

required. Additionally, requests for an increase of pipeline capacity must include a statement that demonstrates compliance with the Commission's Certificate Policy Statement by making a showing that the cost of the expansion will not be subsidized by existing customers and that there will not be adverse economic impacts to existing customers, competing pipelines or their

customers, nor to landowners and to surrounding communities.

The Commission reviews and analyses the information filed under the regulations subject to FERC-537 to determine whether to approve or deny the requested authorization. If the Commission failed to collect these data, it would lose its ability to review relevant information to determine

whether the requested certificate should be authorized. The 60-day notice published on May 21, 2021<sup>1</sup> and received no comments.

*Type of Respondents:* Jurisdictional natural gas companies.

*Estimate of Annual Burden*<sup>2</sup>: The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden for the information collection as:

### FERC-537 (GAS PIPELINE CERTIFICATES: CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, AND ABANDONMENT)<sup>3</sup>

	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average annual burden & cost per response <sup>4</sup>	Total average annual burden hours & total annual cost	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1) <sup>5</sup>
18 CFR 157.5-.11 (Interstate Certificate and Abandonment Applications).	31	1.39	43.09	500 hrs.; \$41,500 .....	21,545 hrs.; \$1,788,235 .....	\$57,685
18 CFR 157.53 (Pipeline Purging/Testing Exemptions).	1	1	1	50 hrs.; \$4,150 .....	50 hrs.; \$4,150 .....	4,150
18 CFR 157.201-.209; 157.211; 157.214-.218 (Blanket Certificates Prior to Notice Filings).	24	2.125	51	200 hrs.; \$16,600 .....	10,200 hrs.; \$846,600 .....	35,275
18 CFR 157.201-.209; 157.211; 157.214-.218 (Blanket Certificates—Annual Reports).	162	1	162	50 hrs.; \$4,150 .....	8,100 hrs.; \$672,300 .....	4,150
18 CFR 284.11 (NGPA Section 311 Construction—Annual Reports).	75	1	75	50 hrs.; \$4,150 .....	3,750 hrs.; \$311,250 .....	4,150
18 CFR 284.8 <sup>6</sup> (Request for Waiver of Capacity Release Regulations).	31	1.39	43.09	10 hrs.; \$830 .....	430.90 hrs.; \$35,764.70 .....	1,153.70
18 CFR 284.13(e) and 284.126(a) (Interstate and Intrastate Bypass Notice).	2	1	2	30 hrs.; \$2,490 .....	60 hrs.; \$4,980 .....	2,490
18 CFR 284.221 (Blanket Certificates).	1	1	1	100 hrs.; \$8,300 .....	100 hrs.; \$8,300 .....	8,300
18 CFR 284.224 (Hinshaw Blanket Certificates).	1	1	1	75 hrs.; \$6,225 .....	75 hrs.; \$6,225 .....	6,225
18 CFR 157.5-.11; 157.13-.20 (Non-facility Certificate or Abandonment Applications).	11	1.36	14.96	75 hrs.; \$6,225 .....	1,122 hrs.; \$93,126 .....	8,466
<b>Total .....</b>			394.14		45,432.90 hrs.; \$3,770,930.70	

*Comments:* Comments are invited on:

(1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use

of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: July 22, 2021.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

#### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 3511-024]

#### Lower Saranac Hydro, LLC;

#### Notice of Waiver Period for Water Quality Certification Application

On July 2, 2021, Lower Saranac Hydro, LLC filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission a copy of its application for a Clean Water Act section 401(a)(1) water quality

compensated at rates similar to the work of FERC employees.

<sup>5</sup> Each of the figures in this column are rounded to the nearest dollar.

<sup>6</sup> A Certificate Abandonment Application would require waiver of the Commission's capacity release regulations in 18 CFR 284.8; therefore this activity is associated with Interstate Certificate and Abandonment Applications.

<sup>1</sup> 86 FR 27589.

<sup>2</sup> Burden is defined as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. Refer to 5 CFR 1320.3 for additional information.

<sup>3</sup> Changes to estimated number of respondents were based on average number of respondents over the past three years.

<sup>4</sup> The estimates for cost per response are derived using the following formula: Average Burden Hours per Response \* \$83.00/hour = Average cost/response. The figure is the 2020 FERC average hourly cost (for wages and benefits) of \$83.00 (and an average annual salary of \$172,329/year). Commission staff is using the FERC average salary because we consider any reporting requirements completed in response to the FERC-537 to be

certification submitted to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (New York DEC), in conjunction with the above captioned project. Pursuant to 40 CFR 121.6, we hereby notify the New York DEC of the following:

*Date of Receipt of the Certification Request:* July 2, 2021.

*Reasonable Period of Time to Act on the Certification Request:* One year.

*Date Waiver Occurs for Failure to Act:* July 2, 2022.

If New York DEC fails or refuses to act on the water quality certification request by the above waiver date, then the agency's certifying authority is deemed waived pursuant to section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1341(a)(1).

Dated: July 22, 2021.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AC21-147-000]

#### Louisville Gas and Electric Company; Kentucky Utilities Company; Notice of Filing

Take notice that on July 16, 2021, Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company ("Companies") requested approval to treat the deployment of their Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) program as a single project for purposes of in service and accrual of Allowance for Funds Used During Construction ("AFUDC") and requested permission to record the remaining net book value of the Companies' legacy meters in Account 182.2—Unrecovered plant and regulatory study costs, upon the full deployment of AMI. Applicants state that their request will indirectly impact FERC-jurisdictional formula rates due to the use of plant allocators.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party

must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Petitioner.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically may mail similar pleadings to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. Hand delivered submissions in docketed proceedings should be delivered to Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

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 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on August 2, 2021.

Dated: July 22, 2021.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 3511-024]

#### Lower Saranac Hydro, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On May 29, 2020, Enel Green Power North America, Inc.<sup>1</sup> filed an

<sup>1</sup> In a February 9, 2021 filing, the Commission was notified that Enel Green Power North America,

application on behalf of Lower Saranac Hydro, LLC (Lower Saranac), for a subsequent minor license for the 1.76-megawatt Groveville Hydroelectric Project (Groveville Project or project) (FERC No. 3511). The Groveville Project is located on Fishkill Creek, in the City of Beacon, Dutchess County, New York. The project is located approximately 2.7 river miles upstream of the mouth of Fishkill Creek. The project does not occupy federal land.

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, on May 11, 2021, Commission staff issued a notice that the project was ready for environmental analysis (REA notice). Based on the information in the record, including comments filed on the REA notice, staff does not anticipate that licensing the project would constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, staff intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the application to license the Groveville Project.

The EA will be issued and circulated for review by all interested parties. All comments filed on the EA will be analyzed by staff and considered in the Commission's final licensing decision.

The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Commission issues EA.	December 2021. <sup>2</sup>
Comments on EA .....	January 2022.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Jeremy Feinberg at (202) 502-6893 or [jeremy.feinberg@ferc.gov](mailto:jeremy.feinberg@ferc.gov).

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**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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Inc. transferred all its ownership interests for Lower Saranac Hydro, LLC to Hydroland, Inc.

<sup>2</sup> The Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) regulations under 40 CFR 1501.10(b)(1) require that EAs be completed within 1 year of the federal action agency's decision to prepare an EA. This notice establishes the Commission's intent to prepare an EA for the Groveville Project. Therefore, in accordance with CEQ's regulations, the EA must be issued within 1 year of the issuance date of this notice.