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Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

December 20, 2006.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Preliminary Permit.

b. *Project No:* 12750-000.

c. *Date Filed:* November 2, 2006.

d. *Applicant:* Oregon Wave Energy Partners, LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Newport OPT Wave Park Project.

f. *Location:* The proposed tidal project would be located in the Pacific Ocean about 3 to 6 miles off shore in Lincoln County, Oregon.

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

h. *Applicant Contacts:* Charles F. Dunleavy, Oregon Wave Energy Partners, LLC, 1590 Reed Road, Pennington, NJ 08534, phone: (609)-730-0400.

i. *FERC Contact:* Mr. Robert Bell, (202) 502-6062.

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene, protests and comments:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. 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 under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. Please include the project number (P-12750-000) on any comments or motions filed.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person in the official service list

for the project. Further, if an intervenor 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.

k. *Competing Application:* Project No. 12727-000, Date Filed: August 17, 2006, Date Issued: October 11, 2006, Due Date: December 11, 2006.

l. *Description of Project:* The proposed project would consist of: (1) 200 to 400 Power Buoys having a total installed capacity of 100 megawatts, (2) a proposed 13.8 kilovolt transmission line, and (3) appurtenant facilities. The project is estimated to have an annual generation of 306.6 gigawatt-hours per-unit per-year, which would be sold to a local utility.

m. *Locations of Applications:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission in the 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. For assistance, call toll-free 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.

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

o. *Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit:* A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

p. *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, 385.211, 385.214. 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.

q. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents:* 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. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Hydropower Administration and Compliance, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

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r. *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.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2301-022]

PPL Montana; Notice of Teleconference to Discuss Additional Information Needs for the Mystic Lake Hydroelectric Project

December 20, 2006.

a. *Date and Time of Teleconference:* January 8, 2007; 9 a.m. MST (11 a.m. EST).

b. *Teleconference Call*: Call-in procedures and an agenda will be posted to the Commission's Web site soon at: <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx?Date=1/6/2007&CalendarID=0>.

c. *FERC Contact*: Steve Hocking at (202) 502-8753 or steve.hocking@ferc.gov.

d. *Purpose of Teleconference*: PPL Montana filed an application to relicense the Mystic Lake Hydroelectric Project on December 15, 2006. Commission staff may include a "Wilderness Avoidance Alternative" in our NEPA analysis to analyze lowered lake levels in both Mystic and West Rosebud Lakes, if needed, to prevent these two lakes from encroaching upon the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Area. This teleconference is to help Commission staff determine whether any additional information is needed to analyze a "Wilderness Avoidance Alternative" in our NEPA document.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP06-614-000]

Transwestern Pipeline Company, LLC; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

December 19, 2006.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference will be convened in this proceeding commencing at 10 a.m. (EST) on Tuesday, January 9, 2007, at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, for the purpose of exploring the possible settlement of the above-referenced docket.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

FERC conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations please send an e-mail to accessibility@ferc.gov or call toll free 1-866-208-3372 (voice) or 202-208-1659 (TTY), or send a FAX to 202-208-

2106 with the required accommodations.

For additional information, please contact Tom Burgess at (202) 502-6058, thomas.burgess@ferc.gov or Lorna Hadlock at (202) 502-8737, lorna.hadlock@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Southwestern Power Administration

Robert D. Willis Hydropower Rate Schedules

AGENCY: Southwestern Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Rate Order.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Delegation Order Nos. 00-037.00, effective December 6, 2001, and 00-001.00B, effective July 28, 2005, the Deputy Secretary has approved and placed into effect on an interim basis Rate Order No. SWPA-57, which increases the power rate for the Robert Douglas Willis Hydropower Project (Willis) pursuant to the following Willis Rate Schedule:

Rate Schedule RDW-06, Wholesale Rates for Hydro Power and Energy Sold to Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency (Contract No. DE-PM75-85SW00117)

The effective period for the rate schedule specified in Rate Order No. SWPA-57 is January 1, 2007, through September 30, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Forrest E. Reeves, Assistant Administrator, Office of Corporate Operations, Southwestern Power Administration, Department of Energy, One West Third Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103, (918) 595-6696, gene.reeves@swpa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The existing hydroelectric power rate for the Robert Douglas Willis project is \$648,096 per year. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approved this rate on a final basis on June 21, 2006, for the period January 1, 2006, through September 30, 2009. The 2006 Willis Power Repayment Studies indicate the need for an increase in the annual rate by \$167,484 or 25.8 percent beginning January 1, 2007.

The Administrator, Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern) has followed Title 10, Part 903 Subpart A, of the Code of Federal Regulations, "Procedures for Public Participation in Power and Transmission Rate Adjustments and Extensions" in

connection with the proposed rate schedule. On August 10, 2006, Southwestern published notice in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 45820), of a 60-day comment period, together with a combined Public Information and Comment Forum, to provide an opportunity for customers and other interested members of the public to review and comment on a proposed rate increase for the Willis project. The public forum was canceled when no one expressed an intention to participate. Written comments were accepted through October 10, 2006. One comment was received from Gillis & Angley, Counsellors at Law, on behalf of Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency and the Vinton Public Power Authority, which stated that they had no objection to the proposed rate adjustment.

Information regarding this rate proposal, including studies and other supporting material, is available for public review and comment in the offices of Southwestern Power Administration, One West Third Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103.

Following review of Southwestern's proposal within the Department of Energy, I approved Rate Order No. SWPA-57, on an interim basis, which increases the existing Robert D. Willis rate to \$815,580, per year, for the period January 1, 2007, through September 30, 2010.

Dated: December 21, 2006.

Clay Sell,

Deputy Secretary.

United States of America Department of Energy, Deputy Secretary of Energy

*In the Matter of: Southwestern Power
Administration; Robert D. Willis
Hydropower Project Rate*

Rate Order No. SWPA-57

Order Confirming, Approving and Placing Increased Power Rate Schedule in Effect on an Interim Basis

Pursuant to sections 302(a) and 301(b) of the Department of Energy Organization Act, Public Law 95-91, the functions of the Secretary of the Interior and the Federal Power Commission under section 5 of the Flood Control Act of 1944, 16 U.S.C. 825s, relating to the Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern) were transferred to and vested in the Secretary of Energy. By Delegation Order No. 0204-108, effective December 14, 1983, the Secretary of Energy delegated to the Administrator of Southwestern the authority to develop power and transmission rates, delegated to the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Energy the authority to confirm,