

Decision

On October 7, 2010, BLM issued its ROD and approved the Proposed Plan Amendment to the CDCA Plan to allow for solar energy right-of-way grants to Solar Partners for the ISEGS project to be constructed on BLM-managed land. The Secretary of the Interior also issued Secretarial Approval of these decisions on this date.

DOE has decided to select alternative (1) identified above: To issue loan guarantees for construction and start-up of the Mitigated Ivanpah 3 Project, which BLM selected in its ROD. The Mitigated Ivanpah 3 Project would be the development of three solar concentrating thermal power plants. Under alternative (2), the No Action Alternative, DOE would not issue loan guarantees for the project, and it is unlikely that Solar Partners would implement the project as currently planned. While the direct and indirect environmental impacts of the ISEGS would be avoided under the No Action Alternative, the benefits of reduced greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and the opportunity to make use of new technology to reduce GHG emissions and air pollutants would be lost.

Approval of the loan guarantees for the ISEGS project responds to DOE's purpose and need pursuant to Title XVII of EPAct 05 (42 U.S.C. 16511–16514) for eligible projects under Section 1703 of Title XVII, which authorizes the Secretary of Energy to make loan guarantees for projects that (1) avoid, reduce, or sequester air pollutants or anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases and (2) employ new or significantly improved technologies as compared to commercial technologies in service in the United States at the time the guarantee is issued. Issuance of loan guarantees for projects under Section 1703 of Title XVII of EPAct 05 facilitates the acceleration of the commercialization of innovative, environmentally-friendly technologies that will have an impact on ensuring clean, affordable, and reliable supplies of energy. The purpose and need for DOE's loan guarantee action is to comply with DOE's mandate under Title XVII of EPAct 2005 by selecting eligible projects that meet the goals of the Act.

In addition, approval of the loan guarantees for the ISEGS project also responds to DOE's purpose and need pursuant to Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which authorizes the Secretary to make loan guarantees for eligible projects under Section 1705 of Title XVII (implemented pursuant to Section 406 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009). Eligible

projects include renewable energy projects and related manufacturing facilities, electric power transmission projects, and leading edge biofuels projects. The primary purposes of the Recovery Act are job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and State and local fiscal stabilization. Issuances of loan guarantees for eligible projects under Section 1705 are designed to address the current economic conditions of the nation, in part, through renewable energy, transmission, and leading edge biofuels projects. Eligible projects must commence construction by September 30, 2011.

Mitigation

The ISEGS project that will be supported by issuance of the DOE loan guarantees includes all mitigation conditions applied by BLM in its ROW grants for this project. BLM is the Federal lead agency for the ISEGS project under NEPA and is responsible for ensuring compliance with all adopted mitigation measures for the ISEGS project set out in the Final EIS. The complete language of all the measures is provided in the BLM ROD and in Appendix 4, Compliance Monitoring Plan. BLM has also incorporated these mitigation measures into the ROW grants as terms and conditions.

DOE's loan guarantee agreements require the applicant to comply with all applicable laws and the terms of the ROW grants, including mitigation measures contained therein. An applicant's failure to comply with applicable laws and the ROW grants would constitute a default. Upon the continuance of a default, DOE would have the right under the loan guarantee agreement between it and the applicant to exercise usual and customary remedies. To ensure that the applicant so performs, the DOE Loan Programs Office proactively monitors all operative loan guarantee transactions.

Environmentally Preferred Alternative

Following analysis and comparison of the alternatives in the Supplemental Draft and Final EISs, the 370 MW Mitigated Ivanpah 3 Alternative was identified by BLM as the Environmentally Preferred Alternative and is the Selected Alternative identified in the BLM ROD.

DOE has decided that its alternative (1), to issue loan guarantees for construction and start-up of the Mitigated Ivanpah 3 Project, is environmentally preferable. DOE has determined that this alternative offers

substantial environmental benefits due to reductions in GHG emissions and that all practicable means to avoid or minimize environmental harm have, as described in the BLM ROD and Appendices for the ISEGS project, been adopted as mitigation measures by BLM.

