

| Milestone                             | Target date  |
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| Notice of the availability of the EA. | April, 2010. |

s. Based on a review of the exemption application and resource agency consultation letters, Commission staff intend to prepare a single environmental assessment (EA). The EA will assess the potential effects of project construction and operation on geology and soils, aquatic, terrestrial, threatened and endangered species, recreation and land use, aesthetic, and cultural and historic resources. Because staff believe the issues that need to be addressed in its EA have been adequately identified, with this notice, we are soliciting comments on our intent to waive scoping for the Potter Creek Hydroelectric Project. Comments, terms and conditions, recommendations, prescriptions, and reply comments, if any, will be addressed in an EA.

Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD04-4-001]

#### Panel Member List for Hydropower Licensing Study Dispute Resolution; Notice Extending Filing Date for Applications for Panel Member List for Hydropower Licensing Study Dispute Resolution

February 4, 2010.

On October 20, 2009, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) requested applications to be included on a list of resource experts willing to serve as a third panel member in the Commission's hydropower integrated licensing process (ILP) study dispute resolution process. We are extending the application period until August 15, 2010, to afford interested parties more time to respond to the original request. Respondents to the initial request need not reapply to be considered. Information on the application contents and how to file applications can be found in the October 20, 2009 notice or on the

Commission's Web page at: <http://www.ferc.gov/industries/hydropower.asp>. For more information please contact David Turner at (202) 502-6091 or [david.turner@ferc.gov](mailto:david.turner@ferc.gov).

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13605-000]

#### Natural Currents Energy Services, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

February 4, 2010.

On October 21, 2009, and revised on January 28, 2009, Natural Currents Energy Services, LLC, filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Icy Passage Tidal Energy Project, located in Icy Passage, in the Hoonah-Angoon Borough, Alaska. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed project would either attach turbines to the underside of an existing State of Alaska dock, or anchor the turbines to the bottom of the passage, and would consist of: (1) An existing approximately 70-foot-long by 220-foot-wide State of Alaska dock connected to the shore by an approximately 1,130-foot-long boardwalk extending into Icy Passage; (2) twelve 25-kilowatt (kW) Red Hawk in-stream turbine modules with a total generating capacity of 300 kW; (3) one or more clusters of Tidal In-Stream Energy Conversion Devices (TISEC devices) to transmit the electricity from the turbines to the underwater transmission line; (4) an approximately 3,900-foot-long, 480-volt underwater transmission line connecting the TISEC device to an existing above-ground local distribution system; and (5) appurtenant facilities. The project would have an estimated average annual generation of 1,200 megawatt-hours.

**Applicant Contact:** Roger Bason, President, Natural Currents Energy Services, LLC, 24 Roxanne Boulevard, Highland, NY 12561; phone: (845) 691-4009.

**FERC Contact:** Jennifer Harper, 202-502-6136.

**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. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36. 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 (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ferconline.asp>) under the "eFiling" link. For a simpler method of submitting text only comments, click on "Quick Comment." For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov); call toll-free at (866) 208-3676; or, for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and eight copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, 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-13605) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13237-001]

#### Whitman River Dam, Inc.; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, and Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process

February 5, 2010.

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process.

b. *Project No.:* 13237-001.

c. *Date Filed*: November 20, 2009.  
d. *Submitted By*: Whitman River Dam, Inc.

e. *Name of Project*: Crocker Pond Project.

f. *Location*: The project would be located at the existing Crocker Pond Dam, on the Whitman River, in Worcester County, Massachusetts. The project would not occupy any federal land.

g. *Filed Pursuant to*: 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's regulations.

h. *Potential Applicant Contact*: Mr. Robert T. Francis, Whitman River Dam, Inc., P.O. Box 145, 10 Tommy Francis Road, Westminister, MA 01473; (978) 874-1010.

i. *FERC Contact*: Jeff Browning, (202) 502-8677, or [jeffrey.browning@ferc.gov](mailto:jeffrey.browning@ferc.gov).

j. Whitman River Dam, Inc. filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on November 20, 2009. Whitman River Dam, Inc. provided public notice of its request on December 17, 2009. In a letter dated February 1, 2010, the Director of the Office of Energy Projects approved the Whitman River Dam, Inc. request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.

k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with: (a) the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act; and (b) the Massachusetts 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. Whitman River Dam, Inc. 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](mailto: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://ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm> to be notified via e-mail of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For

assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

**[Docket No. CP04-379-003]**

#### Pine Prairie Energy Center, LLC; Notice of Application

February 3, 2010.

Take notice that on January 26, 2010, Pine Prairie Energy Center, LLC (Pine Prairie), 333 Clay Street, Suite 1100, Houston, TX 77002, filed an abbreviated application in Docket No. CP04-379-003, pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) as amended, for an order amending the certificate of public convenience and necessity issued in Docket Nos. CP04-379-000, CP04-379-001, and CP04-379-002, to authorize Pine Prairie to: (1) Install six 5,750 hp electric motor drive compressor units instead of the four 4,700 hp natural gas-fueled units previously authorized; (2) construct and operate a new electrical substation at the Pine Prairie Gas Handling Facility and approximately 1,200 feet of aerial electric power lines between the new substation and the existing substation and (3) increase the authorized daily delivery capacity at Pine Prairie's existing interconnection with Columbia Gulf Transmission Company to permit higher rates of delivery at peak conditions. Pine Prairie also seeks reaffirmation of its authority to charge market based rates for storage and hub services, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open for public inspection.

Any questions concerning this application should be directed to James F. Bowe, Jr., Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP, 1101 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20005, 202-346-8000 (phone), 202-346-8102 (fax), or via e-mail at [jbowe@dl.com](mailto:jbowe@dl.com).

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is

issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "e-Library" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made in the proceeding with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to