

BBB: Law enforcement imposter scams on rise

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REGIONAL – By impersonating law enforcement, scammers intimidate victims into giving up money or personal information. But once a scam becomes widely reported, con artists need to change up their tricks. Watch out for this new twist: scammers using official-looking credentials to gain trust.

How the scam works

You receive a telephone call, email, text message, or a message on social media by someone alleging to be from a law enforcement agency. Scammers claim to represent agencies ranging from the local police to the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the Canada Border Services.

These impostors tell you there is a problem that you need to resolve immediately-usually by sending them a fee. In one recent version of this scam, the impostor claims to have seized a package with your name on it. Now, they need a copy of your driver's license and money to fix the issue. Scammers often threaten fines, arrest, or other penalties in an attempt to scare you into immediate action.

Here's the new twist!

If you are hesitant, the scammers will offer to text or email doctored credentials to you, to confirm their identity. The badge is either stolen or has been edited to include a different name. But no matter how convincing the "badge" or the impostor's story may be, always do your research before acting. If you send these scammers money, they will disappear, and you won't be able to get it back.

How to avoid law

enforcement impersonator scams

Don't give into pressure. Even if the threats scare you, do not take immediate action. Hang up or ignore the message. If you think there is a possibility you have been contacted by a real law enforcement agent, call the agency directly using a non-emergency number to confirm.

Never send money to strangers. Scammers will probably ask you to wire funds or buy prepaid gift cards to pay the required "fines." Scammers prefer to receive money this way because it is hard to trace. Plus, you won't be able to get your money back.

Guard your personal information carefully. Don't share information like your address, social security number, or bank account information without first making sure you are speaking to a legitimate of-

ficial - even if they already have some of your information.

Don't answer messages from strangers. Don't click on links or attachments in messages from strangers. They are probably part of a phishing scam. Block unsolicited calls and text messages immediately.

For more information

Learn more about this scam from the Office of the Inspector General. Read more about a similar government impostor scam and visit BBB.org/AvoidScams for more ways to avoid getting scammed.

If you spot a law enforcement scam, report it to BBB.org/ScamTracker. You can also report your experience to the FBI at IC3.gov. Your report can help others avoid falling victim to similar schemes.

PUBLIC NOTICES

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
Springfield Water and Sewer Commission
Docket No.
CD22-7-000

NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF A QUALIFYING CONDUIT HYDROPOWER FACILITY AND SOLICITING COMMENTS AND MOTIONS TO INTERVENE

(June 1, 2022)

On May 17, 2022, the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission, filed a notice of intent to construct a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, pursuant to section 30 of the Federal Power Act (FPA). The existing Cobble Mountain Hydroelectric Station Project has an installed capacity of 33 megawatts (MW) and is located at the end of the applicant's Cobble Mountain power tunnel in Granville, Hampden County, Massachusetts.¹

Applicant Contact: Michael A. Swiger, Van Ness Feldman, LLP, 1050 Thomas Jefferson Street, NW, Washington, DC 20007, 202-298-1891, mas@vnf.com.

FERC Contact: Christopher Chaney, 202-502-6778, christopher.chaney@ferc.gov.

Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility Description: The project consists of: (1) the approximately 72-foot-long by 53-foot-wide Cobble Mountain Hydroelectric Station, containing three vertical Francis units with a combined capacity of 33 MW; (2) three steel penstocks of varying lengths, but approximately 600 feet long; and (3) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an estimated annual generation of approximately 20,000 megawatt-hours.

The project discharges water to the Little River, a natural body of water. Because a portion of the discharge would not be withdrawn downstream by part of the same water supply system, the applicant requests waiver of the discharge requirement under 18 C.F.R. 4.30(b)(30)(iv).

The applicant states that it has no current plans for future units. As the units continue to age, it will evaluate the costs and benefits of maintaining the existing units or possible replacement.²

A qualifying conduit hydropower facility is one that is determined or deemed to meet all the criteria shown in the table below.

