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**Katherine Neas,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, delegated the authority to perform the functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project 2879-000]

#### Green Mountain Power Corporation; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

On January 30, 2020, Green Mountain Power Corporation, licensee for the Bolton Falls Hydroelectric Project No. 2879, filed an Application for a New Major License for Bolton Falls Hydroelectric Project pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission's regulations thereunder. The Bolton Falls Hydroelectric Project is located on the Winooski River in Washington County, Vermont.

The license for Project No. 2879 was issued for a period ending January 31, 2022. 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(s) 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. 2879 is issued to Green Mountain Power Corporation, for a period effective February 1, 2022 through January 30, 2023 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 January 30, 2023, 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 Green Mountain Power Corporation, is authorized to continue operation of the Bolton Falls Hydroelectric Project, until such time as the Commission acts on its application for a new major license.

Dated: February 3, 2022.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15230-001]

#### Pike Island Hydropower Corporation; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process

- a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process.
- b. *Project No.:* 15230-001.
- c. *Date Filed:* August 2, 2021.

d. *Submitted By:* Pike Island Hydropower Corporation.

e. *Name of Project:* Pike Island Locks and Dam Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* At the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) Pike Island Locks and Dam on the Ohio River near the Village of Yorkville in Belmont and Jefferson Counties, Ohio, and Ohio County, West Virginia. The project would occupy federal land administered by the Corps.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's regulations.

h. *Potential Applicant Contact(s):* Mr. Joel Herm, P.O. Box 224, Rhinebeck, 12572-0224; (917) 224-3607; [joel@currenthydro.com](mailto:joel@currenthydro.com).

i. *FERC Contact:* Jay Summers at (202) 502-8764; or at [jay.summers@ferc.gov](mailto:jay.summers@ferc.gov).

j. Pike Island Hydropower Corporation filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on August 2, 2021, and provided public notice of its request on August 2, 2021 and August 9, 2021. In a letter dated February 3, 2022, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved Pike Island Hydropower Corporation's request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.

k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, Part 402; and NOAA Fisheries under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.920. We are also initiating consultation with the Ohio and West Virginia State Historic Preservation Officers, as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. With this notice, we are designating Pike Island Hydropower Corporation as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act; and consultation pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

m. Pike Island Hydropower Corporation filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

n. A copy of the PAD may be viewed and/or printed on the Commission's website (<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