

information. Additionally, the Department receives information about participants from institutions of higher education (IHEs) and other eligible grantees when participants are no longer receiving assistance through the Indian Education Professional Development program. When the performance period is complete, the participant data are collected from the grantee and also from the participants.

Dated: January 28, 2016.

**Tomakie Washington,**

*Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP16-301-000]

#### **Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.; Notice of Initiation of Section 5 Proceeding**

On January 21, 2016, the Commission issued an order in Docket No. RP16-301-000, pursuant to section 5 of the Natural Gas Act, 15 U.S.C. 717d (2012), instituting an investigation into the justness and reasonableness of Iroquois Gas Transmission System, LP's (Iroquois) currently effective tariff rates. The Commission's order directs Iroquois to file a full cost and revenue study within 75 days of the issuance of the order. *Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.*, 154 FERC ¶61,028 (2016).

Dated: January 21, 2016.

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

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### **Notice of Commission Half-Day Closing**

Pursuant to the Office of Personnel Management announcement on January 22, 2016, all Federal Government offices in the District of Columbia metropolitan area will be closed at 12 noon.

In accordance with section 385.2007 of the Commission's Rules, 18 CFR 385.2007, filings and documents due to be filed on Friday, January 22, 2016 will

be accepted as timely on the next official business day.

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

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### **Notice of Commission Staff Attendance**

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) hereby gives notice that members of the Commission's staff may attend the following meeting related to the transmission planning activities of the New York Independent System Operator, Inc.

#### **The New York Independent System Operator, Inc. Electric System Planning Working Group Meeting**

*January 28, 2016, 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. (EST)*

The above-referenced meeting will be via web conference and teleconference.

The above-referenced meeting is open to stakeholders.

Further information may be found at: [http://www.nyiso.com/public/markets\\_operations/services/planning/index.jsp](http://www.nyiso.com/public/markets_operations/services/planning/index.jsp).

#### **The New York Independent System Operator, Inc. Joint Electric System Planning Working Group and Transmission Planning Advisory Meeting**

*February 5, 2016, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. (EST)*

The above-referenced meeting will be via web conference and teleconference.

The above-referenced meeting is open to stakeholders.

Further information may be found at: [http://www.nyiso.com/public/markets\\_operations/services/planning/index.jsp](http://www.nyiso.com/public/markets_operations/services/planning/index.jsp).

#### **The New York Independent System Operator, Inc. Electric System Planning Working Group Meeting**

*February 25, 2016, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. (EST)*

The above-referenced meeting will be via web conference and teleconference.

The above-referenced meeting is open to stakeholders.

Further information may be found at: [http://www.nyiso.com/public/markets\\_operations/services/planning/index.jsp](http://www.nyiso.com/public/markets_operations/services/planning/index.jsp).

The discussions at the meeting described above may address matters at issue in the following proceedings:

*New York Independent System Operator, Inc.*, Docket No. ER13-102.  
*New York Independent System Operator, Inc.*, Docket No. ER15-2059.  
*New York Independent System Operator, Inc.*, Docket No. ER16-120.  
*New York Transco, LLC*, Docket No. ER15-572.

For more information, contact James Eason, Office of Energy Market Regulation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at (202) 502-8622 or [James.Eason@ferc.gov](mailto:James.Eason@ferc.gov).

Dated: January 21, 2016.

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

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2322-060]

#### **Brookfield White Pine Hydro LLC; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document (PAD), Commencement of Pre-Filing Process, and Scoping; Request for Comments on the Pad and Scoping Document, and Identification of Issues and Associated Study Requests; and Scoping Meeting**

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application for a New License and Pre-Application Document (PAD) (including a proposed process plan and schedule), pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

b. *Project No.:* 2322-060.

c. *Date Filed:* September 21, 2015.

d. *Submitted By:* Brookfield White Pine Hydro LLC (White Pine Hydro).

