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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### U.S. Energy Information Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Proposed Extension

**AGENCY:** U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** EIA invites public comment on the proposed three-year extension of the following Oil and Gas Reserves System Survey Forms, as required under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; extension without changes of Form EIA-64A, *Annual Report of the Origin of Natural Gas Liquids Production*; extension without changes of Form EIA-23L, *Annual Report of Domestic Oil and Gas Reserves, County Level Report*; and continued suspension of Form EIA-23S, *Annual Survey of Domestic Oil and Gas Reserves, Summary Level Report*.

**DATES:** EIA must receive all comments on this proposed information collection no later than January 18, 2022. If you anticipate any difficulties in submitting your comments by the deadline, contact the person listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments electronically to [steven.grape@eia.gov](mailto:steven.grape@eia.gov) or mail comments to Mr. Steven Grape, EI-24, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, or by fax at (202) 586-4420.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you need additional information, contact Mr. Steven Grape, U.S. Energy Information Administration, telephone (202) 586-1868, or by email at [steven.grape@eia.gov](mailto:steven.grape@eia.gov). The forms and instructions are available on EIA's website at <https://www.eia.gov/survey/>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This information collection request contains:

- (1) *OMB No.:* 1905-0057;
- (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Oil and Gas Reserves System;
- (3) *Type of Request:* Three year extension without changes of the currently approved Form EIA-64A; extension without changes of the currently approved Form EIA-23L; and continued suspension of collection of the currently approved Form EIA-23S (suspended).

(4) *Purpose:* In response to Public Law 95-91 Section 657, estimates of U.S. oil and gas reserves are to be reported annually. Many U.S. government agencies have an interest in the definitions of proved oil and gas reserves and the quality, reliability, and usefulness of estimates of reserves. Among these are the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy; Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Department of Interior; Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Department of the Treasury; and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Each of these organizations has specific purposes for collecting, using, or estimating proved reserves. The EIA has a congressional mandate to provide accurate annual estimates of U.S. proved crude oil, natural gas, and natural gas liquids reserves, and EIA presents annual reserves data in EIA Web reports to meet this requirement. The BOEM maintains estimates of proved reserves to carry out their responsibilities in leasing, collecting royalty payments, and regulating the activities of oil and gas companies on Federal waters. Accurate reserve estimates are important, as the BOEM is second only to the IRS in generating Federal revenue. For the IRS, proved reserves and occasionally probable reserves are an essential component of calculating taxes for companies owning or producing oil and gas. The SEC requires publicly traded petroleum companies to annually file a reserves statement as part of their 10-K filing. The basic purpose of the 10-K filing is to give the investing public a clear and reliable financial basis to assess the relative value, as a financial asset, of a company's reserves, especially in comparison to other similar oil and gas companies. The Government also uses the resulting information to develop national and regional estimates of proved reserves of domestic crude oil, natural gas, and natural gas liquids to facilitate national energy policy decisions. These estimates are essential to the development, implementation, and evaluation of energy policy and

legislation. Data are used directly in EIA Web reports concerning U.S. crude oil, natural gas, and natural gas liquids reserves, and are incorporated into a number of other Web reports and analyses;

(5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* Forms EIA-23L/23S/64A: 1,100;

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* Forms EIA-23L/23S/64A: 1,100;

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 24,800 hours;

Form EIA-23L Annual Survey of Domestic Oil and Gas Reserves, County Level Report: 110 hours (120 large operators); 40 hours (140 medium operators); 15 hours (240 small operators); 22,400 hours

Form EIA-23S Annual Survey of Domestic Oil and Gas Reserves, Summary Level Report: 4 hours (small operators); 0 hours (Currently suspended)

Form EIA-64A Annual Report of the Origin of Natural Gas Liquids Production: 4 hours (600 natural gas plant operators); 2,400 hours

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* \$2,024,920 (24,800 burden hours times \$81.65 per hour). EIA estimates that respondents will have no additional costs associated with the surveys other than the burden hours and the maintenance of the information during the normal course of business.

*Comments are invited on whether or not:* (a) The proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions, including whether the information will have a practical utility; (b) EIA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used, is accurate; (c) EIA can improve the quality, utility, and clarity of the information it will collect; (d) EIA can minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, such as automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; (e) All data items collected on Form EIA-23L are necessary for the proper performance of agency functions, and if not which data items could be removed without affecting practical utility; and (f) The ability to upload the Form EIA-23L data in a standard file format (xlsx, csv, txt, xml, etc.) would improve data preparation and reduce burden compared to the current process.

*Statutory Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 772(b) and 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*

Signed in Washington, DC, on November, 10, 2021.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 5261-023]

#### Green Mountain Power Corporation; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* Subsequent Minor License.

b. *Project No.:* 5261-023.

c. *Date filed:* August 27, 2021.

d. *Applicant:* Green Mountain Power Corporation.

e. *Name of Project:* Newbury Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Wells River, in the town of Newbury, Orange County, Vermont. The project does not occupy any federal land.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* John Greenan, Green Mountain Power Corporation, 2152 Post Road, Rutland, VT 05701; Phone at (802) 770-2195, or email at [John.Greenan@greenmountainpower.com](mailto:John.Greenan@greenmountainpower.com).

i. *FERC Contact:* Adam Peer at (202) 502-8449, or [adam.peer@ferc.gov](mailto:adam.peer@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOOnline.aspx>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOOnlineSupport@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. All filings must clearly identify the project name and docket number on the first page: Newbury Hydroelectric Project (P-5261-023).

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. This application has been accepted, but is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. The Newbury Project consists of: (1) An 11.4-acre impoundment at a normal water surface elevation of 463.9 feet mean sea level; (2) a 26 foot-high by 90-foot-long concrete gravity dam that includes a 73.3-foot-long spillway topped with 5-foot-high pneumatic crest gates; (3) a seasonally installed, 8-foot-long by 4-foot-wide steel sluice box on the south side of the spillway to provide downstream fish passage; (4) an 11.2-foot-wide, 9-foot-long intake structure with trash racks, connected to a 5-foot-diameter, 435-foot-long underground steel penstock; (5) a powerhouse containing a single 315-kilowatt turbine-generator unit; (6) a second 50-kilowatt turbine-generator unit located outside of the powerhouse approximately 75-feet downstream of the dam along the bypassed reach; (7) a 125-foot-long tailrace; (8) three 150-foot-long generator leads that create a 480 Volt, 3 phase 150-foot-long underground transmission line connected to three pole mounted 167 kilovolt-ampere step-up transformers; and (9) appurtenant facilities. The project creates a 590-foot-long bypassed reach of the Wells River.

The current license requires Green Mountain Power Corporation to: (1) Operate the project in run-of-river mode; (2) release a continuous bypassed reach minimum flow of 50 cubic feet per second (cfs) from April 15 to June 10 and 25 cfs during the remainder of the year; and (3) release a year-round, continuous aesthetic flow of 5 cfs over the dam. The average annual generation of the project is approximately 882 megawatt-hours.

Green Mountain Power Corporation proposes to: (1) Continue operating the project in run-of-river mode; (2) release new bypassed reach minimum flows of 35 cfs from May 15 to October 15 and 30 cfs from October 16 to May 14; (3) release a new aesthetic flow of 10 cfs

over the dam from May 15 to October 15 during daytime hours and no aesthetic flow the remainder of the year; and (4) construct a hand-carry access area at the head of the project impoundment for recreational boaters.

m. In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, 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 Home Page (<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. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

You may also 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. Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST" or "MOTION TO INTERVENE;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

o. *Procedural schedule:* The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to