

See “Record Keeping” under “Committee Participation” and “Information Management and Responsibilities” in the Voluntary Agreement for more details on record keeping.

Timelines and Milestones

The original moonshot goals have been prioritized based upon near-term needs and opportunities as stated below. As the Consortium’s work progresses, additional goals may be defined and assigned across subcommittees to address emerging priorities, gaps, and areas of opportunity. All subcommittees are expected to contribute to current priority goals while remaining positioned to support or lead future goals as identified. In addition to the 60-day deliverables below, subcommittees are authorized to take any follow-on actions to brief, clarify, supplement, or respond to Steering Committee direction arising from those deliverables, including the development of subsequent POAs.

Critical Workforce Development Gap & Strategic Options Report

By the end of 2026, the Committee will provide a Critical Workforce Development Gap & Strategic Options Report identifying the most urgent near-term and long-term actions federal agencies, industry, national laboratories and academia can take to build a robust domestic nuclear fuel cycle workforce. It will propose strategies to close skill gaps, strengthen workforce resilience, and meet strategic national objectives.

Within 60 days, the Committee will provide a Fuel Cycle Workforce Development Capacity Snapshot and Preliminary Demand Outlook report as a first step to complete the report.

The report will provide a clear baseline for the domestic nuclear workforce across the entire fuel cycle. It will also project the national workforce needs over 5–10 years, covering existing and advanced reactor needs.

It will identify vulnerabilities and integrate expanded datasets to determine granular workforce requirements under short, medium, and long-term scenarios. The Snapshot report will support the development of the Critical Workforce Development Gap & Strategic Options Report.

Supply Chain Vulnerability Assessment

Within 60 days, the committee will provide a report that provides a detailed picture of the domestic nuclear fuel cycle supply chain, identifying dependencies, vulnerabilities, sole sources, single points of failure, and

foreign-sourcing risks. This includes assessing gaps in specialized equipment and services.

Antitrust Defense

Under the provisions of DPA subsection 708(j), each Participant in this Plan shall have available as a defense to any civil or criminal action brought for violation of the antitrust laws (or any similar law of any State) with respect to any action to develop or carry out this Plan, insofar as such action was taken by the Participant in the course of developing or carrying out this Plan, that the Participant fully complied with the provisions of DPA section 708 and the rules promulgated thereunder, and that the Participant acted in accordance with the terms of the Voluntary Agreement and this Plan. Except in the case of actions taken to develop this Plan, this defense shall be available only if and to the extent the Participant asserting the defense demonstrates that the action was specified in, or was within the scope of, this Plan and within the scope of the appropriate Committee(s), including being taken at the direction and under the active supervision of DOE.

This defense shall not apply to any action occurring after the termination of this Plan. Immediately upon modification of this Plan, no defense to antitrust claims under DPA section 708 shall be available to any subsequent action that is beyond the scope of the modified Plan. The Participant asserting the defense bears the burden of proof to establish the elements of the defense. The defense shall not be available if the person against whom the defense is asserted shows that the action was taken for the purpose of violating the antitrust laws.

Prior to participation in this Agreement or a POA, Participants agree to consult with internal or external antitrust or compliance counsel about the scope of the antitrust defense as outlined herein or in any subsequent POA, as needed.

Information Sharing

Participants in this POA are bound by the requirements outlined in the Voluntary Agreement under “Information Management and Responsibilities,” which also addresses CSI and Oversight.

All CSI provided by a Participant as described in the Voluntary Agreement is deemed CSI, except for information that: is published or has been made publicly available at the time of disclosure by the Participant; was in the possession of, or was lawfully and readily available to, DOE

from another source at the time of disclosure without breaching any obligation of confidentiality applicable to the other source; or was independently developed or acquired without reference to or reliance upon the Participant’s CSI.

Where information deemed CSI is required to be disclosed by law, regulation, or court order, the “Competitively Sensitive” (or substantially similar) label will continue to attach to all information and portion(s) of documents that are not made public through the required disclosure.

