

long bypassed reach of the Mascoma River.

The current license requires Green Mountain Power to operate the project in “instantaneous” run-of-river mode, so that project outflow approximates inflow to the impoundment. To protect aquatic resources in the Mascoma River, the current license also requires that Green Mountain Power release a continuous minimum flow of 40 cubic feet per second (cfs) or inflow to the impoundment, whichever is less, from the project to the bypassed reach, as measured immediately downstream from the project dam. Green Mountain Power releases the minimum flow through a 20-inch minimum flow pipe that protrudes from the penstock immediately downstream of the project’s intake structure. The average annual generation of the project between 2012 through 2024 was approximately 2,782 megawatt-hours.

Green Mountain Power propose to: (1) continue operating the project in a run-of-river mode; (2) continue releasing a continuous minimum flow of 40 cfs or inflow to the impoundment, whichever is less, from the project to the bypassed reach; (3) develop an operations compliance monitoring plan; (4) avoid tree removal of all trees greater than 3 inches in diameter at breast height on project lands from April 15 through October 31, to minimize potential impacts to northern long-eared and tricolored bats; and (5) develop an historic properties management plan.

m. A copy of the application is available for review 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 (P–8405). For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or TTY (202) 502–8659.

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, contact FERC Online Support.

n. 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. 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.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title “PROTEST,” “MOTION TO INTERVENE,” “COMMENTS,” “REPLY COMMENTS,” “RECOMMENDATIONS,” “PRELIMINARY TERMS AND CONDITIONS,” or “PRELIMINARY FISHWAY PRESCRIPTIONS;” (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

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.

o. 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).

p. The applicant must file the following on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on July 28, 2026: (1) a copy of the water quality certification; (2) a copy of the request for certification, including proof of the date on which the certifying agency received the request; or (3) evidence of a waiver of water quality certification.

q. Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on June 29, 2026.

(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1)

Dated: May 29, 2026.

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

[FR Doc. 2026–11087 Filed 6–2–26; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 6717-01-P**

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP25–552–000]

#### Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Cape Cod Canal Pipeline Relocation Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Cape Cod Canal Pipeline Relocation Project proposed by Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC (Algonquin) in the above-referenced docket.<sup>1</sup> Algonquin requests authorization to modify its existing interstate natural gas pipeline system facilities within the Town of Bourne, Barnstable County, Massachusetts, to accommodate the Massachusetts Department of Transportation’s planned replacement of the Bourne Bridge and Sagamore Bridge by the Cape Cod Canal Bridges Program.<sup>2</sup> The purpose of Algonquin’s proposed project is to accommodate the replacement of the Bourne Bridge and Sagamore Bridge while continuing to provide uninterrupted natural gas service to the National Grid distribution system on both sides of the Cape Cod Canal.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. To ensure consideration of your comments on the proposal prior to making a decision on the project, it is important that the Commission receive your comments on or before 5:00pm Eastern Time on June 29, 2026. Instructions for filing comments are provided on page 3.

FERC is the lead federal agency for authorizing interstate natural gas transmission facilities under the Natural Gas Act of 1938 (NGA) and the lead federal agency for preparation of the EA. The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the Cape Cod Canal Pipeline Relocation Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act

<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–019–20–000–1763050824.

<sup>2</sup> The Cape Cod Canal Bridges Program is being undertaken by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to improve cross-canal mobility and accessibility between Cape Cod and mainland Massachusetts and to address the increasing maintenance needs and functional obsolescence of the aging Sagamore and Bourne Highway Bridges (<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/program-background-cape-cod-bridges-program>).

(NEPA)<sup>3</sup> and the Commission's implementing regulations.<sup>4</sup> The principal purposes of the EA are to: identify and assess the potential effects on the natural and human environment; describe and evaluate reasonable alternatives; identify and recommend mitigation measures; and facilitate public involvement in the environmental review process. The EA concludes that approval of the proposed project would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Massachusetts Army National Guard 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 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will adopt and use the EA to consider the issuance of authorizations under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 United States Code [U.S.C.] Section 403), Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), Section 408 of the River and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 408), and real estate outgrants for the portion of the project on its property. Although the cooperating agencies provided input to the conclusions and recommendations presented in the EA, the agencies will present their own conclusions and recommendations in their respective Record of Decisions for the project.

The EA addresses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation, and abandonment of the following project facilities:

- Abandonment by removal of 0.61 mile of existing 8-inch-diameter G–8C pipeline; 0.61 mile of existing 8-inch-diameter G–8L pipeline; 0.31 mile of existing 8-inch-diameter G–11 pipeline; 0.49 mile of existing 18-inch-diameter G–24 pipeline; and two existing metering & regulating (M&R) stations, including tie-ins—Sagamore M&R Station and Bourne M&R Station.

- Abandonment in place of 0.72 mile of existing 8-inch-diameter G–8C pipeline and 0.72 mile of existing 8-inch-diameter G–8L pipeline.

- Construction of 0.43 mile of 8-inch-diameter G–11 pipeline and 0.66 mile of 18-inch-diameter G–24 pipeline

(relocated lines to the segments of existing G–11 and G–24 pipelines that would be abandoned); 3.03 miles of 16-inch-diameter G–32 pipeline and 2.17 miles of 18-inch-diameter G–31 pipeline to replace National Grid's existing pipelines currently attached to the existing Bourne and Sagamore Bridges; four new M&R stations—Pave Paws Road M&R Station, Bourne Rotary M&R Station, and relocated Sagamore M&R Station and Bourne M&R Station; and 60 feet of 8-inch-diameter G–8L pipeline and 20 feet of 6-inch-diameter G–8C pipeline to tie into the new Bourne M&R Station.