Table 1:

Criteria for Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility

Statutory Provision	Description	Satisfies (Y/N)
FPA 30(a)(3)(A)	The conduit the facility uses is a tunnel, canal, pipeline, aqueduct, flume, ditch, or similar manmade water conveyance that is operated for the distribution of water for agricultural, municipal, or industrial consumption and not primarily for the generation of electricity.	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(i)	The facility is constructed, operated, or maintained for the generation of electric power and uses for such generation only the hydroelectric potential of a non-federally owned conduit.	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(ii)	The facility has an installed capacity that does not exceed 40 megawatts.	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(iii)	On or before August 9, 2013, the facility is not licensed, or exempted from the licensing requirements of Part I of the FPA.	Y

Preliminary Determination: The Cobble Mountain Hydroelectric Station Project is an existing project. However, as noted above, it has not been licensed or exempted from the licensing requirements of Part I of the FPA, is under 40 MW, and does not alter the primary purpose of the conduit, which is to transport potable water for municipal use. Therefore, based upon the above criteria, if the requested discharge requirement

waiver is granted, Commission staff preliminarily determines that the operation of the project described above satisfies the requirements for a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, which is not required to be licensed or exempted from licensing. However, at such time as the applicant plans modifications to the existing project, it would need to reapply for a determination that the project satisfies the requirements for a qualifying conduit hydropower facility.

Comments and Motions to Intervene: Deadline for filing comments contesting whether the facility meets the qualifying criteria is **30 days** from the issuance date of this notice. Deadline for filing motions to intervene is **30 days** from the issuance date of this notice.

Anyone may submit comments or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210 and 385.214. Any motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular proceeding.

Filing and Service of Responsive Documents: All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the "COMMENTS CONTESTING QUALIFICATION FOR A CONDUIT HYDROPOWER FACILITY" or "MOTION TO INTERVENE," as applicable; (2) state in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) state the name, address, and telephone number of the person filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of sections 385.2001 through 385.2005 of the Commission's regulations.³ All comments contesting Commission staff's preliminary determination that the facility meets the qualifying criteria must set forth their evidentiary basis.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene and comments 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, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may send a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application 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.

Locations of Notice of Intent: The Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the Internet through the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (i.e., CD22-7) 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. Copies of the notice of intent can be obtained directly from the applicant. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary

¹ The Commission, in a November 30, 1988 Order Finding Licensing of Hydroelectric Project Not Required, found that the entire Cobble Mountain Project was built before 1935, does not occupy any public lands or reservations of the United States, and does not use surplus water or waterpower from a federal government dam. City of Springfield, MA, 45 FERC ¶ 62,178 (1988). The Cobble Mountain Hydroelectric Station Project is a component of the project addressed in that order.

² Application at 6.

³ 18 C.F.R. §§ 385.2001–2005 (2021).

06/09, 06/16, 06/23, 06/30/2022

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD22C0194CA
In the matter of:
Michelle Gabriella
Moskvitch**

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
A **Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Michelle Gabriella Moskvitch of Wilbraham, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Michelle Gabriella Alexander

IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/21/2022.**
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 23, 2022
Rosemary A Saccomani
Register of Probate
06/30/2022

PUBLIC NOTICE
Pursuant to MA Gen. Law Ch.255, Sec. 39A as of **July 1, 2022** the following motor vehicles will be for sale to satisfy a garage keepers lien:

Vehicle: 2002 BMW X5
VIN: 5UXFA53592LP40562
COLOR: Gray
LKO: Progressive Insurance
ADDRESS: PO Box 512926
Los Angeles CA 90051

Vehicle: 06 Chrysler 300
VIN: 2C3KK63HX6H276993
COLOR: White
LKO: Joshua Justiniano
91 Cedar St
Ludlow MA 01056

Vehicle: 97 Toyota Camry
VIN: 4T1BF22KXVU918741
LKO: Sherlock Suban
86 Signal Hill Cir
Springfield MA 01118
R & S Assoc. Inc.
Wilbraham MA
413-596-4374
06/16, 06/23, 06/30/2022

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- Ability to write clean copy in a fast-paced, deadline-driven environment
- Proficiency in Associated Press style

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