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Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208-FERC, or on the FERC website (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD20-20-000]

Notice of Availability of Final Engineering Guidelines for the Evaluation of Hydropower Projects: Chapter 15—Supporting Technical Information Document and Digital Project Archive

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared a final "Chapter 15—Supporting Technical Information Document and Digital Project Archive" of its *Engineering*

Guidelines for the Evaluation of Hydropower Projects (Guidelines). This chapter supersedes the portions of "Chapter 14—Dam Safety Performance Monitoring Program" that pertain to the Supporting Technical Information Document, and is one of four new chapters of the Guidelines intended to provide additional guidance related to 18 CFR part 12, Safety of Water Power Projects and Project Works, Docket No. RM20-9-000, Order No 880, issued by the Commission on December 16, 2021.

On July 16, 2020, the Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) to revise its part 12 regulations. On the same day, the Commission solicited public review and comment on four new draft chapters of its Guidelines. Draft Chapter 15 was part of that issuance.

The Commission received ten comment letters in response to draft Chapter 15. Most of the comments were submitted by licensees and individuals through trade associations, including National Hydropower Association, Dam Safety Interest Group of CEATI International, and U.S. Society on Dams, as well as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Comments were also received from individual licensees, corporations, and individuals, including David L. Mathews, McMillen Jacobs Associates, City of North Little Rock Electric, Alaska Electric Light and Power Company, Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District, and Copper Valley Electric Association.

In all, the ten comment letters consisted of approximately 105 discrete comments. The comments received were varied. Most comments requested clarification of the information to include in the Supporting Technical Information Document (STID), when STID updates should be submitted, and how the information should be stored and filed. Commenters asked the Commission to:

- Clarify the use of hyperlinks in the STID;
- Clarify when STID updates are to be submitted;
- Clarify the requirement for providing searchable electronic documents from original hard copies;
- Consider adding the use of secured shared drives as a storage option;
- Reconsider the need for a hard copy of the STID;
- Avoid the duplication of information included in the Standard Operating Procedures section that is also included in other sections of the STID;
- Provide additional guidance on the type of information and reports to be

included in each section of the engineering analyses; and

- Clarify the information to be included in the digital references.

Commission staff has considered all comments in finalizing Chapter 15 of the Engineering Guidelines. Based on the comments received, Chapter 15 has been revised to:

- Provide additional guidance on the types of information to include in the digital references, now termed the Digital Project Archive (DPA);
- Clarify how to file the DPA;
- Clarify the purpose of the STID and the DPA;
- Clarify the contents and format of the STID;
- Provide a file structure and organization for the DPA; and
- Clarify when updates of the STID and DPA should be submitted.

All information related to "Chapter 15—Supporting Technical Information Document and Digital Project Archive," including the draft chapter, all submitted comments, and the final chapter, 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.*, AD20-20). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. The Commission also offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with electronic notification of these filings and direct links to the documents. Go to the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov), select the FERC Online option from the left-hand column, and click on eSubscription. Users must be registered in order to use eSubscription.

The final version of Chapter 15 is also available on the Commission's Division of Dam Safety and Inspections website at: Engineering Guidelines for the Evaluation of Hydropower Projects | Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (ferc.gov).

Information Collection Statement

Chapter 15 includes information collection activities for which the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521, requires approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The Commission has included the burden and cost estimates for information collection activities related to this chapter in the rulemaking document (Docket No. RM20-9-000, Order No. 880). The Commission has

designated the information collection activities in the rule as FERC–517. Upon final approval of FERC–517, OMB will assign an OMB Control Number and expiration date.

Send written comments on FERC–517 to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) through www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. Please identify the OMB control number (1902–TBD) in the subject line. Your comments should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. OMB submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Using the search function under the “Currently Under Review field,” select Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; click “submit” and select “comment” to the right of the subject collection.

For assistance with any of the Commission’s online systems, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8258.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15249–000]

Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications; Lewis Ridge Pumped Storage, LLC

On November 22, 2021, Lewis Ridge Pumped Storage, LLC., filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of a pumped storage hydropower project located in Bell County, Kentucky. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners’ express permission.

The proposed Lewis Ridge Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project would

consist of the following: (1) A 5,700-foot-long, 77-foot-high zoned rockfill embankment ring dike; (2) an upper reservoir with a surface area of 30 acres and a storage capacity of 2,300 acre-feet; (3) a 4,987-foot-long, 20-foot-diameter power tunnel; (4) a 120-foot-high, 30-foot-diameter steel surge tower; (5) a 420-foot-long, 80-foot-wide powerhouse containing four 54-megawatt (MW) reversible pump-turbines with a total capacity of 216 MW; (6) a 1,700-foot-long, 3.5-foot-diameter pipeline from a concrete pump station on the Cumberland River for fill/refill water; (7) a 1,400-foot-long, 100-foot-high zoned rockfill dam with a 5,900-foot-long, 10-foot-high zoned rockfill embankment ring dike surrounding (8) a 23 acre lower reservoir with a storage capacity of 2,300 acre-feet; and (9) a 1.3-mile-long, 161 kilovolt overhead transmission line. The proposed project would have an estimated annual generation of 605,000 megawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: Nate Sandvig, Lewis Ridge Pumped Storage, LLC., 220 NW 8th Ave., Portland, OR 97209; phone: (503) 309–2496, email: nathan@ryedevelopment.com.

FERC Contact: Michael Spencer; phone: (202) 502–6093, or by email at michael.spencer@ferc.gov.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the Commission’s eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCONline.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. 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 submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225

Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the “eLibrary” link of the Commission’s website at <https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search>. Enter the docket number (P–15249) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC; Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Planned Southside Reliability Enhancement Project and Notice of Public Virtual Scoping Session

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental document that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Southside Reliability Enhancement Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco) in Mecklenburg and Pittsylvania Counties, Virginia, and Davidson, Hertford, and Iredell Counties, North Carolina. The Commission will use this environmental document in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies regarding the project. As part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process, the Commission takes into account concerns the public may have about proposals and the environmental impacts that could result from its action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. This gathering of public input is referred to as “scoping.” The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the environmental document on the important environmental issues.