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m. The City and Borough of Sitka has demonstrated that it has made an effort to contact all federal and state resources agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGO), and others affected by the project. The City and Borough of Sitka has also demonstrated that a consensus exists that the use of alternative procedures is appropriate in this case. The City and Borough of Sitka has submitted a communications protocol that is supported by the stakeholders.

The purpose of this notice is to invite any additional comments on the City and Borough of Sitka's request to use the alternative procedures, pursuant to section 4.34(i) of the Commission's regulations. Additional notices seeking comments on the specific project proposal, interventions and protests, and recommended terms and conditions will be issued at a later date. The City and Borough of Sitka will complete and file a preliminary Environmental Assessment, in lieu of Exhibit E of the license application. This differs from the traditional process, in which an applicant consults with agencies, Indian tribes, NGOs, and other parties during preparation of the license application and before filing the application, but the Commission staff performs the environmental review after the application is filed. The alternative procedures are intended to simplify and expedite the licensing process by combining the pre-filing consultation and environmental review processes into a single process, to facilitate greater participation, and to improve communication and cooperation among the participants.

The City and Borough of Sitka has met with federal and state resources agencies regarding the proposed Takatz Lake Hydroelectric Project. The City and Borough of Sitka intends to file 6-month progress reports during the alternative procedures process that leads to the

filing of a license application by September 2011.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP09-79-000]

Leaf River Energy Center LLC; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

March 24, 2009.

Take notice that on March 10, 2009, Leaf River Energy Center LLC (Leaf River), 53 Riverside Avenue, Westport, Connecticut, 06880, filed in Docket number CP09-79-000, a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.208 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Leaf River's blanket certificate issued in Docket number CP08-8-000. Leaf River asked for authorization to construct, own and operate a new natural gas pipeline lateral and associated facilities (Sonat Lateral) that will connect the Leaf River Energy Center, a certificated underground natural gas storage and pipeline header facilities, located in Smith, Jasper and Clarke Counties, Mississippi, with a Southern Natural Gas Company (Sonat) interstate natural gas transmission pipeline in place of the facilities that Leaf River originally proposed for that purpose. Leaf River submitted information supplementing prior notice of proposed construction activity under blanket certificate on March 23, 2009, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the Web 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. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Laura L. Luce, Leaf River Energy Center LLC, 53 Riverside Avenue, Westport, CT 06880, at (203) 557-1000 or at lluce@ngsenergy.com.

Any person may, within 60 days after the issuance of the instant notice by the

Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention. Any person filing to intervene or the Commission's staff may, pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (18 CFR 157.205) file a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests, and interventions via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a) (1) (iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Contractor Cumulative Claim and Reconciliation (Renewal), EPA ICR Number 0246.10, OMB Control Number 2030-0016

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that an Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. This is a request to renew an existing approved collection. The ICR, which is abstracted below, describes the nature of the information collection and its estimated burden and cost.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before April 30, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing docket ID number EPA-HQ-OARM-2008-0827, to (1) EPA Online using <http://www.regulations.gov> (our preferred method), by e-mail to