

Please notify Jim Hastreiter at 503-552-2760 or james.hastreiter@ferc.gov by May 2, 2011, if you plan to attend the site visit.

Meeting Objectives

At the scoping meetings, staff will: (1) Initiate scoping of the issues; (2) review and discuss existing conditions and resource management objectives; (3) review and discuss existing information and identify preliminary information and study needs; (4) review and discuss the process plan and schedule for pre-filing activity that incorporates the time frames provided for in Part 5 of the Commission's regulations and, to the extent possible, maximizes coordination of federal, state, and tribal permitting and certification processes; and (5) discuss the appropriateness of any federal or state agency or Indian tribe acting as a cooperating agency for development of an environmental document.

Meeting participants should come prepared to discuss their issues and/or concerns. Please review the PAD in preparation for the scoping meetings. Directions on how to obtain a copy of the PAD and SD1 are included in item n. of this document.

Meeting Procedures

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will be placed in the public record of the project.

Dated: April 8, 2011.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL11-33-000]

Northeast Transmission Development, LLC; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order

Take notice that on April 6, 2011, pursuant to section 219 of the Federal Power Act,¹ Rule 207 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.207, and Order No. 679,² Northeast Transmission

Development, LLC filed a Petition for Declaratory Order (Petition) requesting that the Commission grant their request for incentive rate treatments, as more fully described in its Petition.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on May 6, 2011.

Dated: April 8, 2011.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13843-000]

FFP Qualified Hydro 24, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On September 28, 2010, FFP Qualified Hydro 24, LLC filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the Cle Elum Dam Hydroelectric Project (project) to be located at the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Cle Elum dam on the Cle Elum River, near Cle Elum in Kittitas County, Washington. 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 utilize the Cle Elum dam and would consist of the following: (1) A new 1,000-foot-long, 12-foot-wide steel liner penstock; (2) a new 70-foot-long, 100-foot-wide reinforced concrete powerhouse with turbine/generating units with an installed capacity of 18 megawatts; (3) a new 15-megawatt substation adjacent to the powerhouse; (4) a new 0.75-mile-long, 34.5-kilovolt overhead transmission line; and (5) appurtenant facilities. The estimated annual generation of the project would be 40 gigawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: Ms. Ramya Swaminathan, 33 Commercial Street, Gloucester, Massachusetts 01930; phone: (978) 226-1531.

FERC Contact: Kelly Wolcott; phone: (202) 502-6480.

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/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters,

¹ 16 U.S.C. 824s (2007); *Energy Policy Act of 2005*, Pub. L. 109-58, 1241, 119 Stat. 594,961-62 (2005) (EPA Act 2005), amended the FPA by adding section 219.

² *Promoting Transmission Investment through Pricing Reform*, Order No. 679, 2006-2007 FERC Stats. & Regs., Regs. Preambles ¶ 31,222, *order on reh'g*, Order No. 679-A, 2006-2007 FERC Stats. &

Regs., Regs. Preambles ¶ 31,236 (2006), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 679-A, 119 FERC ¶ 61,062 (2007).

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 or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and seven 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-13843-000) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: April 8, 2011.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14060-000]

Owyhee Hydro, LLC; of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On January 18, 2011, Owyhee Hydro, LLC filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the Owyhee Pumped Storage Project (project) to be located on Lake Owyhee, near Adrian, Malheur County, Oregon. 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 has three alternatives and would consist of the following:

Owyhee Ridge Alternative A

Utilizing the existing Lake Owyhee as the lower reservoir and constructing: (1)

A 50-foot-high, 9,900-foot-long earthen or rockfill upper reservoir embankment; (2) a artificial, lined upper reservoir with a storage capacity of 8,235-acre-foot; (3) a 600-foot-long, 15.5-foot diameter concrete-lined low-pressure tunnel; (4) a 5,870-foot-long, 15.5-foot-diameter concrete-lined pressure shaft; (5) a 1,815-foot-long, 18.6-foot-diameter concrete-lined tailrace; (6) a 100-foot-long, 350-foot-wide, 120-foot-high underground powerhouse; (7) a 4.85-mile-long, 230 or 345-kilovolt (kV) transmission line interconnecting with either the existing Midpoint-Summer Lake line or the planned Boardman-Hemingway line; and (8) appurtenant facilities.

Owyhee Ridge Alternative B

Utilizing the existing Lake Owyhee as the lower reservoir and constructing: (1) A 50-foot-high, 9,900-foot-long earthen or rockfill upper reservoir embankment; (2) a artificial, lined upper reservoir with a storage capacity of 8,235-acre-foot; (3) a 1,190-foot-long, 15.5-foot-diameter concrete-lined low-pressure tunnel; (4) an 8,100-foot-long, 15.5-foot-diameter concrete-lined pressure shaft; (5) a 2,000-foot-long, 18.6-foot-diameter concrete-lined tailrace; (6) a 100-foot-long, 350-foot-wide, 120-foot-high underground powerhouse; (7) a 2.7-mile-long, 230 or 354-kV transmission line interconnecting with either the existing Midpoint-Summer Lake line or the planned Boardman-Hemingway line; and (8) appurtenant facilities.

Long Draw Alternative

Utilizing the existing Lake Owyhee as the lower reservoir and constructing: (1) A artificial, lined upper reservoir with a storage capacity of 8,235-acre-foot; (2) a 210-foot-high, 2,165-foot-long zoned earth and rockfill dam with impervious core or concrete-face earth and rockfill dam; (3) a 2,100-foot-long, 16.4-foot-diameter concrete-lined low-pressure tunnel; (4) a 8,070-foot-long, 16.4-foot-diameter concrete-lined pressure tunnel; (5) a 2,110-foot-long, 19.7-foot-diameter concrete-lined tailrace; (6) an 80-foot-high, 280-foot-wide, 120-foot-high underground powerhouse; (7) a 2.5-mile-long, 230-kV transmission line interconnecting with either the existing Midpoint-Summer Lake line or the planned Boardman-Hemingway line; and (8) appurtenant facilities.

All of the alternatives would include four reversible pump-turbines with a total installed capacity of 500 megawatts.

The estimated annual generation of the project would be 1,533 gigawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: Mr. Matthew Shapiro, Owyhee Hydro, LLC, 1210 W. Franklin Street, Suite 2, Boise, Idaho 83702; phone: (208) 246-9925.

FERC Contact: Kelly Wolcott; phone: (202) 502-6480.

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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-14060-000) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Implications of Climate Change for Bioassessment Programs and Approaches To Account for Effects

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).