

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission

[Project No. 13525-000]

**Green Hydropower Inc.; Notice of
Preliminary Permit Application
Accepted for Filing and Soliciting
Comments, Motions To Intervene, and
Competing Applications**

October 30, 2009.

On June 23, 2009, and supplemented on October 15, 2009, Green Hydropower Inc. filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA)¹ to study the feasibility of the proposed Green Hydropower Chief Joseph Project. The project would be located in Douglas and Okanogan Counties, 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 Green Hydropower Chief Joseph Project is an in-river development that would be located approximately 1 mile downstream of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Chief Joseph Dam on the Columbia River. The project would consist of: (1) Multiple 10-foot-diameter to 40-foot diameter sea anchors (pieces of high-strength synthetic material that inflate to roughly the shape of a parachute in the presence of an underwater current); (2) up to 1.25-mile long synthetic rope; (3) an electric driven traction winch or an electric-driven capstan; (4) a 1 to 2-megawatt generator attached to the winch or capstan; (5) a floating vessel, such as a boat; (6) a new approximately 480-volt, 1,500-foot-long transmission line; and (7) appurtenant facilities. The sea anchors would be attached to a rope that is connected to the winch or capstan. The winch or capstan would be mounted on shore or on a floating vessel. The sea anchors would be pulled downstream by the existing current, pulling the rope through a winch or capstan, which will turn the generator. The project would have an estimated annual generation of between 8,750 megawatt-hours (MWh) and 17,500 MWh per year.

Applicant Contact: Mr. Joseph Allan Francis, Owner, Green Hydropower Inc.,

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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:

Sixty 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, 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-13525) 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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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OAR-2003-0041; FRL-8975-7]

**Agency Information Collection
Activities; Proposed Collection;
Comment Request; RadNet (Previously
Known as ERAMS); EPA ICR No.
0877.10, OMB Control No. 2060-0015**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit a request to renew an existing approved Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This ICR is scheduled to expire on May 31, 2010. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects

of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 5, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2003-0041, by one of the following methods:

- *http://www.regulations.gov:* Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- *E-mail:* a-and-r-Docket@epa.gov.
- *Fax:* (202) 566-9744.
- *Mail:* EPA Docket Center, Air and Radiation Docket, Mail Code 2822, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.
- *Hand Delivery:* EPA West Building, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2003-0041. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through <http://www.regulations.gov> or e-mail. The <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through <http://www.regulations.gov> your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm>.

¹ 16 U.S.C. 797(f). Three years is the maximum term for a preliminary permit. See FPA Section 5, 16 U.S.C. 798.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**How Can I Access the Docket and/or Submit Comments?**

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2003-0041, which is available for online viewing at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or in person viewing at the Office of Air and Radiation Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA/DC Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is 202-566-1744, and the telephone number for the Office of Air and Radiation Docket is 202-566-1742.

Use <http://www.regulations.gov> to obtain a copy of the draft collection of information, submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the docket ID number identified in this document.

What Information Is EPA Particularly Interested in?

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, EPA specifically solicits comments and information to enable it to:

- (i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. In

particular, EPA is requesting comments from very small businesses (those that employ less than 25) on examples of specific additional efforts that EPA could make to reduce the paperwork burden for very small businesses affected by this collection.

What Should I Consider When I Prepare My Comments for EPA?

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

- 1. Explain your views as clearly as possible and provide specific examples.
- 2. Describe any assumptions that you used.
- 3. Provide copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.
- 4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate that you provide.
- 5. Offer alternative ways to improve the collection activity.
- 6. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline identified under DATES.
- 7. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket ID number assigned to this action in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation.

What Information Collection Activity or ICR Does This Apply to?

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are sample collectors.

Title: RadNet.

ICR numbers: EPA ICR No. 0877.10, OMB Control No. 2060-0015.

ICR status: This ICR is currently scheduled to expire on May 31, 2010. An Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations in title 40 of the CFR, after appearing in the **Federal Register** when approved, are listed in 40 CFR part 9, are displayed either by publication in the **Federal Register** or by other appropriate means, such as on the related collection instrument or form, if applicable. The display of OMB control numbers in certain EPA regulations is consolidated in 40 CFR part 9.

Abstract: RadNet is a national network of stations collecting sampling media that include air, precipitation, drinking water, and milk. Samples are sent to EPA National Air and Radiation Environmental Laboratory (NAREL) in Montgomery, Alabama, where they are analyzed for radioactivity. RadNet

provides emergency response/homeland security and ambient monitoring information on levels of environmental radiation across the nation. All stations, usually operated by state and local personnel, participate in RadNet voluntarily. Station operators complete information forms that accompany the samples. The forms request descriptive information pertaining to sample location, e.g., sample type, sample location, length of sampling period, and volume represented.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.3 hours per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements which have subsequently changed; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

The ICR provides a detailed explanation of the Agency's estimate, which is only briefly summarized here:

Estimated total number of potential respondents: 249.

