

long-term management and storage of elemental mercury generated within the United States. DOE's facility or facilities must be operational by January 1, 2013, and ready to accept custody of elemental mercury delivered to such a facility. The Act also requires DOE to assess fees based upon the *pro rata* costs of long-term management and storage. For additional supplementary information regarding anticipated mercury inventory, proposed NEPA alternatives, and preliminary identification of environmental issues, please refer to the July 2, 2009, Notice of Intent.

Purpose and Need for Action

DOE needs to develop a capability for the safe and secure long-term management and storage of elemental mercury as required by the Act. Accordingly, the Department needs to identify an appropriate facility or facilities to host this activity.

Proposed Action

DOE proposes to select one or more existing (including modification as needed) or new facilities for the long-term management and storage of elemental mercury in accordance with the Act. Facilities to be constructed as well as existing or modified facilities must comply with applicable requirements of section 5(d) of the Act, *Management Standards for a Facility*, including the requirements of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), and other permitting requirements. DOE intends to identify the facility or facilities through the NEPA process. EPA is a cooperating agency on the EIS.

EIS Process and Invitation to Comment

NEPA implementing regulations require an early and open process for determining the scope of an EIS and for identifying the significant issues related to the proposed action. Accordingly, DOE has invited Federal agencies, State, local and Tribal governments, the general public and international community to comment on the scope of the EIS, including identification of reasonable alternatives and specific issues to be addressed. DOE will hold public meetings on the scope of the EIS. (See **DATES** section above for detailed information.)

At each scoping meeting, DOE plans to hold an open house one hour prior to the formal portion of the meetings to allow participants to register to provide oral comments, view informational materials, and engage project staff. The registration table will have an oral

comment registration form as well as a sign up sheet for those who do not wish to give oral comments but who would like to be included on the mailing list to receive future information. The public may provide written and/or oral comments at the scoping meetings. Analysis of all public comments provided during the scoping meetings as well as those submitted as described in **ADDRESSES** above, will be considered in helping DOE further develop the scope of the EIS and potential issues to be addressed. DOE expects to issue a Draft EIS in the fall of 2009.

Issued in Washington, DC on July 17, 2009.

Frank Marcinowski,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Regulatory Compliance, Office of Environmental Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 10359-044]

Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County, WA ; Notice of Application for Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

July 17, 2009.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Application Type:* Amendment of License.

b. *Project No.:* 10359-044.

c. *Date Filed:* June 19, 2009.

d. *Applicant:* Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County, WA.

e. *Name of Project:* Youngs Creek Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* When constructed, the proposed project will be located on Youngs Creek, in Snohomish County, Washington.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Steve Klein, General Manager, Snohomish County PUD No. 1, 2320 California Street, P.O. Box 1107, Everett, Washington 98206; telephone (425) 783-8473.

i. *FERC Contact:* Anthony DeLuca, telephone (202) 502-6632, and e-mail address Anthony.deluca@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests:* August 18, 2009.

Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically

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. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

All documents (original and eight copies) filed by paper should be sent to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please include the project number (P-10359-044) on any comments or motions filed.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all interveners 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 intervener 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. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

k. *Description of Request:*

(i) *Amendment to Project Design:* The Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County proposes to decrease the project's rated turbine capacity from the originally licensed 8.3 MW (11,067 horsepower) to 7.5 MW (10,000 horsepower), and to change the type of turbine to a horizontal shaft, 2-jet impulse Pelton turbine connected to a synchronous type generator rated at 8,333 kVA at a 0.9 power factor (7,500 kW). This decrease in the turbine's capacity will decrease the project's maximum hydraulic capacity from 140 cfs to 120 cfs. The licensee also plans to change the operating voltage of the project transmission line to 12.5 kilovolts as originally licensed, correct the length of transmission line in the original license from 6.1 miles to 8.2 miles, and install certain segments of transmission line on existing overhead distribution poles while installing the remaining segments of the transmission line underground. The transmission line will continue to follow the alignment as provided in the current license.

l. *Locations of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site 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 e-mail 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, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

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

n. *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. 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.

o. Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers.

p. *Agency Comments:* Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13160-002]

Red River Hydro LLC; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, Commencement of Licensing Proceeding, and Scoping; Request for Comments on the Pad and Scoping Document, and Identification of Issues and Associated Study Requests

July 17, 2009.

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application for a New License and Commencing Licensing Proceeding.

b. *Project No.:* 13160-002.

c. *Dated Filed:* July 16, 2009.

d. *Submitted by:* Red River Hydro LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Overton Lock and Dam Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Red River in Rapides Parish, Louisiana at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' existing Overton Lock and Dam.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR Part 5 of the Commission's Regulations.

h. *Potential Applicant Contact:* Brent L. Smith, COO, Symbiotics LLC, P.O. Box 535, Rigby, Idaho 83442, (208) 745-0834 or e-mail at brent.smith@symbioticsenergy.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Lesley Kordella at (202) 502-6406 or e-mail at Lesley.Kordella@ferc.gov.

j. *Cooperating agencies:* Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item o below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. *See*, 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

k. *With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with:* (a) the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, Part 402 and (b) the State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by Section 106, National Historical Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. Red River Hydro LLC filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule)

with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

m. A copy of the PAD is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site (<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, contact FERC Online Support at FERCONlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.

Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. With this notice, we are soliciting comments on the PAD and Scoping Document 1 (SD1), as well as study requests. All comments on the PAD and SD1, and study requests should be sent to the address above in paragraph h. In addition, all comments on the PAD and SD1, study requests, requests for cooperating agency status, and all communications to and from Commission staff related to the merits of the potential application (original and eight copies) must be filed with the Commission at the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. All filings with the Commission must include on the first page, the project name (Overton Lock and Dam Hydroelectric Project) and number (P-13160-002), and bear the heading "Comments on Pre-Application Document," "Study Requests," "Comments on Scoping Document 1," "Request for Cooperating Agency Status," or "Communications to and from Commission Staff." Any individual or entity interested in submitting study requests, commenting on the PAD or SD1, and any agency requesting cooperating status must do so by September 15, 2009.

Comments on the PAD and SD1, study requests, requests for cooperating agency status, and other permissible forms of communications with the Commission may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ferconline.asp>)