

*Written Statements:* Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140, and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, written statements to the committee may be submitted to the committee at any time or in response to a stated planned meeting agenda by FAX or email to Ms. Joycelyn Stevens at (202) 685–0079, Fax (202) 685–3920 or [StevensJ7@ndu.edu](mailto:StevensJ7@ndu.edu).

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Accrediting Agencies Currently Undergoing Review for the Purposes of Recognition by the U.S. Secretary of Education

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Education, Accreditation Group, Office of Postsecondary Education.

**ACTION:** Call for written third-party comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides information to members of the public on submitting written comments for accrediting agencies currently undergoing review for purposes of recognition by the U.S. Secretary of Education.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Herman Bounds, Director, Accreditation Group, Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 2C158, Washington, DC 20202, telephone: (202) 453–7615, or email: [herman.bounds@ed.gov](mailto:herman.bounds@ed.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This request for written third-party comments concerning the performance of accrediting agencies under review by the Secretary of Education is required by 496(n)(1)(A) of the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965, as amended, and pertains to the summer 2023 meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI). The meeting date and location have not been determined, but will be announced in a later **Federal Register** notice. In addition, a later **Federal Register** notice will describe how to register to provide oral comments at the meeting.

*Agencies Under Review and Evaluation:* The Department requests written comments from the public on the following accrediting agencies, which are currently undergoing review

and evaluation by the Accreditation Group, and which will be reviewed at the summer 2023 NACIQI meeting.

The agencies are listed by the type of application each agency has submitted. Please note, each agency's current scope of recognition is indicated below. If any agency requests a change to its scope of recognition, identified are both the current scope of recognition and the requested scope of recognition.

#### Applications for Renewal of Recognition

1. Association of Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools, Accreditation Commission. *Scope of Recognition:* The accreditation and pre-accreditation (“Correspondent” and “Candidate”) of advanced rabbinical and Talmudic schools to include Associate, Baccalaureate, Masters, Doctorate, and First Rabbinic and First Talmudic degrees programs.

*Geographic Area of Accrediting Activities:* Throughout the United States.

2. Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics. *Scope of Recognition:* The accreditation and pre-accreditation, of Didactic and Coordinated Programs in Dietetics at both the undergraduate and graduate level, postbaccalaureate Dietetic Internships, and Dietetic Technician Programs at the associate degree level and for its accreditation of such programs offered via distance education.

*Geographic Area of Accrediting Activities:* Throughout the United States.

3. American Optometric Association, Accreditation Council on Optometric Education. *Scope of Recognition:* The accreditation of professional optometric degree programs and optometric residency programs, and for the pre-accreditation category of Preliminary Approval for professional optometric degree programs.

*Geographic Area of Accrediting Activities:* Throughout the United States.

4. Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. *Scope of Recognition:* The accreditation of nursing education programs at the baccalaureate, master's, doctoral, and certificate levels, including programs offering distance education.

*Geographic Area of Accrediting Activities:* Throughout the United States.

5. Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs. *Scope of Recognition:* The accreditation of institutions and programs of nurse anesthesia at the post master's

certificate, master's, or doctoral degree levels, including programs offering distance education.

*Geographic Area of Accrediting Activities:* Throughout the United States.

*Requested Scope of Recognition:* The accreditation of institutions and programs of nurse anesthesia at the post master's certificate, post-doctoral certificate, master's, or doctoral degree levels, including programs offering distance education.

*Geographic Area of Accrediting Activities:* Throughout the United States.

6. Liaison Committee on Medical Education. *Scope of Recognition:* The accreditation of medical education programs leading to the M.D. degree.

*Geographic Area of Accrediting Activities:* Throughout the United States.

7. National Association of Schools of Art and Design, Commission on Accreditation. *Scope of Recognition:* The accreditation of freestanding institutions and units offering art/design and art/design-related programs (both degree- and non-degree-granting), including those offered via distance education.

*Geographic Area of Accrediting Activities:* Throughout the United States.

8. Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. *Scope of Recognition:* The accreditation and pre-accreditation (“Candidacy status”) of postsecondary degree-granting educational institutions and the accreditation of programs offered via distance education within these institutions.

*Geographic Area of Accrediting Activities:* Throughout the United States.

#### Compliance Report

1. Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation. *Scope of Recognition:* The accreditation of institutions and programs that award postsecondary certificates, postsecondary diplomas, academic Associate degrees and occupational Associate degrees, in the practice of massage therapy, bodywork, and aesthetics/esthetics and skin care. *Geographic Area of Accrediting Activities:* Throughout the United States.

The compliance report addresses findings of noncompliance with 34 CFR 602 as referenced in the senior Department official's (SDO) decision letter dated June 02, 2021, available under NACIQI meeting date February 25, 2021, available at: <https://surveys.ope.ed.gov/erecognition/Public Documents>.

### Submission of Written Comments Regarding a Specific Accrediting Agency Under Review

Written comments about the recognition of any of the accrediting agencies listed above must be received by June 06, 2022, in the [ThirdPartyComments@ed.gov](mailto:ThirdPartyComments@ed.gov) mailbox. Please include in the subject line "Written Comments: (agency name)." The electronic mail (email) must include the name(s), title, organization/affiliation, mailing address, email address, and telephone number of the person(s) making the comment. Comments should be submitted as a PDF, Microsoft Word document or in a medium compatible with Microsoft Word that is attached to an email or provided in the body of an email message. Comments about an agency that has submitted a compliance report scheduled for review by the Department must relate to the criteria for recognition cited in the SDO's letter that requested the report, or in the Secretary's appeal decision, if any. Comments about an agency that has submitted a petition for initial recognition, renewal of recognition, or an expansion of scope must relate to the agency's compliance with the Criteria for the Recognition of Accrediting Agencies, which are available at: <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-34/subtitle-B/chapter-VI/part-602?toc=1>.

Only written materials submitted by the deadline to the email address listed in this notice, and in accordance with these instructions, become part of the official record concerning agencies scheduled for review and are considered by the Department and NACIQI in their deliberations.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 4428-011]

#### Walden Hydro, LLC; Notice of Waiver of Water Quality Certification

On May 29, 2020, Walden Hydro, LLC (Walden Hydro) filed an application for a new license for the Walden Hydroelectric Project (project) in the above captioned docket. On April 1, 2021, Walden Hydro filed with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation a request for water quality certification for the project under section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

On April 15, 2021, staff provided the certifying authority with written notice pursuant to 40 CFR 121.6(b) that the applicable reasonable period of time for the state to act on the certification request was one (1) year from the date of receipt of the request, and that the certification requirement for the license would be waived if the certifying authority failed to act by April 1, 2022. Because the state did not act by April 1, 2022, we are notifying you pursuant to 40 CFR 121.9(c), and section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1341(a)(1), that waiver of the certification requirement has occurred.

Dated: April 29, 2022.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER22-1698-000]

#### EDF Spring Field WPC, 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 EDF Spring Field WPC, 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 May 19, 2022.

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 may mail similar pleadings to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. Hand delivered submissions in docketed proceedings should be delivered to Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document 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. 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 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TYY, (202) 502-8659.