Programs on the stewardship and maintenance of the Nation’s nuclear deterrent.

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of this meeting of the DPAC is to provide organizational updates, the path forward on the Committee report provided to the National Nuclear Security Administration in response to its charge, and to have initial discussion of the next charges to the Committee.

Type of Meeting: In the interest of national security, the meeting will be closed to the public. The Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., App. 2, section 10(d), and the Federal Advisory Committee Management Regulation, 41 CFR 102-3.155, incorporate by reference the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b, which, at 552b(c)(1) and (c)(3) permits closure of meetings where restricted data or other classified matters will be discussed. Such data and matters will be discussed at this meeting.

Tentative Agenda: Opening Remarks; DP Programmatic Updates; Path forward on DPAC report; Subcommittee Update; Discussion of next charges; Conclusion.

Public Participation: There will be no public participation in this closed meeting. Those wishing to provide written comments or statements to the Committee are invited to send them to FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. Online service, please email docket(s). For assistance with any FERC document is added to a subscribed electronic review in the Commission’s eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the Commission’s Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the website that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

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[Project No. 2593–000; 2823–000]

Algonquin Power (Beaver Falls), LLC; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

On December 30, 2015, Algonquin Power (Beaver Falls), LLC, licensee for the Upper Beaver Falls Hydroelectric Project No. 2593 and the Lower Beaver Falls Hydroelectric Project No. 2823, filed a joint application for subsequent license pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission’s regulations thereunder. Both projects are located on the Beaver River in the towns of Croghan and New Bremen in Lewis County, New York.

The license terms for Project Nos. 2593 and 2823 ended on December 31, 2017. Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year-to-year an annual license to the then licensee under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA.

If the project’s prior license waived the applicability of section 15 of the FPA, then, based on section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the license or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 2593 is issued to the licensee for a period effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposal) does not take place on or before December 31, 2018, notice is hereby given that, pursuant 18 CFR 16.21(c), an annual license

1 The Commission issued a minor license for the Upper Beaver Falls Project on April 19, 1985 (expiring December 31, 2017), and for the Lower Beaver Falls Project on October 18, 1979 (expiring September 30, 2019). On June 8, 2012, the licensee requested to accelerate expiration of the Lower Beaver Falls Project license term to December 31, 2017, in order to coordinate relicensing proceedings for both projects, which the Commission granted on October 10, 2012. In its December 30, 2015, license application, Algonquin Power (Beaver Falls), LLC proposes to combine both minor projects into a single, major project under 5 megawatts. However, the current licenses for both projects are minor licenses where the applicability of section 15 of the FPA was waived.