

Programs on the stewardship and maintenance of the Nation's nuclear deterrent.

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of this meeting of the DPAC is to provide organizational updates, the path forward on the Committee report provided to the National Nuclear Security Administration in response to its charge, and to have initial discussion of the next charges to the Committee.

Type of Meeting: In the interest of national security, the meeting will be closed to the public. The Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., App. 2, section 10(d), and the Federal Advisory Committee Management Regulation, 41 CFR 102–3.155, incorporate by reference the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b, which, at 552b(c)(1) and (c)(3) permits closure of meetings where restricted data or other classified matters will be discussed. Such data and matters will be discussed at this meeting.

Tentative Agenda: Opening Remarks; DP Programmatic Updates; Path forward on DPAC report; Subcommittee Update, Discussion of next charges; Conclusion.

Public Participation: There will be no public participation in this closed meeting. Those wishing to provide written comments or statements to the Committee are invited to send them to Dana Hunter at the address listed above.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will not be available.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 11, 2018.

LaTanya R. Butler,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER18–624–000]

Woomera Energy, LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of Woomera Energy LLC's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal

Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is January 29, 2018.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above-referenced proceeding are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available for electronic review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the website 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, or call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Dated: January 9, 2018.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project Nos. 2593–000; 2823–000]

Algonquin Power (Beaver Falls), LLC; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

On December 30, 2015, Algonquin Power (Beaver Falls), LLC, licensee for

the Upper Beaver Falls Hydroelectric Project No. 2593 and the Lower Beaver Falls Hydroelectric Project No. 2823, filed a joint application for subsequent license¹ pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission's regulations thereunder. Both projects are located on the Beaver River in the towns of Croghan and New Bremen in Lewis County, New York.

The license terms for Project Nos. 2593 and 2823 ended on December 31, 2017. Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year-to-year an annual license to the then licensee under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of section 15 of the FPA, then, based on section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 2593 is issued to the licensee for a period effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before December 31, 2018, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license

¹ The Commission issued a minor license for the Upper Beaver Falls Project on April 19, 1985 (expiring December 31, 2017), and for the Lower Beaver Falls Project on October 18, 1979 (expiring September 30, 2019). On June 8, 2012, the licensee requested to accelerate expiration of the Lower Beaver Falls Project license term to December 31, 2017, in order to coordinate relicensing proceedings for both projects, which the Commission granted on October 10, 2012. In its December 30, 2015, license application, Algonquin Power (Beaver Falls), LLC proposes to combine both minor projects into a single, major project under 5 megawatts. However, the current licenses for both projects are minor licenses where the applicability of section 15 of the FPA was waived.

under section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

If the projects are not subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that the licensee, Algonquin Power (Beaver Falls), LLC, is authorized to continue operation of the Upper Beaver Falls and Lower Beaver Falls Hydroelectric Projects, until such time as the Commission acts on its license application.

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Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP18-24-000]

Steel Reef Pipelines US LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Saskatchewan Pipeline 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 South Saskatchewan Pipeline Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Steel Reef Pipelines US LLC (Steel Reef) in Burke County, North Dakota. 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 effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen 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 February 10, 2018.

If you sent comments on this project to the Commission before the opening of this docket on December 8, 2017, you will need to file those comments in Docket No. CP18-24-000 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.

Steel Reef provided landowners with a fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled *An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?* This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is also available for viewing on the FERC website (www.ferc.gov).

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 FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded.

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the *eComment* feature on the Commission's website (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 website (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 (C18-24-000) 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

Steel Reef's proposed Saskatchewan Pipeline Project, referred to as the

Border Crossing Facilities in its application, includes a 250-foot-long 10.75-inch-outside-diameter pipeline along with aboveground facilities including a metering facility, a remote telemetry unit, and a pig trap launcher. The facilities are part of the southern end of Steel Reef's planned 2.2-mile-long 10.75-inch-outside-diameter South Saskatchewan Access Pipeline (SSA Pipeline) it plans to build connecting gathering facilities owned by Petro Harvester Oil & Gas, LLC near Portal, North Dakota to an interconnection with an existing natural gas processing plant owned by Steel Reef Infrastructure Corporation near North Portal in Saskatchewan, Canada. Steel Reef states that the Saskatchewan Pipeline Project's facilities would, as part of the SSA Pipeline, permit the transport of up to 30 million standard cubic feet per day of sour natural gas gathered from existing oil wells owned and operated by Petro Harvester Oil & Gas, LLC (Petro Harvester) within the Burke County region of North Dakota.

Steel Reef requests certification by July 2, 2018, and expects to perform its construction activities in a 30-day period.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.¹

Land Requirements for Construction

Steel Reef would limit its construction activities to 0.75 acres of agricultural land, comprised of 0.35 acres of new permanent pipeline right-of-way and 0.40 acres of temporary workspace. The new permanent pipeline right-of-way width would be 65 feet. Steel Reef would restore the temporary right-of-way to pre-abandonment conditions. An 0.14 acre portion of the permanent right-of-way would overlap the Petro Harvester lease where Steel Reef would have a shared land use agreement. None of the route would be co-located with other existing utilities, roads or other infrastructure.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and

¹ 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 "eLibrary" 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.