

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. CP26–2–000]****Enable Mississippi River Transmission, LLC; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Ameren–EMRT Big Hollow Project**

On October 6, 2025, Enable Mississippi River Transmission, LLC (EMRT) filed an application in Docket No. CP26–2–000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to construct and operate certain natural gas pipeline facilities in Monroe County, Illinois and Jefferson County, Missouri. The proposed project is known as the Ameren–EMRT Big Hollow Project (Project) and would provide about 200,000 million standard cubic feet per day of transportation capacity to the Union Electric Company's d/b/a Ameren Missouri's (Ameren) new gas-fired electric generating plant at the Big Hollow Energy Center on the site of their retired Rush Island coal-fired Energy Center.

On October 15, 2025, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's environmental document for the Project.

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the Project and the planned schedule for the completion of the environmental review.<sup>1</sup> The EA will be issued for a 30-day comment period.

**Schedule for Environmental Review**

Issuance of EA—April 10, 2026  
90-day Federal Authorization Decision  
Deadline<sup>2</sup>—July 9, 2026

<sup>1</sup> For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX–019–20–000–1763644926.

<sup>2</sup> The Commission's deadline applies to the decisions of other federal agencies, and state agencies acting under federally delegated authority, that are responsible for federal authorizations, permits, and other approvals necessary for proposed projects under the Natural Gas Act. Per 18 CFR 157.22(a), the Commission's deadline for other agency's decisions applies unless a schedule is otherwise established by federal law.

If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the Project's progress.

**Project Description**

The Project includes construction and operation of a lateral pipeline, measurement and regulation station, and appurtenant facilities to facilitate Union Electric Company's d/b/a Ameren Missouri's (Ameren) new gas-fired electric generating plant at the Big Hollow Energy Center on the site of their retired Rush Island coal-fired Energy Center.

The Ameren–EMRT Big Hollow Project would consist of the following facilities:

- an approximate 9.6-mile-long, 20-inch-diameter lateral pipeline, from a point of interconnection on EMRT's existing 22-inch-diameter Mainline 2 and 26-inch-diameter Mainline 3 pipelines, at Mile Post 415.5 in Monroe County, Illinois to the existing Big Hollow Energy Center site in Jefferson County, Missouri;
- a measurement and regulation station located downstream of the tie-in with Ameren's proposed Big Hollow Energy Center; and
- appurtenant pipeline facilities, including a 20-inch pig launcher, 20-inch pig receiver, and 20-inch hot taps on existing Mainline 2 and 3 at the lateral interconnect locations.

**Background**

On October 21, 2025, the Commission issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Ameren–EMRT Big Hollow Project* (Notice of Scoping). The Notice of Scoping was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries. In response to the Notice of Scoping, the Commission received comments from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and two landowners. The primary issues raised by the commenters are air emissions and noise, and potential impacts to Illinois Nature Preserve Commission-protected lands within the Project vicinity. All substantive comments will be addressed in the EA.

**Additional Information**

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers

a free service called eSubscription. This service provides automatic notification of filings made to subscribed dockets, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to register for eSubscription.

For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation at (202) 502–6595 or [OPP@ferc.gov](mailto:OPP@ferc.gov).

Additional information about the Project is available from the FERC website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)). Using the “eLibrary” link, select “General Search” from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and “Docket Number” excluding the last three digits (i.e., CP26–2–000), and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at (866) 208–3676, TTY (202) 502–8659, or at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). The eLibrary link on the FERC website also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

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**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. UL26–2–000]****Carthusian Foundation in America; Notice of Pending Jurisdictional Inquiry and Soliciting Comments, Protests, and Motions To Intervene**

On November 14, 2025, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) received a request from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (Vermont DEC) for a jurisdictional determination for the unlicensed Hopper Brook Hydroelectric Project. The project is located on Hopper Brook in Bennington County, Vermont.

Pursuant to section 23(b)(1) of the Federal Power Act (FPA),<sup>1</sup> a non-federal hydroelectric project must be licensed if it: (a) is located on a navigable water of the United States; (b) occupies lands or reservations of the United States; (c) utilizes surplus water or waterpower

<sup>1</sup> 16 U.S.C. 817(1).

from a government dam;<sup>2</sup> or (d) is located on a stream over which Congress has Commerce Clause jurisdiction, is constructed or modified on or after August 26, 1935, and affects the interests of interstate or foreign commerce.