- Expansion of one existing valve site at the origin of the G–31 pipeline.

- Installation of pig launchers and receivers on the G–31 and G–32 pipelines, and at the reconfigured terminus points of the G–11, G–8C, and G–8L pipelines.

The Commission mailed a copy of the *Notice of Availability* of the EA to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; Native American tribes; environmental and public interest groups; potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups; and media outlets 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](http://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 the 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, excluding the last three digits (*i.e.* CP25–552). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto: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. Under section 7(c) of the NGA, the Commission determines whether interstate natural gas transportation facilities are in the public convenience and necessity and, if so, grants a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate them. Section 7(b) of the NGA specifies that no natural gas company shall abandon any portion of

its facilities subject to the Commission's jurisdiction without the Commission first finding that the abandonment will not negatively affect the present or future public convenience and necessity. The Commission bases its decisions on both economic issues, including need, and environmental effects.

Your comments should focus on the EA's disclosure and discussion of potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental effects. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to file your comments to the Commission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has staff available to assist you at (866) 208–3676 or [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded.

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature on the Commission's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to FERC Online. This is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can also file your comments electronically using the eFiling feature on the Commission's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to FERC Online. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." You must select the type of filing you are making. If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select "Comment on a Filing"; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the Commission. Be sure to reference the project docket number (CP25–552–000) on your letter. 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.

Filing environmental comments will not give you intervenor status, but you do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered. Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing or judicial review of the Commission's decision. At this point in this proceeding, the timeframe for filing

<sup>3</sup> National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (Public Law [Pub. L.] 91–190, 42 U.S.C. 4321–4347, as amended by Pub. L. 94–52, July 3, 1975; Pub. L. 94–83, August 9, 1975; Pub. L. 97–258, § 4(b), September 13, 1982; Pub. L. 118–5, June 3, 2023; Pub. L. 119–21, July 4, 2025).

<sup>4</sup> 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 380.

timely intervention requests has expired. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene out-of-time pursuant to Rule 214(b)(3) and (d) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214(b)(3) and (d)) and show good cause why the time limitation should be waived. Motions to intervene are more fully described at <https://www.ferc.gov/how-intervene>.

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. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to register for eSubscription.

(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1)

Dated: May 29, 2026.

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

[FR Doc. 2026-11090 Filed 6-2-26; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-P

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 3267-021]

#### ECOsponsible, LLC; Notice of Proposed Termination of License by Implied Surrender and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric proceeding has been initiated by the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Type of Proceeding:* Proposed Termination of License by Implied Surrender.
- b. *Project No:* P-3267-021.
- c. *Date Initiated:* May 29, 2026.
- d. *Applicant:* ECOsponsible, LLC.
- e. *Name of Project:* Ballard Mill Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the Salmon River, in Malone, Franklin County, New York.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 6.4.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Dennis J. Ryan, P.O. Box 114, West Falls, NY, 14170, 716-655-3524, [eco14052@gmail.com](mailto:eco14052@gmail.com).

i. *FERC Contact:* Diana Shannon, (202) 502-6136, [diana.shannon@ferc.gov](mailto:diana.shannon@ferc.gov).

j. *Resource Agency Comments:* Federal, state, local and Tribal agencies are invited to file comments on the described proceeding. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments.

k. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests:* July 13, 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/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto: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, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include the docket number P-3267-021. 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 Project Facilities:* As described in the license, the project works include: (1) a timber and concrete gravity overflow-type dam approximately 200 feet long and about

10 feet high extending across the main channel with a crest elevation of 696 feet and a sluice control structure at each abutment; (2) a reservoir having a surface area of approximately 10 acres and a storage capacity of 50 acre-feet; (3) a powerhouse extending across the east (right) channel containing two generating units having a combined total rated capacity of 275 kilowatts; (4) a tailrace channel; and (5) appurtenant facilities.

m. *Description of Proceeding:* On April 19, 1982, the Commission issued a license for the project to Greater Malone Community Council, Inc., which expired on March 31, 2022. On October 5, 2017, the license was transferred to ECOsponsible, LLC. On March 31, 2020, ECOsponsible, LLC, filed an application for a subsequent minor license. On April 7, 2021, the Commission rejected the license application. ECOsponsible, LLC, did not seek rehearing of that order. On September 23, 2021, Commission staff directed ECOsponsible, LLC, to file a plan and schedule to file a surrender application within 60 days, noting that the license application was rejected. On March 15, 2022, Commission staff again requested the licensee to file a surrender application. No responses were filed. The project is currently operating under annual license issued on April 5, 2022. The project has not operated since 2010.

Standard Article 16 states that if a licensee shall cause or suffer essential project property to be removed or destroyed or to become unfit for use, without adequate replacement, or shall abandon or discontinue good faith operation of the project or refuse or neglect to comply with the terms of the license and the lawful order of the Commission mailed to the record address of the licensee or its agent, the Commission will deem it to be the intent of a licensee to surrender the license.

Given that the project has not operated since 2010 and the lack of response to Commission staff's letters dated September 23, 2021, and March 15, 2022, Commission staff are initiating this implied surrender proceeding.

n. *Location of the Order Issuing License:* The order 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