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Carlos D. Clay,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15422–000]

Chugach Electric Association, Inc.; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On February 6, 2026, as supplemented on May 8, 2026, Chugach Electric Association, Inc. filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the Canyon Creek Hydroelectric Project No. 15422 (project), to be located on Canyon Creek, in Kenai Peninsula Borough, Alaska. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed project would consist of the following: (1) a concrete-faced rockfill embankment dam; (2) a 40-acre impoundment with a storage volume of 8,000 acre-feet at a normal maximum surface elevation of 830 feet above mean sea level; (3) a concrete intake structure on the left abutment of the dam; (4) a 2,900-foot-long, 5-foot-diameter steel penstock; (5) a 40-foot-long, 50-foot-wide concrete powerhouse containing a 6.3 megawatt Kaplan turbine-generator unit; (6) a 30-foot long, 10-foot-wide tailrace channel excavated in rock; (7) a 1,500-foot-long, 115-kilovolt transmission line extending from a new switchyard near the powerhouse to the point of interconnection with an existing transmission line adjacent to Seward Highway; and (8) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an estimated average annual generation of 14,100 megawatt-hours. The project would be located on federal lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service in the Chugach National Forest.

Applicant Contact: Dustin Highers, Chugach Electric Association, Inc., 5601 Electron Drive, Anchorage, AK 99518; phone: (907) 563–7494.

FERC Contact: John Matkowski; phone: (202) 502–8576, or by email at *john.matkowski@ferc.gov*.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on October 20, 2026. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the Commission's eFiling system at *https://ferconline.ferc.gov/eFiling.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, 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 P–15422–000.

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*.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed on the Commission's website (*http://www.ferc.gov*) using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits (P–15422), in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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Secretary.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2600–088]

Bangor-Pacific Hydro Associates; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On May 27, 2022, Bangor-Pacific Hydro Associates (Bangor Hydro) filed an application to relicense the 1,300-kilowatt West Enfield Hydroelectric Project No. 2600. The project is located on the Penobscot River in Penobscot County, Maine.

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, on December 9, 2025, Commission staff issued a notice that the project was ready for environmental analysis (REA notice).¹ Based on the information in the record, including comments filed on the REA notice, staff does not anticipate that licensing the project would constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, staff intends to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) on the application to relicense the project.²

The EA will be issued and circulated for review by all interested parties. All comments filed on the EA will be analyzed by staff and considered in the Commission's final licensing decision.

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*.

The application will be processed according to the following schedule. The EA will be issued for a 30-day comment period. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Commission issues EA	June 30, 2027.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Michael Watts by telephone at (202) 502–6123 or by email at *michael.watts@ferc.gov*.

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¹ Subsequently, on January 12, 2026, and April 22, 2026, the Commission granted two requests from Bangor Hydro to extend the deadlines established in the REA notice by 120 and 60 days, respectively.

² For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX–019–20–000–1784196507.

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[Project No. 2902–025]

GP Big Island, LLC; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, and Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process.

b. *Project No.:* 2902–025.

c. *Dated Filed:* July 8, 2026.

d. *Submitted By:* GP Big Island, LLC (GP Big Island).

e. *Name of Project:* Big Island Hydroelectric Project (Big Island Project).

f. *Location:* The Big Island Project is located on the James River in Amherst and Bedford Counties, Virginia.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's regulations.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Jennifer Leonardo, Engineering Manager, GP Big Island, LLC 9909 Lee Jackson Highway, Big Island, VA 24526, jennifer.hollis@gapac.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Silvia Pineda-Munoz at (202) 502–8388; or email at silvia.pineda-munoz@ferc.gov.

j. GP Big Island filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on July 8, 2026, and provided public notice of its request on July 11, 2026. In a letter dated August 21, 2026, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved GP Big Island's request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.

k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, Part 402; and NOAA Fisheries under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.920. We are also initiating consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer, Virginia Department of Historic Resources, as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. With this notice, we are designating GP Big Island as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; and section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

m. GP Big Island filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

n. A copy of the PAD may be viewed on the Commission's website (<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, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY).

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o. The licensee states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a subsequent license for Project No. 2902. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.20 each application for a subsequent license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by September 30, 2029.

p. 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.

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Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP26–1065–000.

Applicants: Colorado Interstate Gas Company, L.L.C.

Description: Compliance filing: Operational Purchase and Sales Report 2026 to be effective N/A.

Filed Date: 8/20/26.

Accession Number: 20260820–5152.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/1/26.

Docket Numbers: RP26–1066–000.
Applicants: Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rate Agreement—8/21/2026 to be effective 8/21/2026.

Filed Date: 8/20/26.

Accession Number: 20260820–5172.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/1/26.

Docket Numbers: RP26–1067–000.
Applicants: ANR Pipeline Company.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: TCEM 142140–1 NR Amend, Eff 8.20.26 to be effective 8/20/2026.

Filed Date: 8/20/26.

Accession Number: 20260820–5175.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/1/26.

Any person desiring to intervene, to protest, or to answer a complaint in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211, 214, or 206 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214, or 385.206) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

Filings in Existing Proceedings

Docket Numbers: PR26–31–002.

Applicants: Wisconsin Power and Light Company.

Description: § 284.123(g) Rate Filing: Revisions to Statement of Operating Conditions to be effective 2/1/2026.

Filed Date: 8/20/26.

Accession Number: 20260820–5146.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/10/26.

Docket Numbers: RP26–1026–001.
Applicants: Ruby Pipeline, L.L.C.

Description: Tariff Amendment: RP 2026–08–20 RP26–1026 Amendment to be effective 9/1/2026.

Filed Date: 8/20/26.

Accession Number: 20260820–5139.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 8/25/26.

Any person desiring to protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rule 211 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp>) by querying the docket number.