

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 2512-075; Project No. 14439-001]

**Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment; Hawks Nest Hydro, LLC**

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the applications for new licenses for the Hawks Nest Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 2512-075) and the Glen Ferris Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 14439-001) located in Fayette County, West Virginia, and has prepared a final Environmental Assessment (final EA) for the projects.

In the final EA, Commission staff analyzes the potential environmental effects of the projects, and concludes that relicensing the projects, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the final EA is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. The final EA may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <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).

You may also 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.

For further information, contact Monir Chowdhury at (202) 502-6736.

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. EL18-11-000]

**Cooperative Energy; Notice of Petition for Partial Waiver**

Take notice that on October 19, 2017, pursuant to section 292.402 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practices and Procedures 18 CFR 292.402 (2017), Cooperative Energy on behalf of itself and its eleven electric distribution cooperative members-owners (collectively, the Members),<sup>1</sup> submitted a request that the Commission waive certain obligations imposed on Cooperative Energy and the Members under sections 292.303(a) and 292.303(b) of the Commission's Regulations<sup>2</sup> implementing section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978<sup>3</sup> as amended, as more fully explained in its petition.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the eFiling link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public

<sup>1</sup> Cooperative Energy's eleven Member-owners are: Coahoma EPA (Lyon, MS); Delta EPA (Greenwood, MS); Twin County EPA (Hollandale, MS); Yazoo Valley EPA (Yazoo City, MS); Southwest MS EPA (Lorman, MS); Southern Pine Electric Cooperative (Taylorsville, MS); Magnolia EPA (McComb, MS); Dixie EPA (Laurel, MS); Pearl River Valley EPA (Columbia, MS); Coast EPA (Kiln, MS); and Singing River Electric Cooperative (Lucedale, MS).

<sup>2</sup> 18 CFR 292.303(a) and (b) (2017).

<sup>3</sup> 16 U.S.C. 824a-3 (2012).

Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on November 9, 2017.

Dated: October 23, 2017.

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Secretary.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 1494-438]

**Notice of Public Information Sessions; Grand River Dam Authority**

On November 14 and 15, 2017, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) staff will host a series of public information sessions regarding the procedure for relicensing Grand River Dam Authority's (GRDA) Pensacola Hydroelectric Project No. 1494 (Pensacola Project). The project is located on the Grand (Neosho) River in Craig, Delaware, Mayes, and Ottawa Counties, Oklahoma.

a. Date, Time, and Location of Meetings:

Tuesday, November 14, 2017, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., GRDA Ecosystems and Education Center, 420 OK-28, Langley, OK 74350, (918) 256-5545.  
Wednesday, November 15, 2017, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., GRDA Ecosystems and Education Center, 420 OK-28, Langley, OK 74350, (918) 256-5545.  
Wednesday, November 15, 2017, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Grove City Hall, 104 West Third Street, Grove, OK 74344, (918) 786-6107.

b. *FERC Contact:* Rachel McNamara, 202-502-8340 or [rachel.mcnamara@ferc.gov](mailto:rachel.mcnamara@ferc.gov).

c. *Purpose of Meeting:* In January 2018, the Commission will commence relicensing of the project under the Integrated Licensing Process (ILP). To assist local, state, and federal agencies, Indian tribes, and other interested entities and individuals in participating during the relicensing process, Commission staff invite the public to attend information sessions about the ILP and how stakeholders can best participate in the process.

d. *Proposed Agenda*: Each meeting will include an overview of the ILP and discussion of the specific process plan (schedule) for the Pensacola Project, opportunities for public comment, and how the Commission assesses information needs during the study planning process. There will also be time for stakeholders to ask any additional questions related to the relicensing process.

Dated: October 23, 2017.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP17-8-000]

#### Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed East-West Project; Florida Gas Transmission, LLC

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the East-West Project, proposed by Florida Gas Transmission, LLC (FGT) in the above-referenced docket. FGT requests authorization to construct and operate about 13.3 miles of 12-inch-diameter lateral pipeline, about 11.4 miles of 16-inch-diameter lateral and connection pipeline, and four new meter and regulation (M&R) stations and auxiliary and appurtenant facilities in Wharton, Matagorda, Jefferson, and Orange Counties, Texas, and Calcasieu and Acadia Parishes, Louisiana.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the East-West Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The proposed East-West Project includes the following facilities:

- About 13.3 miles of 12-inch-diameter delivery lateral pipe and M&R facilities (milepost 13.3) in Matagorda and Wharton counties, Texas;
- about 11.4 miles of 16-inch-diameter delivery lateral pipe and M&R facilities (milepost 11) in Jefferson County, Texas;

- about 0.5 mile of 16-inch-diameter connection piping and M&R facilities in Acadia Parish, Louisiana and 0.02 mile of 12-inch-diameter connection piping and M&R facilities in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana; and

- modifications to station piping and installation of automated valves at Compressor Station (CS 6) in Orange County, Texas, so that CS 6 will be able to flow gas bi-directionally on the mainline.

The FERC staff mailed copies of the EA to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups; and newspapers and libraries in the project area. In addition, the EA is available for public viewing on the FERC's Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) using the eLibrary link. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8371.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that the Commission has the opportunity to consider your comments prior to making its decision on this project, it is important that we receive your comments in Washington, DC on or before November 20, 2017.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to file your comments to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the project docket number (CP17-8-000) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov).

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature on the Commission's Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://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 also file your comments electronically using the eFiling feature on the Commission's Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://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. You must select the type of filing you are making. If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select "Comment on a Filing"; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).<sup>1</sup> Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision. The Commission grants affected landowners and others with environmental concerns intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which no other party can adequately represent. Simply filing environmental comments will not give you intervenor status, but you do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

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 ([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 excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (*i.e.*, CP17-8). 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 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](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp).

<sup>1</sup> See the previous discussion on the methods for filing comments.