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 4, 2011.

Jonathan M. Silver,

Executive Director, Loan Programs Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12796–004]

City of Wadsworth, OH; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission and Soliciting Additional Study Requests

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

a. *Type of Application:* Major Original License.

b. *Project No.:* P–12796–004.

c. *Date filed:* March 28, 2011.

d. *Applicant:* City of Wadsworth, Ohio.

e. *Name of Project:* R.C. Byrd Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Ohio River at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps), R.C. Byrd Locks and Dam (river mile 279.2), approximately 12.7 miles south of the confluence of the Ohio River and the Kanawha River, nine miles south of the Town of Gallipolis, Gallia County, Ohio. The project would occupy 7.6 acres of Federal land managed by the Corps.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Chris Easton, Director of Public Service, the City of Wadsworth, Ohio, 120 Maple Street, Wadsworth, OH 44281 (330–335–2777); Philip E. Meier, Hydro Development, American Municipal Power, Inc., 1111 Schrock Road, Suite 100, Columbus, OH (614–540–0913).

i. *FERC Contact:* Gaylord Hoisington, (202) 502–6032 or gaylord.hoisington@ferc.gov.

j. *Cooperating agencies:* Federal, State, local, and Tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the

instructions for filing such requests described in item l below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. *See*, 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

k. Pursuant to section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the application, and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

l. *Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status:* May 27, 2011.

All documents 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, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/>

[ecomment.asp](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 filings, 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.

m. The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. The proposed project would utilize the existing Corps' R.C. Byrd Locks and Dam and would consist of the following new facilities: (1) A 1,200-foot long intake channel; (2) a trashrack located in front of each of the generating unit intakes, with a bar spacing of approximately 8 inches; (3) a reinforced concrete powerhouse measuring approximately 258 feet long by 145 feet wide by 110 feet high, and housing two bulb-type turbine generator units with a total installed capacity of 50 megawatts; (4) a 900-foot-long tailrace channel; (5) a 2.41-mile-long, 138-kilovolt transmission line; and (6) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would

have an average annual generation of 266 gigawatt-hours.

o. A copy of the application 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 "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. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

p. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the Ohio State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), as required by 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR 800.4.

q. *Procedural schedule:* The application will be processed according to the following preliminary Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Issue Notice of Acceptance	July 2011
Issue Scoping Document I	August 2011.
Comments on Scoping Document I	September 2011.
Revised Scoping Document	November 2011.
Issue notice of ready for environmental analysis	November 2011.
Commission issues EA, draft EA	April 2012.
Notice of the availability of the EA	June 2012.

Dated: April 11, 2011.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings No. 2

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Docket Numbers: RP04-274-028.

Applicants: Kern River Gas Transmission Company.

Description: Additional Refund Report of Kern River Gas Transmission Company.

Filed Date: 04/04/2011.

Accession Number: 20110404-5088.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, April 18, 2011.

Docket Numbers: RP10-1152-002.

Applicants: Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC.

Description: Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC submits tariff filing per 154.203: Implement Settlement correction to be effective 4/1/2011.

Filed Date: 04/04/2011.

Accession Number: 20110404-5080.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, April 18, 2011.

Docket Numbers: RP11-1918-001.

Applicants: Pine Needle LNG Company, LLC.

Description: Pine Needle LNG Company, LLC submits tariff filing per 154.205(b): PN EP and Fuel Tracker Amended For Approved Stipulation and Agreement Rates to be effective 5/1/2011.

Filed Date: 04/06/2011.

Accession Number: 20110406-5086.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, April 18, 2011.

Docket Numbers: RP11-1776-001.

Applicants: Nautilus Pipeline Company, L.L.C.

Description: Nautilus Pipeline Company, L.L.C. submits tariff filing per 154.203: Nautilus Non-Conforming Agreements Refile to be effective 2/14/2011.

Filed Date: 04/07/2011.

Accession Number: 20110407-5109.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, April 19, 2011.

Any person desiring to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rule 211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211). Protests to this filing 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. Such protests must be filed on or before 5 p.m. Eastern time on the specified