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

f. *Location:* On the Kennebec River in the towns of Skowhegan, Fairfield, Clinton, and Benton, within Kennebec and Somerset Counties, Maine. The project does not occupy United States lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR part 5 of the Commission's Regulations.

h. *Potential Applicant Contact:* Frank Dunlap, Licensing Specialist, Brookfield White Pine Hydro LLC, 150 Main St., Lewiston, ME 04240; (207) 755-5603; [Frank.Dunlap@brookfieldrenewable.com](mailto:Frank.Dunlap@brookfieldrenewable.com).

i. *FERC Contact:* Dustin Wilson at (202) 502-6528, or email at [dustin.wilson@ferc.gov](mailto:dustin.wilson@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 paragraph o. 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. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with: (1) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or the National Marine Fisheries Service under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, Part 402; and (2) the State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. With this notice, we are designating White Pine Hydro as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation, pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

m. Commission staff issued a Scoping Document 1 (SD1) on November 20, 2015, which also asked for study requests.

n. A copy of the PAD and SD1 are available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room, or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the "eLibrary" link. Enter P-2322 in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCONlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCONlineSupport@ferc.gov), or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.

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.

o. With this notice, we are soliciting public comments on the PAD and the SD1, as well as on issues and associated study requests. All comments and study requests should be sent to the address above in paragraph h. In addition, all comments on the PAD and SD1, study requests, requests for cooperating agency status, and all communications to and from Commission staff related to the merits of the potential application must be filed with the Commission. Documents may be filed electronically

via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and five copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

All filings with the Commission must include on the first page, the project name (Shawmut Hydroelectric Project) and number (P-2322-060), and bear the appropriate heading: "Comments on Pre-Application Document," "Study Requests," "Comments on Scoping Document 1," "Request for Cooperating Agency Status," or "Communications to and from Commission Staff." Any individual or entity interested in submitting study requests, commenting on the PAD or SD1, and any agency requesting cooperating status must do so by March 21, 2016.

Study requests and comments on the PAD or SD1 that have been filed previously are part of the relicensing record and do not need to be refiled.

p. Although our current intent is to prepare an environmental assessment (EA), there is the possibility that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be required. Nevertheless, the scoping meetings held December 16, 2015, and the scoping meeting to be held February 9, 2016, will satisfy the NEPA scoping requirements, irrespective of whether an EA or EIS is issued by the Commission.

#### Scoping Meeting

Commission staff held scoping meetings December 16, 2015. The transcripts for the meetings are in the public record for this project, and are available for review through the Commission's Web site, using the "eLibrary" link.

Commission staff will hold a third scoping meeting in the vicinity of the project at the time and place noted below. All interested individuals and entities, particularly those who were unable to attend the December 16 scoping meetings, are invited to attend the meeting, and to assist staff in identifying particular study needs, as well as the scope of environmental issues to be addressed in the

environmental document. The time and location of the meeting is as follows:

#### Evening Scoping Meeting

*Date:* Tuesday, February 9, 2016.

*Time:* 6:00 p.m.

*Location:* Skowhegan Community Center, 39 Poulin Dr., Skowhegan, Maine 04976.

*Phone:* (207) 474-6901.

As noted in item m. of this notice, SD1 was mailed to the individuals and entities on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of SD1 will be available at the scoping meeting, or may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link. Follow the directions for accessing information in paragraph n. Based on all oral and written comments, a Scoping Document 2 (SD2) may be issued. SD2 may include a revised process plan and schedule, as well as a list of issues.

#### Meeting Objectives

At the scoping meeting, Commission staff will: (1) Initiate scoping of the issues; (2) review and discuss existing conditions and resource management objectives; (3) review and discuss existing information and identify preliminary information and study needs; and (4) review and discuss the process plan and schedule for pre-filing activities.

Meeting participants should come prepared to discuss their issues and/or concerns. Please review the PAD in preparation for the scoping meeting. Directions on how to obtain a copy of the PAD and SD1 are included in item n. of this notice.

#### Meeting Procedures

The meeting will be recorded by a stenographer. The transcript will be placed in the public record for the project.

*Dated:* January 21, 2016.

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

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Combined Notice of Filings #2

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric corporate filings:

*Docket Numbers:* EC16-59-000.

*Applicants:* RE Astoria LLC.

*Description:* Clarification to January 11, 2016 Application for Authorization