

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-4113). For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

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q. *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 and Request Additional Information April 2024

Issue Scoping Document 1 for comments July 2024

Request Additional Information (if necessary) August 2024

Issue Acceptance Letter August 2024

Issue Scoping Document 2 (if necessary) September 2024

Issue Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis September 2024

r. Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

Dated: March 8, 2024.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2392-040]

Ampersand Gilman Hydro, LP; Notice Soliciting Scoping Comments

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

a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.

b. *Project No.:* P-2392-040.

c. *Date Filed:* March 29, 2022.

d. *Applicant:* Ampersand Gilman Hydro, LP.

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

f. *Location:* The project is located on the Connecticut River and straddles the Village of Gilman, within the Town of Lunenburg, Essex County, Vermont, and the Town of Dalton, Coos County, New Hampshire.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Sayad Moudachirou, Licensing Manager, 717 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 1A, Boston, MA 02111; (617) 933-7206 or sayad@ampersandenergy.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Ousmane Sidibe, (202) 502-6245 or ousmane.sidibe@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing scoping comments:* April 8, 2024.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file scoping comments using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOnline.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. 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: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852. All filings must clearly identify the following on the first page: Gilman Hydroelectric Project (P-2392-040).

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all interveners filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervener files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

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

l. The existing Gilman Hydroelectric Project consists of: (1) a 38.3-foot-high, 324.5-foot-wide concrete gravity dam with a crest elevation of 826.8 feet (NGVD29) that includes: (a) a 5-foot-high, 108-foot-long rubber bladder along an overflow spillway on the New Hampshire side of the dam; (b) a 6.5-foot-high, 109-foot-long rubber bladder along the overflow spillway on the Vermont side of the dam; and (c) an 18-foot-high, 27-foot-wide hydraulically operated crest gate; (2) a 130-acre project reservoir with a storage capacity of 705 acre-feet at a normal maximum surface elevation of 833.3 feet; (3) a brick and steel-timber-framed powerhouse integral to the dam on the Vermont side that contains four generating turbine units with a total generating capacity of 4.95 megawatts; (4) a 242-foot-long, 23.75-foot-wide trash rack with approximately 2-inch spacing and 11 wooden or steel head gates that span 117 feet across the upstream face of the powerhouse; (5) a downstream fish passage facility that diverts and guides fish to a 5-foot-wide bypass at the dam controlled by a tilting gate that releases water a 5-foot-deep plunge pool immediately downstream of the dam; (6) a tailrace channel; (7) a 34.5-kilovolt, 200-foot-long transmission line connecting to the grid; and (8) appurtenant facilities.

Ampersand Gilman Hydro, LP proposes to continue to operate the project in a run-of-river mode with no storage or flood control capacity. In accordance with Condition A of the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation's water quality certification issued for the project, the project adheres to the following downstream minimum flow release requirements: (1) from June 1 through October 15, whenever inflow to the project is 1,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) or less, maintain a continuous downstream minimum flow of 210 cfs or inflow to the project, whichever is less; (2) when inflow falls below 600 cfs, conduct dissolved oxygen sampling downstream of the dam to determine whether additional flow release is

necessary; and (3) in instances of operational issues or should the need to refill the impoundment, maintain a minimum instantaneous flow of 757 cfs until normal operations can be restored. The project can operate in most of the extreme conditions of the Connecticut River and generate electricity from flows of 130 cfs up to high flood conditions of 35,000 cfs. The estimated average annual generation of the project from 2008 to 2018 is 25,000 megawatt-hours.

m. Copies of the application can be viewed on the Commission's website at <https://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the project's 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.

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o. Scoping Process.

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Commission staff intends to prepare either an environmental assessment (EA) or an environmental impact statement (EIS) (collectively referred to as the "NEPA document") that describes and evaluates the probable effects, including an assessment of the site-specific and cumulative effects, if any, of the proposed action and alternatives. The Commission's scoping process will help determine the required level of analysis and satisfy the NEPA scoping requirements, irrespective of whether the Commission issues an EA or an EIS. At this time, we do not anticipate holding an on-site scoping meeting. Instead, we are soliciting written comments and suggestions on the preliminary list of issues and alternatives to be addressed in the NEPA document, as described in scoping document 1 (SD1), issued March 8, 2024.

Copies of the SD1 outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the NEPA document were distributed to the parties on the Commission's mailing list and the applicant's distribution list. Copies of SD1 may be viewed on the web 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, call 1-866-208-3676 or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP23-375-000]

Elba Liquefaction Company, LLC and Southern LNG Company, LLC; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Elba Liquefaction Optimization Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Elba Liquefaction Project (Project), in Elba Island, Chatham County, Georgia, proposed by Elba Liquefaction Company, LLC (ELC) and Southern LNG Company, LLC (SLNG) in the above-referenced docket.

On April 28, 2023, ELC and SLNG filed a joint application requesting Authorization under Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act to amend existing authorizations under CP14-103-000, originally approved by the Commission on June 1, 2016,¹ to modify certain Movable Modular Liquefaction System (MMLS) Dehydration and Heavies Removal units within the existing liquefied natural gas terminal. The modifications would reduce the fouling rate in the liquefaction units, reduce flaring events, and allow the MMLS units to operate in an optimized condition for longer periods of time.

Specifically, ELC and SLNG request authorization to make modifications to ten (10) MMLS units; construct and operate a new condensate plant; install three (3) new liquid nitrogen vaporizers; and increase the total liquefaction capacity of the MMLS units up to approximately 2.9 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) from 2.5.

¹ Elba Liquefaction Company, L.L.C., 155 FERC ¶ 61,219, (2016).

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the 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 U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the U.S. Department of Transportation participated as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EA. Cooperating agencies have jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to resources potentially affected by the proposal and participate in the NEPA analysis.

The Commission mailed a copy of the *Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Elba Liquefaction Optimization Project* 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. The EA is only available in electronic format. It may be viewed and downloaded from the FERC's website (www.ferc.gov), on the natural gas environmental documents page (<https://www.ferc.gov/industries-data/natural-gas/environment/environmental-documents>). In addition, the EA may be accessed by using the eLibrary link on FERC's website. Click on the eLibrary link (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search>), select "General Search" and enter the docket number in the "Docket Number" field, (*i.e.*, CP23-375). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

The EA is not a decision document. It presents Commission staff's independent analysis of the environmental issues for the Commission to consider when addressing the merits of all issues in this proceeding. Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Your comments should focus on the EA's disclosure and discussion of potential environmental effects, measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts, the completeness of the submitted alternatives, and information and analyses. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be.