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[Project No. 2531–000]

Brookfield White Pine, LLC; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

On August 10, 2012, Brookfield White Pine LLC, licensee for the West Buxton Hydroelectric Project, filed an Application for a New License pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission’s regulations thereunder. The West Buxton Hydroelectric Project facility is located on the Saco River in the towns of Buxton, Hollis, and Standish, within York and Cumberland Counties, Maine.

The license for Project No. 2531 was issued for a period ending 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 licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project 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. 2531 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 disposition) does not take place on or before December 31, 2018, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

If the project is not subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that the licensee, Brookfield White Pine, LLC is authorized to continue operation of the West Buxton Hydroelectric Project, until such time as the Commission acts on its application for a subsequent license.

Dated: January 11, 2018.
Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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Combined Notice of Filings

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

Applicants: Ryckman Creek Resources, LLC.
Description: Tariff Amendment—Amended Non Conforming Service Agreement Filing to be effective 12/28/2017. 
Filed Date: 1/9/18.
Accession Number: 20180109–5145.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/22/18.
Applicants: Gulf Crossing Pipeline Company LLC.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Neg Rate Agmt Filing (BP 1936) to be effective 1/9/2018. 
Filed Date: 1/9/18.
Accession Number: 20180109–5022.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/22/18.

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[Project No. 14799–001]

Lock 13 Hydro Partners, LLC; Notice Soliciting Scoping Comments

a. Type Filing: Notice of Intent to File License Application and Pre-Application Document for an Original Major License.

b. Application Contact: David Brown Kinloch, Lock 13 Hydro Partners, LLC, 414 S. Wenzel Street, Louisville, KY
Comments:

FERC 61,076 (2001).

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 i 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).


l. With this notice, we are soliciting comments on Commission staff’s Scoping Document 1 (SD1). All comments on the SD1 should be sent to the address above in paragraph h. In addition, all comments on SD1, 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. Documents may be filed electronically via the internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission’s website http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support.

In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

All filings with the Commission must include on the first page, the project name (Evelyn Hydroelectric Project and number (P–14799–001), and bear the appropriate heading: Comments on Scoping Document 1. Request for Cooperating Agency Status, or Communications to and from Commission Staff. Any individual or entity interested in commenting on the SD1 must do so by February 8, 2018. A copy of the Pre-Application Document is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room, or may be viewed on the Commission’s website (http://www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. Enter the project 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, or toll free at 1–866–208–3676, or for TTY, (202) 502–8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.

Register online at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. Scoping Process: The Commission staff intends to prepare a single Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Evelyn Hydroelectric Project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The EA will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts and reasonable alternatives to the proposed action.

Commission staff does not propose to conduct any on-site scoping meetings at this time. Instead, we are soliciting comments, recommendations, and information, on the SD1 issued on January 9, 2018.

Copies of the SD1 outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the EA were distributed to the parties on the Commission’s mailing list and the applicant’s distribution list. Copies of the SD1 may be viewed on the web at 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, call 1–866–208–3676 or for TTY, (202) 502–8659.

Dated: January 9, 2018.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection, contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418–2918.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060–0441. Title: Section 90.621, Selection and Assignment of Frequencies and Section 90.693, Grandfathering Provisions for Incumbent Licensees. Form Number: N/A. Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection. Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities; Not-for-profit institutions; and State, Local, or Tribal Government. Number of Respondents: 50 respondents; 50 responses. Estimated Time per Response: 1.5 hours. Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement. Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection.