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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–14201) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: April 14, 2015.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No., CD15–23–000]

#### Los Angeles County Public Works; Notice of Preliminary Determination of a Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility and Soliciting Comments and Motions To Intervene

On April 14, 2015, Los Angeles County Public Works filed a notice of intent to construct a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, pursuant to section 30 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), as amended by section 4 of the Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2013 (HREA). The proposed M7W Pressure Reducing Station Hydroelectric Project would have an installed capacity of 215 kilowatts (kW) and would be located at the Quartz Hill Water Treatment Plant, which treats water for municipal consumption. The project would be located near the Town of Palmdale in Los Angeles County, California.

*Applicant Contact:* Paul Maselbas, Los Angeles County Public Works, Waterworks Division, 900 S. Freemont Ave., Alhambra, CA 91803, (626) 300–3302.

*FERC Contact:* Robert Bell, Phone No. (202) 502–6062, email: [robert.bell@ferc.gov](mailto:robert.bell@ferc.gov).

*Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility Description:* The proposed project would consist of: (1) an existing 51-foot by 38-foot building, which will serve as the powerhouse; (2) an existing 30-inch-diameter pipe to the treatment plant; (3) one proposed turbine-generator unit with an installed capacity of 215 kW, which will replace pressure reducing valve CV5; (4) an existing 125-foot-long, 30-inch-diameter discharge pipe that delivers potable water to storage tanks for distribution to parts of the City of Palmdale, California and (5) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an estimated annual generating capacity of 730 megawatt-hours.

A qualifying conduit hydropower facility is one that is determined or deemed to meet all of the criteria shown in the table below.

TABLE 1—CRITERIA FOR QUALIFYING CONDUIT HYDROPOWER FACILITY

| <i>Statutory provision</i>                | <i>Description</i>   | <i>Satisfies (Y/N)</i> |
|---|--|------------------------|
| FPA 30(a)(3)(A), as amended by HREA.      | The conduit the facility uses is a tunnel, canal, pipeline, aqueduct, flume, ditch, or similar manmade water conveyance that is operated for the distribution of water for agricultural, municipal, or industrial consumption and not primarily for the generation of electricity. | Y                      |
| FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(i), as amended by HREA.   | The facility is constructed, operated, or maintained for the generation of electric power and uses for such generation only the hydroelectric potential of a non-federally owned conduit.  | Y                      |
| FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(ii), as amended by HREA.  | The facility has an installed capacity that does not exceed 5 megawatts .....  | Y                      |
| FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(iii), as amended by HREA. | On or before August 9, 2013, the facility is not licensed, or exempted from the licensing requirements of Part I of the FPA.   | Y                      |

*Preliminary Determination:* Based upon the above criteria, Commission staff preliminarily determines that the proposal satisfies the requirements for a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, which is not required to be licensed or exempted from licensing.

*Comments and Motions to Intervene:* Deadline for filing comments contesting whether the facility meets the qualifying criteria is 45 days from the issuance date of this notice.

Deadline for filing motions to intervene is 30 days from the issuance date of this notice.

Anyone may submit comments or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210 and 385.214. Any motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified

deadline date for the particular proceeding.

*Filing and Service of Responsive Documents:* All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the “COMMENTS CONTESTING QUALIFICATION FOR A CONDUIT HYDROPOWER FACILITY” or “MOTION TO INTERVENE,” as applicable; (2) state in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) state the name, address, and telephone number of the person filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of sections 385.2001 through 385.2005 of the Commission’s regulations.<sup>1</sup> All comments contesting Commission staff’s preliminary determination that the

facility meets the qualifying criteria must set forth their evidentiary basis.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene and comments using the Commission’s eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. A copy of all other filings in reference

<sup>1</sup> 18 CFR 385.2001–2005 (2014).

to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

*Locations of Notice of Intent:* Copies of the notice of intent can be obtained directly from the applicant or such copies can be viewed and reproduced at the Commission in its Public Reference Room, Room 2A, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number (e.g., CD15-23000) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3676 or email [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Dated: April 16, 2015.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 6142-008]

#### **Bradley D. Reeves, Kevin Drone; Notice of Termination of Exemption by Implied Surrender and Soliciting Comments, Protests, and Motions To Intervene**

Take notice that the following hydroelectric proceeding has been initiated by the Commission:

a. *Type of Proceeding:* Termination of exemption by implied surrender

b. *Project No.:* 6142-008

c. *Date Initiated:* April 16, 2015

d. *Exemtees:* Bradley D. Reeves and Kevin Drone

e. *Name and Location of Project:* The Dardanelles Creek Hydroelectric Project is located on the Dardanelles and Pond Creeks, in Placer County, California, on federal lands managed by the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Bureau of Reclamation (BOR).

f. *Issued Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 4.106 (Standard Article 1 of the Exemption)

g. *Exemptee Contact Information:* Bradley D. Reeves, 6335 Broken Bow Court Foresthill, CA 95631, (916) 887-1443, and Kevin Drone, 22234 Todd Valley Road Foresthill, CA 95631, (530) 863-3643 Or c/o Sackheim Consulting, 5096 Cocoa Palm Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628, (301) 401-5978.

h. *FERC Contact:* M. Joseph Fayyad, (202) 502-8759, [mo.fayyad@ferc.gov](mailto:mo.fayyad@ferc.gov).

i. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene and protests,* is 30 days from the issuance date of this notice. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. All documents may be filed using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please include the project number (P-6142-008) on any comments, motions to intervene, protests, or recommendations filed.

j. *Description of Project Facilities:* (1) A 5-foot-high by 20-foot-long diversion structure on Dardanelles Creek and a 2-foot-high by 8-foot-long diversion structure on Pond Creek; (2) a 8-inch-diameter, 4,000-foot-long conduit from Dardanelles Creek, and a 2-foot-wide, 2,700-foot-long ditch from Pond Creek; (3) a settling basin, 60-foot-long, 30-foot-wide, and 8-foot-deep; (4) a 6-inch-diameter, 1,660-foot-long penstock; (5) a powerhouse with a single Canyon turbine unit rated at 224 kilowatts (kW), and connected to a Toshiba induction generator rated at 240 kW; and (6) appurtenant facilities.

k. *Description of Proceeding:* The exemptee is in violation of Standard Article 1 of its exemption, which was granted on October 8, 1982 (21 FERC ¶62,018). Article 1 provides, among other things, that the Commission may terminate an exemption if any term or condition of the exemption is violated.

Commission records show The Dardanelles Creek Hydroelectric Project has been non-operational since before 2009. The project is located on lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) and has ongoing compliance issues with both agencies. By letter dated September 26, 2011, BLM copied the Commission on a fully executed duplicate original 5-year license (permit to use federal lands) to Mr. Bradley Reeves, exemptee for the project. On October 17, 2011, Mr. Reeves advised the Commission that he had sold the project to Mr. Kevin Drone as of September 15, 2011. By letter

dated October 28, 2011, to the new owner, Mr. Drone, the Commission requested the filing of documentation he has the rights to use or occupy the federal lands affected by the project, and a plan and schedule for making the project operational. On March 6, 2012, Mr. Drone filed a letter with the Commission stating he declined the exemption transfer until Mr. Reeves resolves non-compliance and outstanding debt liability issues. Commission, BLM, and BOR staff has tried to contact both parties. The parties have shown no movement towards restoring project operation or removing abandoned equipment, and no longer claim ownership of the project. Last correspondence with Mr. Reeves was returned with no forwarding address. The Commission is pursuing an implied surrender of the exemption due to noncompliance with its Standard Article 1. Doing so will also facilitate the BLM and/or the BOR efforts to pursue legally the current and/or the previous owner of the project.

l. This notice is available for review and reproduction at the Commission in the Public Reference Room, Room 2A, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The filing may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the Docket number (P-6142-008) excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the notice. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3676 or email [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

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 and Protests—*Anyone may submit comments, protests or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210 and 385.211. 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 deadline date for the particular proceeding.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—*Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS, PROTEST, or MOTION TO INTERVE",