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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

PacifiCorp

Project No. 308-013

ORDER APPROVING PIPELINE EXTENSION CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE
PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 402

(Issued August 10, 2017)

1. On June 9, 2017, PacifiCorp, licensee for the Wallowa Falls Hydroelectric Project No. 308, filed the Royal Purple Creek diversion pipeline construction schedule required by Article 402 of the license.¹ The project is located on the East Fork Wallowa River and Royal Purple Creek in Wallowa County, Oregon. The project occupies federal land within the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest administered by the U.S. Forest Service.

Background

2. License Article 402 requires the licensee to file, for Commission approval, a construction schedule to complete the pipeline extension required by U.S. Forest Service 4(e) condition 11.² The condition requires the licensee to extend the Royal Purple Creek diversion pipe by approximately 20 feet to reduce erosion at the outlet.

Licensee's Schedule

3. In its schedule, the licensee expects the process of extending the pipeline, from design through permitting, construction, demobilization, and finally submitting record drawings to the Commission, to take 645 days. The licensee indicates it began the design process in June 2017, and expects to complete the design in February 2018. The licensee's permitting process is scheduled to begin in January 2018, and be completed by February 2019. The licensee intends to conduct on-site construction activities in the summer of 2019, and would submit as-built record drawings to the Commission in November 2019.

¹ *PacifiCorp Energy*, 158 FERC ¶ 62,006 (2017).

² The U.S. Forest Service 4(e) conditions are attached to the license as Appendix B.

Discussion

4. The licensee's filing illustrates each step involved in the process to extend the diversion pipeline and the schedule allocates a reasonable amount of time for each phase. We determine the licensee's June 9, 2017 filing adequately fulfills the requirements of license Article 402, and the construction schedule should be approved.

The Director orders:

(A) The Royal Purple Creek pipeline construction schedule filed on June 9, 2017, by PacifiCorp, for the Wallowa Falls Hydroelectric Project No. 308, is approved.

(B) This order constitutes final agency action. Any party may file a request for rehearing of this order within 30 days from the date of its issuance, as provided in section 313(a) of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 8251 (2012), and the Commission's regulations at 18 C.F.R. § 385.713 (2017). The filing of a request for rehearing does not operate as a stay of the effective date of this order, or of any other date specified in this order. The licensee's failure to file a request for rehearing shall constitute acceptance of this order.

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