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Western Area Power Administration, Hydroelectric power marketing organization within the Department of Energy, has only one comment, which is from our environmental community and is general in nature:

There is concern that the process does not become so subjugated to the need for speed and power on line that we are forced or neglectful enough to allow marginal projects to make their way into reality. The number of new projects will at some point succumb to market pressures (or lack of...) and many may be caught mid-planning or mid-development. The marginal or ill-conceived projects will not make it. The result will be significant financial loss to the applicant. I don't want to see Western put in the position of being forced to expedite unworthy projects and end up being viewed as culpable for their demise.

Please feel free to reply or telephone me if you have any questions or need for clarification. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Regards,  
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