CHART 2—DIRECT PLUS LOANS AND DIRECT PLUS CONSOLIDATION LOANS INTEREST RATES BASED ON WEEKLY AVERAGE OF ONE-YEAR CONSTANT MATURITY TREASURY YIELD

Loan type	Cohort	Weekly average of 1-year constant maturity treasury yield for last calendar week ending on or before 06/26/21 (%)	Add-on (%)	Maximum rate (%)	Interest rate 07/01/21 through 06/30/22 (%)
PLUS, PLUS Consolidation	First disbursed before 07/01/98	0.09	3.10	9.00	3.19

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Request for Information Regarding Establishment of the Department of Energy Uranium Reserve Program

AGENCY: National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Request for information (RFI).

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE or the Department) is issuing this RFI to invite public comment on topics related to establishment of the DOE's Uranium Reserve program.

DATES: Written comments and information are requested on or before September 10, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons may submit comments by any of the following methods:

Email: rfi-uranium@hq.doe.gov. Submit electronic comments in Microsoft Word or PDF file format and avoid the use of special characters or any form of encryption. Please include ''Response to Uranium Reserve RFI'' in the subject line.

Postal Mail: Response to Uranium Reserve RFI, c/o Mr. Kyle Fowler, U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Mailstop NA–10, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585–0121.

Online: Responses will be accepted online at *https://www.regulations.gov.*

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name for this request for information. No facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted.

Note: The Government has posted a parallel RFI to *SAM.gov* in order invite industry comment on topics related to establishment of the DOE's Uranium Reserve program. To avoid duplicate submissions, interested parties are encouraged to only respond to one of the notices.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for further information should be sent to: *rfi-uranium@hq.doe.gov* or Mr. Kyle Fowler, (202) 586–1963. If responding by email, please include ''Question on Uranium Reserve RFI'' in the subject line.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In the United States (U.S.), nuclear energy provides more than 55 percent of our clean energy and supports about half a million American jobs. However, the U.S. nuclear industry and the nuclear fuel supply chain face significant challenges that have left domestic nuclear fuel suppliers in a weakened position on the domestic and global stage. Revitalizing the U.S. nuclear fuel supply infrastructure would support the Administration's goals described in the American Jobs Plan,[1] including addressing the climate crisis, creating American jobs, positioning the U.S. to compete with economic rivals, and supporting national security. It would support environmental justice initiatives, prioritize addressing long-standing and persistent racial injustice by targeting 40 percent of the benefits of climate and clean infrastructure investments to disadvantaged communities, consider rural communities and communities impacted by the market-based transition to clean energy, and include meaningful stakeholder engagement.

In December 2020, Congress passed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Pub. L. 116–260) that makes $75,000,000 available to the Department for the Uranium Reserve Program. The Department is considering options to acquire natural uranium and convert this uranium into uranium hexafluoride that would be stored at commercial facilities in the United States.

In considering options, the Department will focus on reinvigorating domestic nuclear fuel supply chain capabilities, utilizing existing facilities, and minimizing negative disruption of market mechanisms. The Department expects the acquisition of natural uranium to result in new uranium production at existing domestic sites. The Department does not intend such new production to initiate or expand mining on Tribal lands, expand the Office of Legacy Management's (LM) Uranium Leasing Program, or expand access to additional uranium deposits located on other Federal lands. Additionally, the Department does not intend to acquire uranium or uranium hexafluoride produced from enricher underfeeding, the re-enrichment of tails, or other sources that do not support the reinvigoration of uranium production and conversion capabilities. Likewise, the Department expects to use existing domestic commercial conversion

[1] *https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/03/31/fact-sheet-the-american-jobs-plan/*

capabilities and store the uranium hexafluoride at a domestic facility.

The Department will comply with all applicable laws, including the National Environmental Policy Act and the National Historic Preservation Act, in the proposed establishment of a uranium reserve. In addition, the Department will give careful attention to energy justice, distributive impacts, and other relevant issues in its decision-making process. This program would include meaningful engagement with stakeholders, including State, local, Tribal governments, and disadvantaged communities.