Frequency of response: from twice weekly to four times annually, depending upon type of medium being sampled.

Estimated total average number of responses for each respondent: 34.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 8363 hours.

Estimated total annual costs: \$254,890. This cost refers to respondent burden. The costs of capital investment, maintenance and operational costs are assumed by the Agency.

Are There Changes in the Estimates From the Last Approval?

There will be an increase in the total estimated respondent burden compared with that identified in the ICR currently approved by OMB. This increase reflects EPA's decision to upgrade and expand the air monitoring network of RadNet. Over the years covered by this ICR renewal the air network will expand from existing 64 monitors to

approximately 130 monitors, which will result in the addition of 66 respondents.

What Is the Next Step in the Process for This ICR?

EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. At that time, EPA will issue another Federal Register notice pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. If you have any questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Dated: October 5, 2009.

Ronald Fraass,

*Director, National Air and Radiation
Environmental Laboratory (NAREL).*

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at 202-564-7146 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>.

An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated July 17, 2009, (74 FR 34754).

Draft EISs

EIS No. 20090192, ERP No. D-FHW-L40238-ID, Idaho 16, I-84 to Idaho 44 Environmental Study, Proposed Action is to Increase the Transportation Capacity, Funding, Ada and Canyon Counties, ID.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about impacts to air quality, wetlands, floodplains, groundwater and riparian habitat complexes and requested information on public transit, designated non-motorized infrastructure, and demand management to reduce greenhouse gases. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20090231, ERP No. D-BIA-K60042-CA, Point Molate Mixed-Use Tribal Destination Resort and Casino, Proposed Project is to Strengthen the Tribal Government and Improve the Social Economic Status, Guidiville Band of Pomo Indian of the Guidiville Rancheria (Tribe), City of Richmond, Contra Costa County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about the cleanup of onsite contamination and requested additional information regarding enforcement of cleanup orders after the land is taken into Tribal trust. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20090244, ERP No. D-BLM-K65375-CA, Santa Ana River Wash Land Use Plan Amendment and Land Exchange Project, Proposes to Exchange Land Located within Upper Santa Ana River Wash, for District-Owned Lands in San Bernardino County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about potential adverse impacts to wetlands and endangered species. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20090298, ERP No. D-COE-K39121-CA, Natomas Levee Improvement Program Phase 4a Landside Improvement Project, Issuing of 408 Permission and 404 Permit, California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the California Central Valley Flood Protection Board, Sutter and Sacramento Counties, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about air quality conformity and requested that residual flood risk be incorporated into land use planning. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20090318, ERP No. D-USA-L15000-WA, Fort Lewis Army Growth and Force Structures Realignment, Implementation, Fort Lewis and Yakima Training Center, Kittitas, Pierce, Thurston and Yakima Counties, WA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about water quality, biological resources, noise and human health impacts. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20090308, ERP No. DS-USN-E65055-FL, Renewal of Authorization to Use Pinecastle Range, New Information that was not Available in the 2002 FEIS, Continued Use of the Range for a 20 Year Period, Special Use Permit Issuance, Ocala National Forest, Marion and Lake Counties, FL.

Summary: Based on full implementation of the existing and proposed mitigation measures, EPA has no objection to the proposed action. Rating LO.

EIS No. 20090310, ERP No. DS-AFS-L65455-ID, Small-Scale Suction Dredging in Lolo Creek and Moose Creek Project, Updated Information to Analysis Three Alternatives, Clearwater National Forest, North Fork Ranger District, Clearwater and Idaho Counties, ID.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about water quality and cumulative impacts, and requested information about the data collected and level of uncertainty regarding conclusions related to water quality. EPA also requested a cumulative effects analysis that considers a temporal scale consistent with the life of this approval and continual dredging over time in the stream channel. Rating EC2.

Final EISs

EIS No. 20090328, ERP No. F-FRC-E03019-00, Phase VIII Expansion Project, Proposed to Construct, Own, Operate, and Maintain New Interstate National Gas Pipeline, Compressor, and Ancillary Facilities in Alabama and Florida.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about noise aquatic habitat, water resource, and wetland impacts, and requested mitigation for these impacts.

Dated: November 3, 2009.

Ken Mittelholtz,

*Deputy Director, NEPA Compliance Division,
Office of Federal Activities.*

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-1399 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>.

Weekly Receipt of Environmental Impact Statements
Filed 10/26/2009 Through 10/30/2009
Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 20090371, Draft EIS, NPS, KY, Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, General Management Plan, Implementation, Middlesboro, KY, Comment Period Ends: 01/04/2010, Contact: David Libman, 404-507-5701.

EIS No. 20090372, Draft EIS, FRBSF, WA, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, Propose to sell the Property at 1015 Second Avenue that is