

statutory increases in the reimbursement ceilings). Title X requires DOE to reimburse eligible uranium and thorium licensees for certain costs of decontamination, decommissioning, reclamation, and other remedial action incurred by licensees at active uranium and thorium processing sites. The eligible licensees incurred these costs to remediate byproduct material, generated as an incident of sales to the United States Government of uranium or thorium that was extracted or concentrated from ores processed primarily for their source material contents. To be reimbursable, costs of remedial action must be for work that is necessary to comply with applicable requirements of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C. 7901 *et seq.*) or, where appropriate, with requirements established by a State pursuant to a discontinuance agreement under section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2021). Claims for reimbursement must be supported by reasonable documentation as determined by DOE in accordance with 10 CFR part 765. Funds for reimbursement will be provided from the Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund established at the Department of the Treasury pursuant to section 1801 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2297g). Payment or obligation of funds shall be subject to the requirements of the Anti-Deficiency Act (31 U.S.C. 1341).

Authority: Section 1001–1004 of Pub. L. 102–486, 106 Stat. 2776 (42 U.S.C. 2296a *et seq.*).

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on May 14, 2026, by Amie Robinson, Title X Program Lead, Office of Waste Disposal, Office of Environmental Management, 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 May 15, 2026.

Treana V. Garrett,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 10939–003]

Secesh United, LLC; Notice of Application for Conduit Exemption Amendment Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

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

- a. *Application Type:* Amendment of Conduit Exemption.
- b. *Project No.:* 10939–003.
- c. *Date filed:* April 14, 2025 and supplemented on March 10, 2026.
- d. *Applicant:* Secesh United, LLC.
- e. *Name of Project:* Zena Creek Ranch Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* The project is located on an existing diversion of water from Zena Creek in Valley County, Idaho.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a–825r.
- h. *Applicant Contact:* James B. Adkins, P.O. Box 16, Yellowpine, ID 83677, phone (208) 382–4336.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Selina Sumi, (202) 502–6892 or selina.sumi@ferc.gov.
- j. *Cooperating agencies:* With this notice, the Commission is inviting federal, state, local, and Tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues affected by the proposal, that wish to cooperate in the preparation of any environmental document, if applicable, to follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item k below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of any environmental document cannot also intervene. *See* 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).
- k. *Deadline for filing responsive documents:* Due to the small size of the proposed project, as well as the resource agency consultation letters filed as supplements to the application, the 60-day timeframe specified in 18 CFR 4.34(b) for filing all comments, motions to intervene, protests, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions is

shortened to 30 days from the issuance date of this notice. All reply comments must be filed with the Commission within 45 days from the issuance date of this notice. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests: June 15, 2026 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests 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/doc-sfiling/ecomment.asp>. 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, 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, MD 20852. The first page of any filing should include the docket number P–10939–003. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not considered part of the Commission record.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor 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.

l. *Description of Request:* The exemptee proposes to replace the existing penstock and upgrade the generating unit. The following modifications to the project are proposed: (1) a connection to a 6-inch diameter water supply pipeline; (2) a new 6-foot wide, 12-foot long powerhouse constructed adjacent to the old powerhouse and containing two Scott Hydro Turbines rated at 1,500 watts each and producing an average annual output of 2 megawatt-hours; and (3) a tailrace connecting to the existing tailrace and a pipeline for irrigation use. The proposed changes are due to the exemptee modernizing their irrigation

system, which is outside the Commission's jurisdiction.

m. *Locations of the Application:* This filing may be viewed on the Commission's website 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. 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 FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant.

n. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

o. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene:* Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, and .214, respectively. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

p. *Filing and Service of Documents:* Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; and (3) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis. Any filing made by an intervenor must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

q. 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.

(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1)

Dated: May 14, 2026.

Carlos D. Clay,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. HB02-26-1-000, HB12-26-2-000]

Notice of Application for Approval of Headwater Benefits Agreement Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

Energy Keepers, Incorporated
Public Utility
District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington
NorthWestern Corporation
Public Utility District No. 1 of Pend Oreille County, Washington
Avista Corporation
Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington
City of Seattle, Washington
Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County, Washington
Portland General Electric Company
Eugene Water and Electric Board

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

a. *Application Type:* Headwater Benefits Agreement.

b. *Docket Nos:* HB02-26-1-000 and HB12-26-2-000.

c. *Date Filed:* April 28, 2026.

d. *Applicants:* Energy Keepers, Incorporated; Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington; NorthWestern Corporation; Public Utility District No. 1 of Pend Oreille County, Washington; Avista Corporation; Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington; City of Seattle, Washington; Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County, Washington; Portland General Electric Company; and Eugene Water and Electric Board.

e. *Name of Projects:* Séliš Ksanka Qúispé Project No. 5, Rock Island Project No. 943, Thompson Falls Project No. 1869, Box Canyon Project No. 2042, Clark Fork Project No. 2058, Priest Rapids Project No. 2114, Boundary Project No. 2144, Rocky Reach Project No. 2145, Wells Project No. 2149, Willamette Falls Project No. 2233, and Leaburg-Waltermville Project No. 2496.

f. *Location:* The projects are located in the Columbia and Willamette River Basins in Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r, 18 CFR 11.14(a)(1) (2025); and 18 CFR 385.602 (2025).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Jeff Winmill, Strategic Counsel, Regulatory Affairs City of Seattle, 700 5th Ave., Suite 3200, Seattle, WA 98104, (206) 684-5267, jeff.winmill@seattle.gov.

i. *FERC Contact:* Jeremy Jessup, (202) 502-6779, Jeremy.Jessup@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests:* June 15, 2026 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. 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, 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, MD 20852. The first page of any filing should include the docket numbers HB02-26-1-000 and HB12-26-2-000. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not considered part of the Commission record.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor 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. *Description of Request:* The applicants filed an Interim Agreement for Calculation of Headwater Benefits (Settlement Agreement) for the Columbia and Willamette River Basins pursuant to 18 CFR 11.14(a), which provides that owners of downstream and headwater projects may negotiate a settlement for headwater benefits charges, and that such settlements must be filed with the Commission for its approval, according to the provisions of 18 CFR 385.602, which governs submission of settlement offers. The Settlement Agreement will be for a period of up to five years, beginning