The Department is publishing this RFI to gain a better understanding of Tribal and other disadvantaged communities and stakeholder views on topics related to the establishment of a uranium reserve. Responses to the RFI will inform the Department's establishment of a uranium reserve, as well as the development of a procurement strategy for acquisition of uranium, conversion services, and storage.

Specific Questions on Which Information Is Requested

The Department is seeking public comment on the following questions related to the establishment of a uranium reserve and the development of a procurement strategy for acquiring uranium, conversion services, and storage for the uranium. Please provide data, analyses, or other justifications for all responses.

General Questions

(1) How can the establishment of a uranium reserve be structured to:

Incentivize the production of uranium from domestic sources and the maintenance of domestic conversion services,

Support the Administration's goals described in the American Jobs Plan, and

Promote energy justice, including consideration of community needs and distribution of benefits pursuant to the Justice40 Initiative? [2]

(2) How do you envision reinvigorating the domestic nuclear fuel supply chain as being responsive to the President's Justice40 Initiative—a plan to deliver 40 percent of the overall benefits of climate investments to disadvantaged communities and inform equitable research, development, and deployment within the DOE? Please provide specific actions, the type of benefit (*i.e.* employment, educational opportunities, etc.) and targeted communities that would be responsive.

(3) What siting and environmental justice concerns should the Department consider in the management of any waste generated through establishment of a uranium reserve? Please provide specific concerns, (*e.g.,* siting, transportation, exposure, and other human health impacts, including knowledge of the potential impacts of exposure to the hazards associated with uranium production).

(4) Are there additional factors or considerations that should be taken into account regarding the establishment of a uranium reserve?

Limitations and/or Restrictions

The Department is considering the following factors as we develop our approach to acquire and convert natural uranium and to store uranium hexafluoride in commercial facilities:

Uranium must be newly-produced in the U.S. from deposits at an existing site; uranium that was produced previously that is currently held in inventory will not be eligible.

Uranium newly-produced from ''alternate feed'' materials are eligible to be bid for sale.

Provision of uranium must not require (1) initiation or expansion of mining on Tribal lands; (2) expansion of the Office of Legacy Management's Uranium Leasing Program; or (3) expansion of access to additional uranium deposits located on other Federal lands.

Provision of conversion services must utilize existing domestic commercial facilities.

The entity providing uranium, conversion services, or storage must be U.S.-owned or controlled.

Uranium and conversion services must not carry any peaceful-use or end-use restrictions.

(5) Do the limitations/restrictions support the Department's objective to incentivize the production of U.S. uranium and conversion services? Why or why not?

(6) Should any of these limitations/restrictions be modified or eliminated? Include your justification for any modification or elimination.

(7) Please describe any additional limitations/restrictions (other than cost) that you believe the Department should consider and include your justification.

Additional factors for consideration:

(8) Please describe any additional considerations (other than cost) that you believe the Department should consider and include your justification.

(9) Please describe any legal, regulatory, and policy issues, including environmental justice concerns, that should be addressed to enable the implementation of the Uranium Reserve Program under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Pub. L. 116–260).

(10) To what extent should the Department prioritize support for multiple suppliers?

Should the Department impose limitations on the procurement of uranium from a single company?

If so, should the limits be percentage-based or based on an absolute quantity maximum?

Submission of Comments

DOE invites all interested parties to submit in writing by 30 days from the publication of this RFI or by September 10, 2021, comments and information on matters addressed in this RFI. Any information that may be business proprietary and exempt by law from public discourse should be submitted as described in Section IV. Business Proprietary Information.

