

**AGENDA:** The Commission will receive presentations on the following topic: Voter Registration Databases: Initial Discussion on Reviewing HAVA Mandated Guidance.

This hearing will be open to the public.

**PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:** Bryan Whitener. Telephone: (202) 566-3100.

Alice Miller,

Chief Operating Officer, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13345-000]

#### Shearwater Design Inc.; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

February 26, 2009.

On December 15, 2008, and supplemented on February 5, 2009, and February 24, 2009, Shearwater Design Inc. filed an application, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Homeowner Tidal Power Electric Generation Project located on the Kennebec River in Sagadahoc County, Maine. The project uses no dam or impoundment.

The proposed project would consist of: (1) 6 hydrokinetic turbine units that would be directly connected to individual homes, with a total installed capacity of 60-kilowatts, and (2) appurtenant facilities. The project is estimated to have an annual generation of 150,000-kilowatt-hours, which would be used by the homeowners and net metered back into the electricity power grid.

*Applicant Contact:* Ms. Dot Kelly, Shearwater Design Inc., 83 Captain Perry Drive, Phippsburg, Maine 04562, phone: (207) 443-4787.

*FERC Contact:* Kelly T. Houff (202) 502-6393.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions

on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and eight copies should be mailed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. For more information on how to submit these types of filings please go to the Commission's Web site located at <http://www.ferc.gov/filing-comments.asp>. More information about this project can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-13345-000) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3372.

Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13347-000]

#### Wells Rural Electric Company; Notice of Application for Preliminary Permit Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

February 25, 2009.

On December 18, 2008, Wells Rural Electric Company filed an application, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), to study the proposed Bishop Creek Dam Water Power Project. The proposed project would be located on Bishop Creek or Bishop Creek Reservoir in Elko, Nevada. The existing Bishop Dam is federally owned and/or operated by the Bureau of Land Management.

The proposed project would consist of: (1) A new dam of 79-foot high and crest of 408.7-foot long; (2) a reservoir holding 17,167-acre-foot of water at normal pool elevation at 5,923 feet; (3) a new 4 mile-long, 25-kilovolt transmission line; (4) a powerhouse containing one generating unit with one megawatts (MW) capacity; and (5) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have the potential for annual generation of 8.766 gigawatt-hours (GWh).

*Applicant Contact:* Mr. Dan Dyer or Andrew Hammond, Dyer Engineering Consultants Inc., 5442 Longley Lane,

Suite A, Reno, NV 89511, (775) 852-1440.

*FERC Contact:* Jake Tung, (202) 502-8757.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and eight copies should be mailed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. For more information on how to submit these types of filings please go to the Commission's Web site located at <http://www.ferc.gov/filing-comments.asp>. More information about this project can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-13347) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3372.

Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Attendance at NEPOOL Meetings

February 26, 2009.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission hereby gives notice that members of the Commission and Commission staff may attend the following upcoming NEPOOL meetings:

- NEPOOL Participants Committee;
- March 6 (Manchester, VT);
- April 3 (Boston, MA);
- May 1 (Location TBD);
- June 5 (Location TBD);
- June 23 (Location TBD);
- NEPOOL Markets Committee

Meeting;

- March 10-11 (Marlborough, MA);
- March 25-26 (Location TBD);
- April 6-7 (Westborough, MA);
- May 12-13 (Marlborough, MA);
- June 9-10 (Marlborough, MA).

For additional meeting information, see [http://www.iso-ne.com/committees/comm\\_wkgrps/index.html](http://www.iso-ne.com/committees/comm_wkgrps/index.html).

The discussions at each of the meetings described above may address matters at issue in the following proceedings:

Docket No. ER07–397, *ISO New England Inc. and the New England Power Pool Participants Committee*

Docket No. ER07–476, *ISO New England Inc. and the New England Power Pool Participants Committee*

Docket No. ER08–41, *ISO New England Inc. and the New England Power Pool Participants Committee*

Docket No. ER08–54, *ISO New England Inc.*

Docket No. ER08–633, *ISO New England Inc.*

Docket No. ER08–697, *ISO New England Inc. and the New England Power Pool Participants Committee*

Docket No. ER08–1209, *ISO New England Inc. and the New England Power Pool Participants Committee*

Docket No. ER08–1328, *New England Participating Transmission Owners Participants Committee*

Docket No. OA08–58, *ISO New England Inc., et al.*

Docket No. EL09–3, *Ashburnham Municipal Light Plant, et al. v. Berkshire Power Company, LLC, and ISO New England Inc.*

Docket No. EL09–8, *Lavand & Lodge, LLC v. ISO New England, Inc.*

Docket No. ER09–197, *ISO New England Inc.*

Docket No. ER09–291, *ISO New England Inc.*

Docket No. ER09–467, *ISO New England Inc.*

Docket No. ER09–584, *Bangor Hydro-Electric Company*

Docket No. ER09–640, *ISO New England Inc. and the New England Power Pool Participants Committee*

Docket No. ER09–716, *ISO New England Inc.*

For more information, contact Pat Rooney, Office of Energy Markets Regulation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at (202) 502–6205 or [patrick.rooney@ferc.gov](mailto:patrick.rooney@ferc.gov).

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. EG09–10–000, EG09–11–000, EG09–12–000, EG09–13–000, EG09–14–000, EG09–15–000, EG09–16–000, EG09–17–000]

#### **Majestic Wind Power LLC, Enel Stillwater, LLC, NRG Texas Power LLC, FPL Energy Oliver Wind I, LLC, Bull Creek Wind LLC, Buffalo Ridge I LLC, Moraine Wind II LLC, Pebble Springs Wind LLC; Notice of Effectiveness of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status**

February 27, 2009.

Take notice that during the month of January 2009, the status of the above-captioned entities as Exempt Wholesale Generators Companies became effective by operation of the Commission's regulations 18 CFR 366.7(a).

**Kimberly D. Bose.**

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP09–11–000]

#### **Northern Lights 2009–2010 Zone EF Expansion Project; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Northern Lights 2009–2010 Zone EF Expansion Project**

February 27, 2009.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) in the above-referenced docket.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the proposed pipeline facilities including:

- An approximately 6.37-mile-long extension of the 30-inch-diameter Faribault-Farmington D-Line in Rice and Dakota Counties, Minnesota;
- An approximately 6.06-mile-long extension of the 20-inch-diameter

Farmington-North Branch C-Line in Washington County, Minnesota;

- An approximately 6.04-mile-long extension of the 20-inch-diameter Elk River loop in Anoka County, Minnesota;

- The replacement of approximately 9.32 miles of the 3- and 2-inch-diameter Rockford Branch Line with 22.95 miles of 16-inch-diameter pipeline in Carver, Wright, and Hennepin Counties, Minnesota;

- An approximately 11.21 miles of the 16-inch-diameter greenfield Corcoran Branch Line in Hennepin County, Minnesota;

- A new 15,000 horsepower ISO-rated greenfield compressor station located near Albert Lea, Minnesota in Freeborn County, Minnesota; and

- A new meter station in Hennepin County, Minnesota.

Northern proposes to expand the capacity of its facilities in these areas to transport an additional 135,000 decatherms per day of natural gas for incremental firm winter service.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502–8371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to federal, state and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before the date specified below.

Please note that the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of any comments or interventions or protests to this proceeding. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link and the link to the User's Guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create a free account which can be created by clicking on "Sign-up."

If you are filing written comments, please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send an original and two copies of your comments to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;