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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Availability: Draft Energy Storage Strategy and Roadmap; Extension of Public Comment Period

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of availability (NOA); extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: On December 20, 2024, the Department of Energy (DOE) published a notice entitled “Notice of Availability: Draft Energy Storage Strategy and Roadmap.” DOE is extending the public comment period announced in that notice, which currently closes on February 3, 2025, by 45 days. The comment period will now remain open until March 20, 2025, to allow additional time for the public to review and comment on the Draft DOE Energy Storage Strategy and Roadmap.

DATES: The comment period for the NOA published on December 20, 2024 (89 FR 104129) is extended. DOE will accept comments responding to this NOA submitted on or before March 20, 2025, 11:59 p.m. eastern time (ET).

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may submit comments electronically to esgc@hq.doe.gov, with the subject line “Energy Storage SRM—Comments”. Only electronic responses will be accepted. DOE will not accept hand-delivered submissions.

Requirements for Submissions: To be assured of consideration, submit any written comments by the deadline. All submissions must be in English. Responses must be provided as a Microsoft Word (.doc) or (.docx) attachment to the email with no more than 10 pages in length. Comments submitted should be machine-readable and should not be copy-protected. Comments must include the following responder information: company/institution name (if applicable); company/institution/individual contact name; contact’s address, phone number, and email address; and a self-identified respondent category (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section). This information may be used if there are issues or questions with the comment submission. DOE may not consider submissions that you do not make in accordance with these instructions.

Response Guidance: To facilitate comment submission, DOE is providing a comment template at <https://www.energy.gov/oe/draft-energy-storage-strategy-and-roadmap-stakeholder-comment>. Use of this template is not required; however, any comments provided must reference the relevant page and line number in the Draft DOE Energy Storage Strategy and Roadmap. If a comment addresses a table or figure, that cross-reference should be provided. To assist DOE’s review of submitted comments, for each comment, please indicate a comment type from the following list: editorial; technical; reference; or other. See the provided template for guidance on each comment type.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information may be submitted electronically to Caitlin Callaghan at esgc@hq.doe.gov, or at (202) 586-1411. Please direct media inquiries to DOE Office of Public Affairs, (202) 586-4940 or DOENews@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE is seeking general feedback on the Draft DOE Energy Storage Strategy and Roadmap (Energy Storage SRM) as part of its process to update the Energy Storage Grand Challenge 2020 Roadmap. The Draft Energy Storage SRM can be found here: <https://www.energy.gov/oe/draft-energy-storage-strategy-and-roadmap-stakeholder-comment>. Additional information is available in the original notice (89 FR 104129).

Based on consideration of the current timeline for public comment, including recognition of several Federal holidays, DOE is extending the public comment period announced in 89 FR 104129 by 45 days. Therefore, the public comment period is extended until March 20, 2025.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on January 15, 2025, by Gene Rodrigues, Assistant Secretary for the Office of Electricity, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Kennebunk Light and Power District; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On March 31, 2021, and supplemented on April 8, 2021, Kennebunk Light and Power District (licensee) filed an application for surrender of its license for the Lower Mousam Hydroelectric Project No. 5362. The project is located on the Mousam River in York County, Maine. The project does not occupy any Federal lands.

The licensee proposes to surrender its license because more cost-effective sources of electricity are available and the project is no longer cost-effective to operate. The licensee proposes to decommission the project by removing all flashboards, disconnecting the leads from the generators, removing all generation and electrical equipment, as well as securing each project development with fencing. The dams would remain in place and no ground disturbing activities are proposed other than fencing.

Commission staff issued a public notice of the application on April 21, 2021, setting May 21, 2021 as the deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests. The U.S. Department of Commerce, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, and the U.S. Department of Interior filed timely notices of intervention and comments. Maine Rivers, Mousam and Kennebunk Rivers Alliance, Mousam Rivers Coalition, Maine Department of Marine Resources, and Trout Unlimited filed timely motions to intervene and comments. Additionally, non-profits and numerous private citizens filed comments or protests, including: Maine Audubon Society, National Marine Fisheries Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Maine Audubon Society, and the Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve. Numerous commenters recommend removal of the dams and