Resources Required

Execution of this Plan of Action and its follow-on actions in advance of the final Steering Committee meeting of 2026 may require the following assets and legal mechanisms:

Direct Assets: In-kind labor, materials, and operational resources from Consortium participants.

Signatures

U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Theodore Garrish,
Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Josh Jarrell,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Fuel Cycle.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 7153–018]

Consolidated Hydro New York, LLC; Notice of Settlement Agreement and Soliciting Comments

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

a. *Type of Application:* Settlement Agreement.

b. *Project No.:* 7153–018.

c. *Date filed:* July 31, 2026.

d. *Applicant:* Consolidated Hydro New York, LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Victory Mills Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Fish Creek, in the Village of Victory, Town of Saratoga, Saratoga County, New York.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Rule 602 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.602.

h. *Applicant Contact*: Mr. Kevin Webb, Hydro Licensing Manager, Enel Green Power North America, Inc., 100 Brickstone Square, Suite 300, Andover, MA 01810; telephone (978) 935-6039.

i. *FERC Contact*: Silvia Pineda-Munoz, Project Coordinator, Mid-Atlantic Branch, Division of Hydropower Licensing; telephone at (202) 502-8388; email at silvia.pineda-munoz@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments*: September 4, 2026, by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Reply comments due: September 14, 2026, by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/ferconline.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 10,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. 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, please send a paper copy via U.S. Postal Service 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. All filings must clearly identify the project name and docket number on the first page: Victory Mills Hydroelectric Project (P-7153-018).

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 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. Consolidated Hydro New York, LLC filed the Settlement Agreement on behalf of itself and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the U.S. Department of the Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The purpose of the Settlement Agreement is to resolve among the signatories all issues associated with issuance of a new license for the Victory Mills Hydroelectric Project, including water quality enhancement, upstream American eel passage, downstream fish passage and exclusion, invasive species

management, and eagle protection. The signatories request that the Commission incorporate into any new license the protection, mitigation, and enhancement measures identified in section 3 of the Settlement Agreement and that the new license be issued for a term of 45 years from its effective date.

l. A copy of the Settlement Agreement 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 (*i.e.*, P-7153). For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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.

m. 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: August 5, 2026.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 9028-012]

Banister Hydro, Inc.; Notice of Reasonable Period of Time for Water Quality Certification Application

On July 21, 2026, Banister Hydro, Inc. (Banister Hydro) submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) a notice from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (Virginia DEQ) that Virginia DEQ received a complete request for a Clean Water Act section 401(a)(1) water quality certification as defined in 40 CFR 121.5, from Banister Hydro, in conjunction with the above captioned project on July 16, 2026. Pursuant to the Commission's regulations,¹ we hereby notify Virginia DEQ of the following:

Date of Receipt of the Certification Request: July 16, 2026.

Reasonable Period of Time to Act on the Certification Request: One year, July 16, 2027.

¹ 18 CFR 4.34(b)(5)(iii).

If Virginia DEQ fails or refuses to act on the water quality certification request on or before the above date, then the certifying authority is deemed waived pursuant to section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1341(a)(1).

(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1)

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP26-559-000]

National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization and Establishing Intervention and Protest Deadline

Take notice that on July 30, 2026, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel), 6363 Main Street, Williamsville, New York 14221-5887, filed in the above referenced docket, a prior notice request pursuant to 18 CFR 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and National Fuel's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-4-000, for authorization to abandon injection/withdrawal Well WH61 in its Wharton Storage Field, and abandon in place the associated Well Line TRW61 consisting of approximately 425 feet of 4-inch diameter steel pipe. All of the above facilities are located in Wharton Township, Potter County, Pennsylvania (Wharton Well WH61 Plug & Abandonment Project). National Fuel has determined that Well WH61 contains localized defects and provides negligible injection and withdrawal services and therefore is no longer practical to operate and maintain. The estimated cost to abandon these facilities is \$147,000.00, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

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>). From the Commission's Home Page on the internet, this information is available on eLibrary. The full text of this document is available on eLibrary in PDF and