

intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is October 22, 2019.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above-referenced proceeding are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available for electronic 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, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL20-2-000]

Notice of Petition for Partial Waiver: Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Take notice that on October 2, 2019, pursuant to section 292.402 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules and Regulations,¹ Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Associated Electric or

Petitioner), on behalf of Central Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Central Rural), one of its 57 rural electric cooperative member-owners, filed a petition for partial waiver of certain obligations imposed on Central Rural under section 292.303(a) of the Commission's Regulations² implementing section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, as amended,³ 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, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Comments: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on October 23, 2019.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15003-000; Project No. 10934-000]

Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, and Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process: New Hampshire Renewable Resources, LLC

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process.

b. *Project No.:* 15003-000.

c. *Date Filed:* August 6, 2019.

d. *Submitted By:* New Hampshire Renewable Resources, LLC (New Hampshire Renewable).

e. *Name of Project:* Sugar River II Project.

f. *Location:* On the Sugar River, in Sullivan County, New Hampshire. No federal lands are occupied by the project works or located within the project boundary.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 5.3 and 5.5 of the Commission's regulations.

h. *Potential Applicant Contact:* Ian Clark, New Hampshire Renewable Resources, LLC, 65 Ellen Ave., Mahopac, NY 10541; Phone at 914-297-7645, or email at ianc@dichotomycapital.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Michael Watts at (202) 502-6123; or michael.watts@ferc.gov.

j. The current license for the Sugar River II Project is held by Sugar River Hydro II, LLC (Sugar River Hydro) under Project No. 10934. On April 30, 2019, Sugar River Hydro filed a letter stating that it is not filing an application to relicense the project. On May 8, 2019, the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.25(a), issued a notice soliciting potential new applicants for the project, which provided until August 6, 2019 for potential applicants to submit a pre-application document (PAD) and notice of intent (NOI), and until February 6, 2021 to submit a license application. In response to the solicitation notice, New Hampshire Renewable filed a PAD and NOI for the Sugar River II Project, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.5 and 5.6 of the Commission's regulations. The licensing proceeding is commencing under Project No. 15003.

k. New Hampshire Renewable filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process (TLP) on August 6, 2019, and provided public notice of the request on August 20, 2019. In a letter dated October 2, 2019, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved New Hampshire Renewable's request to use the TLP.

¹ 18 CFR 292.402 (2019).

² 18 CFR 292.303(a) (2019).

³ 16 U.S.C. 824a-3.

l. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and NOAA Fisheries 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 New Hampshire State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

m. With this notice, we are designating New Hampshire Renewable 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.

n. New Hampshire Renewable filed a PAD, including a proposed process plan and schedule with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

o. A copy of the PAD is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website (<http://www.ferc.gov>), using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number P-15003 to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FEROnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at 169 Sunapee Street, Newport, NH 03773.

p. New Hampshire Renewable states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a subsequent license for Project No. 15003-000. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.20 and 16.25, an application for a subsequent license must be filed with the Commission at least 18 months from the date of filing of the NOI, *i.e.*, by February 6, 2021.

q. 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.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-ORD-2019-0504; FRL-10000-87-ORD]

Availability of the IRIS Assessment Plan for Inorganic Mercury Salts

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing a 30-day public comment period associated with release of the IRIS Assessment Plan for Inorganic Mercury Salts. This document communicates information on the scoping needs identified by EPA program and regional offices and the IRIS Program's initial problem formulation activities. Specifically, the assessment plan outlines the objectives for the IRIS assessment and the type of evidence considered most pertinent to address the scoping needs. EPA is releasing this IRIS Assessment Plan for a 30-day public comment period in advance of a public science webinar planned for December 5, 2019. The Agency encourages the public to comment on all aspects of the assessment plan, including key science issues.

DATES: The 30-day public comment period begins October 8, 2019 and ends November 7, 2019. Comments must be received on or before November 7, 2019.

ADDRESSES: The IRIS Assessment Plan for Inorganic Mercury Salts will be available via the internet on the IRIS website at <https://www.epa.gov/iris/iris-recent-additions> and in the public docket at <https://www.regulations.gov>, Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2019-0504.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the public comment period, contact the ORD Docket at the EPA Headquarters Docket Center; phone: 202-566-1752; fax: 202-566-9744; or email: Docket_ORD@epa.gov.

For technical information on the IRIS Assessment Plan for Inorganic Mercury Salts, contact Dr. James Avery, NCEA; phone: 202-564-1494; or email: avery.james@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Information About IRIS Assessment Plans

EPA's IRIS Program is a human health assessment program that evaluates quantitative and qualitative information on the health effects that may result from exposure to chemicals found in the environment. Through the IRIS

Program, EPA provides high quality science-based human health assessments to support the Agency's regulatory activities and decisions to protect public health. As part of scoping and initial problem formulation activities prior to the development of an assessment, the IRIS Program carries out a broad, preliminary literature survey to assist in identifying health effects that have been studied in relation to the chemical or substance of interest, as well as science issues that may need to be considered when evaluating toxicity. This information, in conjunction with scoping needs identified by EPA program and regional offices, is used to inform the development of an IRIS Assessment Plan (IAP).

The IAP communicates the plan for developing each individual chemical assessment to the public and includes summary information on the IRIS Program's scoping and initial problem formulation activities, objectives and specific aims for the assessment, and a PECO (Populations, Exposures, Comparators, and Outcomes) for the systematic review. The PECO provides the framework for developing detailed literature search strategies and inclusion/exclusion criteria, particularly with respect to evidence stream (*e.g.*, human, animal, mechanistic), exposure measures, and outcome measures. The IAP serves to inform the subsequent development of chemical-specific systematic review protocols, which will be made available for public review.

II. Public Webinar Information

To allow for public input, EPA is convening a public webinar to discuss the IRIS Assessment Plan for Inorganic Mercury Salts on December 5, 2019. Specific teleconference and webinar information regarding this public meeting will be provided through the IRIS website (<https://www.epa.gov/iris>) and via EPA's Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA) and IRIS listservs. To register for the HHRA or IRIS listserv, visit the IRIS website (<https://www.epa.gov/iris>) or visit <https://www.epa.gov/iris/forms/staying-connected-integrated-risk-information-system#connect>.

III. How To Submit Technical Comments to the Docket at <https://www.regulations.gov>

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2019-0504, by one of the following methods:

- <https://www.regulations.gov>: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- Email: Docket_ORD@epa.gov.
- Fax: 202-566-9744.