

and, where appropriate, identify potential solutions regarding challenges and coordination on matters that implicate both state and federal regulatory jurisdiction.³

In the Establishing Order, the Commission requested that the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) nominate state commission representatives to serve on the Collaborative, with two state commission representatives originating from each NARUC region.⁴ On July 17, 2025, the Commission issued an order explaining that NARUC will fill state commissioner vacancies on the Collaborative without formal Commission appointment and that the Commission will issue periodic notices listing new members.⁵ Notice is hereby given that, on August 25, 2026, NARUC appointed the following state commission representatives to the Collaborative, to serve from August 28, 2026, through August 27, 2027:⁶

Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners Representatives

- Commissioner Christine Guhl-Sadovy, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
- Commissioner Kathryn Zerfuss, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

Mid-America Regulatory Conference Representatives

- Chair Sarah Martz, Iowa Utilities Commission
- Commissioner Stacey Paradis, Illinois Commerce Commission

New England Conference of Public Utilities Commissioners Representatives

- Commissioner Carrie Gilbert, Maine Public Utilities Commission
- Commissioner Pradip Chattopadhyay, New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission

Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Representatives

- Chair Doyle Webb, Arkansas Public Service Commission
- Chairman Gabriella Passidomo Smith, Florida Public Service Commission

Western Conference of Public Service Commissioners Representatives:

- Commissioner Greg Nibert, New Mexico Public Regulation Commission
- Chair Brian Rybarik, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

More information about the Collaborative is available here: <https://www.ferc.gov/federal-state-current-issues-collaborative>.

For questions, please contact: Robert Thormeyer, 202–502–8694, robert.thormeyer@ferc.gov, Zoe Philippides, 202–502–8826, zoe.philippides@ferc.gov, Joe Popely, 202–502–8513, joseph.popely@ferc.gov, or Kimberly Duffley, 202–898–1305, kduffley@naruc.org.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP26–545–000]

Steel Reef Pipelines US LLC; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Flat Lake Access Pipeline Project

On June 17, 2026, Steel Reef Pipelines US LLC filed an application in Docket No. CP26–545–000 requesting authorization pursuant to Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 153 of the Commission's regulations to construct and operate certain natural gas pipeline facilities. The proposed project is known as the Flat Lake Access Pipeline Project (Project) and would export up to 80 million cubic feet per day (MMcf/d) of sour natural gas from Steel Reef's existing compressor station near Fortuna, North Dakota to the Flat Lake Gas Plant in Saskatchewan, Canada, and import approximately 6 MMcf/d of fuel gas to supply the compressor station.

On June 30, 2026, 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.¹ The EA will be issued for a 30-day comment period.

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA—January 6, 2027
90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline²—April 6, 2027

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 will consist of a 0.65-mile-long, 10-inch-diameter main export line designed to transport up to 80 MMcf/d for the gathering and export of sour natural gas from North Dakota to the Flat Lake Gas Plant in Canada, as well as a parallel 0.65-mile-long, 6-inch-diameter fuel return line designed to transport approximately 6 MMcf/d of fuel gas imported from the Flat Lake Gas Plant. The border crossing facilities will be located entirely within North Dakota and terminate at the international boundary with Canada.

Background

On July 22, 2026, the Commission issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Flat Lake Access 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 and newspapers. In response to the Notice of Scoping, the Commission received a letter from the North Dakota State Historical Society stating it had no comment on the Project.

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

¹ For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX–019–20–000–1786377394.

² 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.

³ *Id.* P 5.

⁴ *Id.* P 6.

⁵ *Fed. & State Current Issues Collaborative*, 192 FERC ¶ 61,056, at P 3 (2025).

⁶ State commission representatives serve one-year terms. See Establishing Order, 186 FERC ¶ 61,189 at P 6.

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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.

Additional information about the Project is available from the FERC website (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.*, CP26-545), 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. 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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Docket No. AD26-8-000]

Reliability Technical Conference; Second Supplemental Notice of Reliability Technical Conference

As separately announced in the Notices of Technical Conference issued in this proceeding on June 11, 2026 and August 7, 2026, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will convene its annual Commissioner-led Reliability Technical Conference, in the above-referenced proceeding, on Wednesday, October 21, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, to discuss policy issues related to the reliability and security of the Bulk-Power System. The conference will be held in-person at the Commission's headquarters at 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426 in the Kevin J. McIntyre Commission Meeting Room.

The conference will be open for the public to attend, and there is no fee for attendance. An additional supplemental

notice will be issued prior to the conference with further details regarding the agenda. Information on this technical conference will also be posted on the Calendar of Events on the Commission's website, www.ferc.gov, prior to the event. The Commission provides technical support for the free webcasts. Please call 202-502-8680 or email customer@ferc.gov if you have any questions.

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For more information about this conference, please contact Lodie White at Lodie.White@ferc.gov or (202) 502-8453 or Michael Gildea at Michael.Gildea@ferc.gov or (202) 502-8420.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 6898-004]

The Dam, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On August 11, 2026, The Dam, LLC filed an application to surrender its exemption from licensing for the Chapman Dam Project No. 6898. The project is located on the North Fork Shenandoah River in Shenandoah County, Virginia. The project does not occupy any federal lands.

The exemptee is proposing to surrender its exemption from licensing. The project is currently inoperable. The project has been disconnected from the power grid, and all project features would remain in place. A Notice of Application for Surrender of Exemption Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protests was issued on August 19, 2025. No comments were filed pursuant to the notice.

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act

(42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) for the project.¹ Commission staff plans to issue an EA by December 15, 2026. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate. The EA will be issued for a 30-day comment period. All comments filed on the EA will be reviewed by staff and considered in the Commission's final decision on the proceeding.

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.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Rebecca Martin at (202)-502-6012 or rebecca.martin@ferc.gov.

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[Project No. 8369-050]

Village of Saranac Lake; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On September 30, 2025, the Village of Saranac Lake filed an application to relicense the 200-kilowatt Lake Flower Dam Hydroelectric Project No. 8369. The project is located on the Saranac River in Franklin and Essex Counties, New York.

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, on June 26, 2026, Commission staff issued a notice that the project was ready for environmental analysis (REA notice). 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.¹

The EA will be issued and circulated for review by all interested parties. All

¹ The unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1787053878.

¹ For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1782490366.