Regarding condition (d) above, for purposes of FPA section 23(b)(1), headwaters and tributaries of navigable waters are Commerce Clause streams;<sup>3</sup> “post-1935” construction or modification at an existing project includes enlarging a project, such as increasing size of the reservoir, height of the dam, or generating capacity;<sup>4</sup> and projects that generate energy for transmission on the interstate grid affect interstate commerce.<sup>5</sup>

Vermont DEC requests that the Commission examine its jurisdiction for the Hopper Brook Project on the grounds that the project is located on a stream over which Congress has Commerce Clause jurisdiction, that much of the project was constructed after August 26, 1935, and that the project is connected to the transmission grid.<sup>6</sup>

In response to Vermont DEC’s request, Commission staff is investigating the jurisdictional status of the Hopper Brook Hydroelectric Project (UL26–2–000). A copy of Vermont DEC’s request may be viewed on the Commission’s website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Enter the docket number, UL26–2–000. 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, call 1–866–208–3676 or email [FEROnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FEROnlineSupport@ferc.gov), for TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

The Commission is soliciting comments, motions to intervene, and protests in this proceeding. Comments,

motions to intervene, and protests must be filed by 45 days from notice or February 26, 2026, by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules and Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 211, and 214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission’s Rules may become a party to the proceedings. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, protests, and motions to intervene using the Commission’s eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FEROnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FEROnlineSupport@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, 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, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include Docket Number UL26–2–000.

For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation at (202) 502–6595 or [OPP@ferc.gov](mailto:OPP@ferc.gov).

For further information, please contact Kelly Fitzpatrick at (202) 502–8435 or [kelly.fitzpatrick@ferc.gov](mailto:kelly.fitzpatrick@ferc.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take notice that the Commission received the following exempt wholesale generator filings:

*Docket Numbers:* EG26–126–000.

*Applicants:* Newton Solar BESS LLC.

*Description:* Newton Solar BESS LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

*Filed Date:* 1/12/26.

*Accession Number:* 20260112–5140.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 2/2/26.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

*Docket Numbers:* ER10–1123–014.

*Applicants:* Union Electric Company.

*Description:* Notice of Non-Material Change in Status of Union Electric Company.

*Filed Date:* 1/7/26.

*Accession Number:* 20260107–5196.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 1/28/26.

*Docket Numbers:* ER10–2010–009; ER10–2691–003.

*Applicants:* The Narragansett Electric Company, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation.

*Description:* Triennial Market Power Analysis for Northeast Region of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation, et al. and Supplement to 2022 Triennial.

*Filed Date:* 1/8/26.

*Accession Number:* 20260108–5227.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 3/9/26.

*Docket Numbers:* ER22–2580–002.

*Applicants:* CPV Three Rivers, LLC.

*Description:* Response to 12/11/2025, Deficiency Letter of CPV Three Rivers, LLC.

*Filed Date:* 1/12/26.

*Accession Number:* 20260112–5157.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 2/2/26.

*Docket Numbers:* ER26–221–001.

*Applicants:* Eagle Creek Reusens

Hydro, LLC.

*Description:* Compliance filing: Notice of Effective Date to be effective 1/8/2026.

*Filed Date:* 1/12/26.

*Accession Number:* 20260112–5121.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 2/2/26.

*Docket Numbers:* ER26–222–001.

*Applicants:* Great Falls Hydroelectric Company.

*Description:* Compliance filing: Notice of Effective Date to be effective 1/8/2026.

*Filed Date:* 1/12/26.

*Accession Number:* 20260112–5122.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 2/2/26.

*Docket Numbers:* ER26–224–001.

<sup>2</sup> A project that meets condition (a), (b), or (c) is not required to be licensed if it holds a still valid pre-1920 federal permit.

<sup>3</sup> *FPC v. Union Electric Co.*, 381 U.S. 90, 94–96 (1965).

<sup>4</sup> See, e.g., *L.S. Starrett Co. v. FERC*, 650 F.3d 19, 26–27 (1st Cir. 2011); *Cent. Vt. Pub. Serv. Corp.*, 54 FERC ¶ 61,132, at 61,434 (1991) (citing *Puget Sound Power & Light Co. v. FPC*, 557 F.2d 1311 (9th Cir. 1977); *Aquenergy Systems, Inc.*, 29 FERC ¶ 61,026 (1984)).

<sup>5</sup> See *FPC v. Union Elec. Co.*, 381 U.S. at 94–95. Moreover, it is well settled that small hydroelectric projects that are connected to the interstate grid, even if they have no interstate sales, affect interstate commerce by displacing power from the grid, and the cumulative effect of the national class of these small projects is significant for purposes of FPA section 23(b)(1). See *Habersham Mills v. FERC*, 976 F.2d 1381, 1384–85 (11th Cir. 1992).

<sup>6</sup> Vermont DEC November 14, 2025 Request for Determination of Commission Jurisdiction for the Hopper Brook Hydroelectric Project at 2–3.