

for the pipeline and the aboveground facilities. Following construction, Gulf South would maintain about 162 acres for permanent operation of the project's facilities; the remaining acreage would be restored and revert to former uses. About 93 percent (20 miles) of the proposed pipeline route parallels existing pipeline, utility, or road rights-of-way.

### The EA Process

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils;
- water resources and wetlands;
- vegetation and wildlife;
- threatened and endangered species;
- cultural resources;
- land use;
- air quality and noise;
- public safety; and
- cumulative impacts

Commission staff will also evaluate reasonable alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

The EA will present Commission staffs' independent analysis of the issues. The EA will be available in electronic format in the public record through eLibrary<sup>3</sup> and the Commission's website (<https://www.ferc.gov/industries/gas/enviro/eis.asp>). If eSubscribed, you will receive instant email notification when the EA is issued. The EA may be issued for an allotted public comment period. Commission staff will consider all comments on the EA before making recommendations to the Commission. To ensure Commission staff have the opportunity to address your comments, please carefully follow the instructions in the Public Participation section, beginning on page 2.

With this notice, the Commission is asking agencies with jurisdiction by law and/or special expertise with respect to the environmental issues of this project to formally cooperate in the preparation of the EA.<sup>4</sup> Agencies that would like to request cooperating agency status should follow the instructions for filing comments provided under the Public Participation section of this notice.

<sup>3</sup> For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice.

<sup>4</sup> The Council on Environmental Quality regulations addressing cooperating agency responsibilities are at Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1501.6.

### Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

In accordance with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's implementing regulations for section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Commission is using this notice to initiate consultation with the applicable State Historic Preservation Offices, and to solicit their views and those of other government agencies, interested Indian tribes, and the public on the project's potential effects on historic properties.<sup>5</sup> The EA for this project will document findings on the impacts on historic properties and summarize the status of consultations under section 106.

### Environmental Mailing List

The environmental mailing list includes federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American Tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. This list also includes all affected landowners (as defined in the Commission's regulations) who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within certain distances of aboveground facilities, and anyone who submits comments on the project. Commission staff will update the environmental mailing list as the analysis proceeds to ensure that Commission notices related to this environmental review are sent to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project.

If the Commission issues the EA for an allotted public comment period, a *Notice of Availability* of the EA will be sent to the environmental mailing list and will provide instructions to access the electronic document on the FERC's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)). If you need to make changes to your name/address, or if you would like to remove your name from the mailing list, please return the attached "Mailing List Update Form" (appendix 2).

### Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208-FERC, or on the FERC

<sup>5</sup> The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulations are at Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 800. Those regulations define historic properties as any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

website at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number in the "Docket Number" field, excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, CP19-125). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

Public sessions or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at [www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx](http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx) along with other related information.

Dated: May 13, 2019.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. EL19-76-000]

### Notice of Petition for Partial Waiver: Wabash Valley Power Association, Inc.

Take notice that on May 10, 2019, pursuant to section 292.402 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules and Regulations,<sup>1</sup> Wabash Valley Power Association, Inc. (WVPA), on behalf of itself and its four participating electric distribution cooperative member-owners (collectively, the Participating Members),<sup>2</sup> filed a partial waiver of certain obligations imposed on WVPA and the Participating Members under sections 292.303(a) and 292.303(b) of

<sup>1</sup> 18 CFR 292.402.

<sup>2</sup> The Participating Members joining in this application include the following electric distribution cooperative member-owners of WVPA who have entered into an all-requirements power supply contract with WVPA to purchase from WVPA substantially all of its electric requirements: Hancock Rural Telephone Corporation, Hendricks County Rural Electric Membership Corporation, Jasper County REMC, and Kankakee Valley REMC.

The Commission has previously granted joint petitions filed by WVPA on behalf of itself and eighteen of its electric distribution cooperative members seeking waiver of WVPA's obligation under section 292.303(b) to make retail sales to qualifying facilities (QFs) and seeking waiver of the members' obligations under section 292.303(a) to make purchases from QFs. See Wabash Valley Power Association, Inc., 161 FERC ¶ 62,142 (2018) (delegated letter order); Wabash Valley Power Association, Inc., 166 FERC ¶ 62,086 (2019) (delegated letter order).

the Commission's regulations<sup>3</sup> implementing section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, as amended,<sup>4</sup> all as more fully explained in the petition.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's 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 encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the website that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

**Comments:** 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on May 31, 2019.

Dated: May 13, 2019.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2266-116]

#### Nevada Irrigation District; Notice of Application for Temporary Variance and Soliciting Comments, 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. *Application Type:* Temporary Variance from license Articles 33 and 34.
- b. *Project No.:* 2266-116.
- c. *Date Filed:* May 6, 2019.
- d. *Applicant:* Nevada Irrigation District.
- e. *Name of Project:* Yuba-Bear Project.
- f. *Location:* The project is located on the Middle and South Yuba Rivers, Bear River, and Jackson and Canyon Creeks in Nevada, Placer and Sierra counties, California.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager, Nevada Irrigation District, 1036 W Main St., Grass Valley, CA 95945; telephone: (530) 273-6185.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Holly Frank, telephone: (202) 502-6833, and email address: [holly.frank@ferc.gov](mailto:holly.frank@ferc.gov).
- j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests is* 30 days from the issuance date of this notice by the Commission.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene, protests, comments, or recommendations using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. 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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-2266-116.

k. *Description of Request:* The licensee is requesting a temporary variance from: (1) The minimum flow required by Article 33 from October 14 through October 31, 2019; and (2) the

ramping rate required by Article 34 from October 14 through November 15, 2019. Article 33 requires a minimum flow of 75 cubic feet per second (cfs) in the river downstream of Rollins Dam from May 1 through October 31, and of 20 cfs from November 1 through April 30. Article 34 requires the maximum ramping rate downstream of the dam to not exceed 0.25 feet per hour (ft/hr). On October 13, 2019, the licensee would reduce flows in the Bear River below Rollins Dam down to 20 cfs following the 0.25 ft/hr ramping rate. The licensee requests the temporary variance in order to replace the emergency drawdown valve in Rollins Dam, which requires temporarily taking the valve and Rollins Powerhouse offline. The licensee proposes to conduct the valve replacement between October 14 and November 15, 2019. The licensee requests a variance from the minimum flow requirement until October 31, 2019, at which time the licensee would return the powerhouse on-line and be able to meet the minimum flow requirement. With the powerhouse back on-line, below a flow of approximately 150 cfs the licensee would not be able to meet the ramping rate requirement. Therefore the licensee the licensee requests a variance from the ramping rate requirement for instances when the powerhouse is brought back on-line or in case of emergency. Prior to initiating repairs, the licensee would notify the public and the agencies regarding the flow changes in the river. Following the initial flow reduction, the licensee would also conduct a reconnaissance survey in the river to determine whether any sensitive areas are exposed; if any are identified the licensee would consult with the resource agencies to discuss the appropriate action.

l. *Locations of the Application:* This filing may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number P-2266 in the docket number field to access the documents. 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, call 1-866-208-3676 or email [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above and at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should

<sup>3</sup> 18 CFR 292.303(a) and (b).

<sup>4</sup> 16 U.S.C. 824a-3.