressor stations, and access roads). Our EA for this project will document our 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 grantees, whose property may be used temporarily for

1 Associated facilities include new or relocated pig launchers and receivers, valves, and cathodic protection equipment.

2 The appendices referenced in this notice will not appear in the Federal Register. Copies of appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at www.ferc.gov using the link called “Library” or from the Commission’s Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice.

3 “We,” “us,” and “our” refer to the environmental staff of the Commission’s Office of Energy Projects.

4 The Council on Environmental Quality regulations addressing cooperating agency responsibilities are at Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1501.6.

5 The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation’s regulations are at Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, 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.
project purposes, or who own homes within certain distances of aboveground facilities, and anyone who submits comments on the project. We will update the environmental mailing list as the analysis proceeds to ensure that we send the information related to this environmental review to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project.

If we publish and distribute the EA, copies of the EA will be sent to the environmental mailing list for public review and comment. If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the document instead of the CD version or would like to remove your name from the mailing list, please return the attached Information Request (Appendix 2).

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an “intervenor” which is an official party to the Commission’s proceeding. Intervenors play a more formal role in the process and are able to file briefs, appear at hearings, and be heard by the courts if they choose to appeal the Commission’s final ruling. An intervenor formally participates in the proceeding by filing a request to intervene. Instructions for becoming an intervenor are in the User’s Guide under the “e-filing” link on the Commission’s Web site.

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 Web site at www.ferc.gov using the “eLibrary” link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on “General Search” and enter the docket number CP15–144 (note: the last three digits are excluded). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. 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.

Finally, public meetings or site visits will be posted on the Commission’s calendar located at www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx along with other related information.

Dated: May 19, 2015.
Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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[Project No. 6756–008]

Sweetwater Hydroelectric, Inc.; Lower Valley, LLC; Notice of Transfer of Exemption

1. By letter filed April 24, 2015,1 William B. Conway, Jr., Counsel for Enel Green Power North America, Inc. (ECPNA),2 informed the Commission that the exemption from licensing for the Lower Valley Project, FERC No. 6756, originally issued November 9, 1982,3 has been transferred to Lower Valley, LLC, an affiliate of Enel Green Power. The project is located on the Sugar River in Sullivan County, New Hampshire. The transfer of an exemption does not require Commission approval.

2. Lower Valley, LLC is now the exemptee of the Lower Valley Project, FERC No. 6756. All correspondence should be forwarded to: Lower Valley, LLC, c/o Enel Green Power North America, Inc., Attn: General Counsel, 1 Tech Drive, Suite 220, Andover, MA 01810.

1 Seventeen other exempted projects which are to be transferred were included in the April 24, 2015 letter. These exemptions will be handled under separate proceedings.
2 ECPNA is a wholly owned subsidiary of Enel Green Power. Enel Green Power is a well-capitalized publicly traded company.
3 21 FERC ¶ 62.216, Notice of Exemption from Licensing (1982).