

• Public Comment (10-minute rule)

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Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public in-person and virtually. Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions may do so during the meeting. Approximately 30 minutes will be reserved for public comments. The time allotted per speaker will depend on the number who wish to speak, but will not exceed 10 minutes. If you have any questions or need a reasonable accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act for this event, please send your request to Katie Runkles at katie.runkles@doe.gov, two weeks but no later than 48 hours, prior to the event. Closed captions will be enabled. The Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Those wishing to speak should submit their request at least five days before the meeting. Those not able to attend the meeting or who have insufficient time to address the committee are invited to send a written statement to Katie Runkles, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, email to katie.runkles@doe.gov.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available within 90 days on the SCAC website at <https://science.osti.gov/About/Federal-Advisory-Committee/SCAC/Meetings>.

Signing Authority: This document of the Department of Energy was signed on October 6, 2026, by David Borak, Committee Management Officer, 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 October 6, 2026.

Jennifer Hartzell,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 11197–005]

Northern California Power Agency; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document (PAD), Commencement of Pre-Filing Process, And Scoping; Request for Comments on the PAD and Scoping Document, and Identification of Issues and Associated Study Requests

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application for a New License and Commencing Pre-filing Process.

b. *Project No.:* 11197–005.

c. *Date Filed:* August 4, 2026.

d. *Submitted By:* Northern California Power Agency (NCPA).

e. *Name of Project:* Collierville and Spicer Meadow Transmission Lines Project.

f. *Location:* Approximately 68 miles northeast of the city of Stockton, California in Calaveras and Tuolumne Counties.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR part 5 of the Commission's Regulations.

h. *Potential Applicant Contact:* Jake Eymann, Manager, Northern California Power Company, 477 Bret Harte Drive, Murphys, CA 95247; Telephone (209) 728–1387 or email hydrorelicensing@ncpa.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Shannon Archuleta, Project Coordinator, West Branch, Division of Hydropower Licensing; telephone (503) 552–2739 or email shannon.archuleta@ferc.gov.

j. *Cooperating agencies:* Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item o below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. See 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

k. *With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with:* (a) 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 (b) the State Historic Preservation Officer, 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 NCPA as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation, pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

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

n. A copy of the PAD is available for review 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). A copy is also available via the contact in item (h) above.

Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support. For public inquiries and assistance with intervening or participating contact the Office of Public Participation at (202)502–6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

o. With this notice, we are soliciting comments on the PAD and Commission's staff Scoping Document 1 (SD1), as well as study requests. All comments on the PAD and SD1, and study requests should be sent to the address above in paragraph h. In addition, all comments on the PAD and SD1, study requests, requests for cooperating agency status, and all communications to and from Commission staff related to the merits of the potential application must be filed with the Commission.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file all documents using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 10,000 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. 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. The first page of any filing must clearly identify the project name and docket number: Collierville and Spicer Meadow Transmission Lines Project (P-11197-005).

All filings with the Commission must bear the appropriate heading: "Comments on Pre-Application Document," "Study Requests," "Comments on Scoping Document 1," "Request for Cooperating Agency Status," or "Communications to and from Commission Staff." Any individual or entity interested in submitting study requests, commenting on the PAD or SD1, and any agency requesting cooperating status must do so before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on December 2, 2026.

p. *Scoping Process*: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Commission staff will prepare either an environmental assessment (EA) or an environmental impact statement (EIS) (collectively referred to as the "NEPA document"). The primary goal of the scoping process is to identify the specific environmental issues and concerns that should be considered in the NEPA document. The Commission's scoping process will help determine the required level of analysis and satisfy NEPA scoping requirements, irrespective of whether the Commission prepares an EA or EIS.

Scoping Sessions

Commission staff will hold two scoping meetings in the vicinity of the project at the time and place noted below. We invite all interested individuals, Tribes, organizations, and agencies to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist staff in identifying particular study needs, as well as the scope of environmental issues to be addressed. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

Daytime Scoping Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2026.

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time (PST).

Location: Murhpys-Angels Lions Club, 98 School Street, Murphys, California 95247.

Evening Scoping Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2026.

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time (PST).

Location: Murhpys-Angels Lions Club, 98 School Street, Murphys, California 95247.

Scoping Document 1 (SD1), which outlines the subject areas to be addressed in the environmental document, was mailed to the individuals and entities on the Commission's mailing list and NCPA's PAD distribution list. Scoping session participants should come prepared to describe their issues and/or concerns. Please review the PAD and SD1 in preparation for the scoping sessions. Copies of SD1 will be available at the scoping meetings, or may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link. Directions on how to obtain a copy of the PAD and SD1 are included above in item (n).

Based on all oral and written comments, a Scoping Document 2 (SD2) may be issued. SD2 may include a revised process plan and schedule, as well as a list of issues, identified through the scoping process.

Meeting Procedures

The scoping sessions will begin promptly at their respective start times listed above. There will not be a formal presentation by Commission staff when the session opens, and you may arrive any time after the scheduled start time. Individual oral comments will be taken on a one-on-one basis with a court reporter. This format is designed to receive the maximum number of oral comments in a convenient way during the timeframe allotted. If you wish to speak, Commission staff will hand out numbers in the order of your arrival. If a significant number of people are interested in providing oral comments in the one-on-one setting, a time limit may be implemented for each commentor. If all individuals who wish to provide comments have had an opportunity to do so, staff may conclude the session half an hour earlier than the scheduled time.

Your oral comments will be recorded by the court reporter and become part of the public record for this proceeding. Transcripts will be publicly available on FERC's eLibrary system [see item (n) above for instructions on using eLibrary]. Although there will not be a formal presentation, Commission staff will be available throughout the scoping session to answer your questions about

the environmental review process. Representatives from NCPA will also be present to answer project-specific questions.

Proper conduct will help the sessions maintain a respectful atmosphere for attendees to provide comments effectively. Loudspeakers, lighting, oversized visual aids, other visual or audible disturbances, and disruptive video and photographic equipment are not permitted. Recorded interviews are also not permitted within the session space. FERC reserves the right to end the session if disruptions interfere with the opportunity for individuals to provide oral comments or if there is a safety or security risk. Please see Appendix C of the SD1 for additional information on the session format and conduct.

It is important to note that the Commission provides equal consideration to all comments received, whether filed in written form or provided orally at a scoping session.

q. *Environmental Site Review*: The applicant and Commission staff will conduct an Environmental Site Review of the project on Wednesday, October 28 2026, starting at 8:30 a.m. All participants should meet at NCPA's Office, located at 477 Bret Harte Drive, Murphys, CA 95245. All participants are responsible for their own transportation. Anyone with questions about the site visit should contact Mr. Darrin Johnson at d.johnson@giaconsultants.com (preferably) or by phone at (715) 697-3130 on or before Wednesday October 21, 2026.

(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1)

Dated: October 5, 2026.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP25-539-000, CP25-539-001]

Rockies Express Pipeline LLC, Cheyenne Connector, LLC, East Cheyenne Gas Storage, LLC; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Critical Energy Reliability Link Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Critical Energy Reliability Link Project,