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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CD27–1–000]

Uma Lagne Energy Holdings, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Determination of a Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility and Soliciting Comments and Motions To Intervene

On October 1, 2026, Uma Lagne Energy Holdings, LLC, filed a notice of intent to construct a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, pursuant to section 30 of the Federal Power Act (FPA). The proposed Buckeye Hydrokinetic PHX5 Project would have an installed capacity of 5 kilowatts (kW) and would be

located along the Buckeye Water Conservation and Drainage District’s Buckeye Main Canal, near Buckeye, Maricopa County, Arizona.

Applicant Contact: Ryan Cook, 1115 Howell Mill Rd. NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30318, 614–619–0038, *ryan.cook@emrgy.com*.

FERC Contact: Christopher Chaney, 202–502–6778, *christopher.chaney@ferc.gov*.

Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility Description: The project would consist of: (1) one 5-kW modular hydrokinetic turbine, and (2) and appurtenant facilities.

A qualifying conduit hydropower facility is one that is determined or deemed to meet all the criteria shown in the table below.

TABLE 1—CRITERIA FOR QUALIFYING CONDUIT HYDROPOWER FACILITY

Statutory provision	Description	Satisfies (Y/N)
FPA 30(a)(3)(A)	The conduit the facility uses is a tunnel, canal, pipeline, aqueduct, flume, ditch, or similar manmade water conveyance that is operated for the distribution of water for agricultural, municipal, or industrial consumption and not primarily for the generation of electricity.	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(i)	The facility is constructed, operated, or maintained for the generation of electric power and uses for such generation only the hydroelectric potential of a non-federally owned conduit.	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(ii)	The facility has an installed capacity that does not exceed 40 megawatts	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(iii)	On or before August 9, 2013, the facility is not licensed, or exempted from the licensing requirements of Part I of the FPA.	Y

Preliminary Determination: The proposed Buckeye Hydrokinetic PHX5 Project will not alter the primary purpose of the conduit, which is for agricultural consumption. Therefore, based upon the above criteria, Commission staff preliminarily determines that the operation of the project described above satisfies the requirements for a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, which is not required to be licensed or exempted from licensing.

Comments and Motions to Intervene: Deadline for filing comments, comments contesting whether the facility meets the qualifying criteria, and motions to intervene: November 16, 2026, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

Anyone may submit comments or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210 and 385.214. Any motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular proceeding.

Filing and Service of Responsive Documents: All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the “COMMENTS,” “COMMENTS CONTESTING QUALIFICATION FOR A CONDUIT

HYDROPOWER FACILITY,” or “MOTION TO INTERVENE,” as applicable; (2) state in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) state the name, address, and telephone number of the person filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of sections 385.2001 through 385.2005 of the Commission’s regulations.¹ All comments contesting Commission staff’s preliminary determination that the facility meets the qualifying criteria must set forth their evidentiary basis.

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 Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene and comments using the Commission’s eFiling system at *http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp*. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. 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 send 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, MD 20852. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2010.

Locations of Notice of Intent: 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 website at *http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp*. Enter the docket number (*i.e.*, CD27–1) in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at *http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/*

¹ 18 CFR 385.2001–2005 (2025).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PL26-3-000]

Environmental Review of Natural Gas Act Applications; Notice of Availability of Draft Policy Statement on Efficient Environmental Reviews of Natural Gas Project Applications

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared a draft policy statement concerning the Commission's review of operational air emissions and associated air quality effects of proposed natural gas projects under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Pursuant to the policy described in the draft statement, the Commission would no longer ordinarily ask applicants to prepare or submit air dispersion modeling for compressor stations or liquefied natural gas facilities, nor require use of the results of such modeling in assessing the air quality effects of such facilities under the NGA and NEPA. Instead, the Commission would use other information submitted by applicants and identified by Commission staff, including but not limited to information on governing state and federal air quality regulations and applicants' compliance therewith, to analyze the air quality effects of proposed projects.

The draft policy statement, for which the Commission seeks comment, can be found in Docket Number PL26-3-000. Any person wishing to comment on the draft policy statement may do so. To ensure consideration of your comments before issuance of the final version, it is important that the Commission receive your comments on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on November 16, 2026.

The Commission specifically seeks comment on the optimal implementation of its new policy, as opposed to its legal justification. Instructions for filing comments are provided below.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the docket number (PL26-3-000) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has staff available to assist you at (866) 208-3676 or 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) under the link to FERC Online. This is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments;

(2) You can file your comments electronically by using the eFiling feature on the Commission's website (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." If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select "Comment on a Filing" as the filing type; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the Commission. Be sure to reference the docket number (PL26-3-000) 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.

All of the information related to the draft policy statement and submitted comments can be found on the FERC website (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (*i.e.*, PL26-3). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, contact the Office of Public Participation at (202)502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

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Notice of Joint Meeting of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will hold a joint open meeting on Thursday, October 22, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. The meeting will be held in-person at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's headquarters, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-2738 in the Commissioners Hearing Room. Commissioners from both agencies are expected to participate.

The format for the joint meeting will consist of discussions between the two sets of Commissioners following presentations by their respective staffs. In addition, a representative of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) will attend and participate in this meeting.

The meeting is not for the purpose of discussing the merits of any specific proceedings before FERC, and any such discussions will be curtailed. Proceedings before FERC raising possibly relevant issues include, but are not limited to: