



## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2731-045; Project No. 2737-028]

### Green Mountain Power Corporation; Notice Of Application Accepted for Filing, 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: Extension of License Terms and Non-capacity Amendment of License
- b. Project Nos: 2731-045 and 2737-028
- c. Date Filed: July 1, 2025
- d. Applicant: Green Mountain Power Corporation
- e. Name of Project: Weybridge and Middlebury Lower Hydroelectric Projects
- f. Location: The Weybridge Project is located on the Otter Creek in the towns of Weybridge and New Heaven, Addison County, Vermont, and the Middlebury Lower Project is located on the Otter Creek in the towns of Middlebury and Weybridge, Addison County, Vermont. The projects do not occupy federal lands.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791a - 825r
- h. Applicant Contact: John Tedesco, Green Mountain Power, 163 Acorn Lane Colchester, VT 05446, (802) 655-8753, [John.Tedesco@greenmountainpower.com](mailto:John.Tedesco@greenmountainpower.com)

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j. Cooperating agencies: With this notice, the Commission is inviting federal, state, local, and Tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues affected by the proposal, that wish to cooperate in the preparation of any environmental document, if applicable, to follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item k below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of any environmental document cannot also intervene. *See* 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

k. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests: **January 20, 2026 5:00 pm Eastern Time.**

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests 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>. 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, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852. The first page of any filing should include the docket numbers P-2731-045 and P-2737-028. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not considered part of the Commission record.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

1. Description of Request: On August 1, 2001, the Commission issued 30-year licenses for the Weybridge (Project No. 2731) and Middlebury Lower (Project No. 2737) hydroelectric projects that expire on July 31, 2031. The licensee requests the Commission extend the term of both licenses to July 31, 2041. The extension would allow the licensee to recoup rehabilitation costs associated with planned turbine runner replacement programs at each project.<sup>1</sup>

The licensee also proposes to replace the turbine runner at the Weybridge Project. The proposed upgrade would maintain the project's authorized installed capacity of 3.0 megawatts and decrease the maximum hydraulic capacity of the powerhouse from 1,600 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 1,590 cfs. The licensee states all construction activities associated with the proposed amendment would occur within the Weybridge powerhouse and would be isolated from the river. Access to the powerhouse area during the mobilization and demobilization phases would be via the existing access road, and would not require any ground disturbance. The licensee does not propose any changes to the licensed project operations during or after turbine runner replacement.

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<sup>1</sup> On July 3, 2024, Commission staff issued an order approving the licensee's request to replace the Unit 3 turbine runner at the Middlebury Lower Project.

m. Locations of the Application: This filing may be viewed on the Commission's website at <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. 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 e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant.

n. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

o. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene: Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214, respectively. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

p. Filing and Service of Documents: Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting, protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis. Any filing made by an

intervenor must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2010.

q. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation at (202) 502-6595 or [OPP@ferc.gov](mailto:OPP@ferc.gov).

(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1)

Dated: December 18, 2025.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**

*Secretary.*

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