Business Proprietary Information

Pursuant to 10 CFR 1004.11, any person submitting information he or she believes to be business proprietary and exempt by law from public disclosure should submit via email, or postal mail two well-marked copies: One copy of the document marked ''Business Proprietary'' including all the information believed to be proprietary, and one copy of the document marked ''non-Proprietary'' with the information believed to be business proprietary deleted. DOE will make its own determination about the business proprietary status of the information and treat it according to its determination. Factors of interest to DOE when evaluating requests to treat submitted information as business proprietary include: (1) A description of the items; (2) whether and why such items are customarily treated as business proprietary within the industry; (3) whether the information is generally known by or available from other sources; (4) whether the information has previously been made available to others without obligation concerning its business proprietary nature; (5) an explanation of the competitive injury to the submitting person which would result from public disclosure; (6) when such information might lose its business proprietary character due to the passage of time; and (7) why disclosure of the information would be contrary to the public interest.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on August 4, 2021,

[2] *https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/27/executive-order-on-tackling-the-climate-crisis-at-home-and-abroad/.*

by Jill Hruby, Under Secretary for Nuclear Security and Administrator of the National Nuclear Security Administration, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on August 4, 2021.

Treena V. Garrett,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 6470–008]

Winooski Hydroelectric Company; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission and Soliciting Additional Study Requests and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Relicensing and a Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* Subsequent Minor License.

b. *Project No.:* 6470–008.

c. *Date Filed:* July 30, 2021.

d. *Applicant:* Winooski Hydroelectric Company (WHC).

e. *Name of Project:* Winooski 8 Hydroelectric Project (project).

f. *Location:* On the Winooski River in Washington County, Vermont. No federal lands are occupied by the project works or located within the project boundary.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a)–825(r)

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mathew Rubin, General Partner, Winooski Hydroelectric Company, 26 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont 05602; (802) 793–5939; or email at *m@mrubin.biz.*

i. *FERC Contact:* Kristen Sinclair at (202) 502–6587, or *kristen.sinclair@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 item l 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. Pursuant to section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the application, and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

l. *Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status:* September 28, 2021.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status using the Commission's eFiling system at *https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOnline.aspx.* For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov,* (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. All filings must clearly identify the project name and docket number on the first page: Winooski 8 Hydroelectric Project (P–6470–008).

m. The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. *Project Description:* The existing Winooski 8 Hydroelectric Project consists of: (1) A 222.5-foot-long, 26-foot-high concrete gravity dam impounding a reservoir with a storage capacity of approximately 20 acre-feet at an elevation of 615 feet mean sea level; (2) a 148-foot-long spillway with 4-foot-high flashboards built into the crest of the dam; (3) a 24-foot-long, hydraulically operated crest gate built into the crest of the dam; (4) a 1,100-square-foot forebay located adjacent to the project impoundment; (5) three hydraulically operated trashracks; (6) a 1,550-square-foot powerhouse that contains two semi-Kaplan turbines and one fixed propeller turbine for a total installed capacity of 856 kilowatts; (7) a 100-foot-long tailrace; (8) a 1,000 kilovolt-amp station transformer; (9) a 30-foot long, 13-kilovolt transmission line and (10) appurtenant facilities. The project generates an annual average of 3,507 megawatt-hours. WHC proposes to continue to operate the project in an automated run-of-river mode. WHC also proposes to add 3.6 acres to the existing project boundary to enclose a 4,100-foot-long dirt road currently used by WHC to access the dam and powerhouse and to enclose an existing unimproved site that provides access to the river for boating and fishing activities downstream of the dam.

o. In addition to publishing the full text of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this notice, as well as other documents in the proceeding (*e.g.,* license application) via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (*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 (P–6470). At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID–19) issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or call toll-free, (866) 208–3676 or (202) 502–8659 (TTY).

You may also register online at *https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOnline.aspx* to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

p. *Procedural Schedule:* The application will be processed according to the following preliminary schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Issue Deficiency Letter (if necessary)—August 2021

Request Additional Information (if needed)—September 2021

Issue Notice of Acceptance—December 2021

Issue Scoping Document 1 for comments—January 2022