

of the Commission staff's Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Project. This instant notice identifies the FERC staff's planned schedule for the completion of the EA for the Project.

#### Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA June 5, 2020

90-day Federal Authorization Decision

Deadline September 3, 2020

If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the Project's progress.

#### Project Description

The Lilly Compressor Units Replacement Project would comprise replacing the four existing gas turbine units totaling 34,800 horsepower (hp) with two new, more efficient, 18,100 hp gas turbine units. Software controls would be installed on the two new units to limit the total station hp to 34,800 hp, keeping the delivery capacity at the station the same. The Project also involves the construction of a new compressor building to house the two new compressor units. All facilities are located in Cambria County, Pennsylvania.

#### Background

On February 25, 2020, the Commission issued a *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Lilly Compressor Units Replacement Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues* (NOI). The NOI was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. In response to the NOI, the Commission received no comments to date. All substantive comments will be addressed in the EA.

#### Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to [www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp).

Additional information about the Project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (866) 208-FERC or on the FERC website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)). Using the

eLibrary link, select General Search from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and Docket Number excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, CP20–37), and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at (866) 208–3676, TTY (202) 502–8659, or at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). The eLibrary link on the FERC website also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

Dated: March 11, 2020.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2221–041]

#### Empire District Electric Company; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Licensing and Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

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

- a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.
- b. *Project No.:* 2221–041.
- c. *Date Filed:* February 28, 2020.
- d. *Applicant:* Empire District Electric Company (Empire District).
- e. *Name of Project:* Ozark Beach Hydroelectric Project (Ozark Beach Project).
- f. *Location:* The existing project is located on the White River in Taney County, Missouri. The project occupies 5.1 acres of United States lands administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps).
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791 (a)–825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Tim Wilson, Strategic Projects and Energy Supply, Empire District Electric Company, 602 South Joplin Avenue, P.O. Box 127, Joplin, MO 64802, (913) 458–6437 or [timpedccccc@by.com](mailto:timpedccccc@by.com); and Randy Richardson, Plant Manager, Empire District Electric Company, 2537 Fir Road, Sarcosie, MO 64862, (417) 625–6138 or [RRichardson@libertyutilities.com](mailto:RRichardson@libertyutilities.com).
- i. *FERC Contact:* Colleen Corballis at (202) 502–8598 or email at [colleen.corballis@ferc.gov](mailto:colleen.corballis@ferc.gov).

j. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

k. *The Ozark Beach Project consists of the following existing facilities:* (1) 2,200 acre Lake Taneycomo with a gross storage capacity of 22,000 acre-feet and a usable storage capacity of 6,500 acre-feet at a water surface elevation of 701.35 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929; (2) a 1,273-foot-long, 53-foot-high dam consisting of, from west to east: (a) A 420-foot-long earth fill embankment, (b) a 575-foot-long concrete overflow spillway topped with 32 Obermeyer gates, (c) an 18-foot-long concrete overflow spillway, (d) an integral 210-foot-long reinforced concrete powerhouse, and (e) a 50-foot-long concrete non-overflow section; (3) a 210-foot-long, 80-foot-wide, 92-foot-high reinforced concrete integral powerhouse with an operating head of 50 feet; (4) trash racks at the entrance to intakes; (5) four 7,250 horsepower vertical-shaft Francis-type turbines with a total capacity of 29,000 horsepower, each couple to a 4.0 megawatt (MW) generator with a total capacity of 16.0 MW; (6) a 200-foot-long, 4,600-volt overhead transmission line connected to a three phase 22,400-kilovolt ampere 4,600 to 161,000-volt step-up transformer that connects to Empire District Electric Company's 161,000-volt transmission system; and (7) appurtenant facilities.

The existing Ozark Beach Project is situated between two multipurpose projects that are owned by the Corps. The Table Rock Project, which is immediately upstream of the Ozark Beach Project, is operated in a peaking mode based on regional demand requirements. The Ozark Beach Project discharges directly into the Bull Shoals Project reservoir, which is immediately downstream. Using the storage in Lake Taneycomo, the Ozark Beach Project is operated based on various conditions including closely matching the releases of the upstream Table Rock Project, market pricing, Lake Taneycomo water level, Bull Shoals water level and rainfall. The Ozark Beach Project has an estimated annual energy production of about 50,768 megawatt hours. Empire District proposes to continue to operate using the storage in Lake Taneycomo. Empire District does not propose any new construction.

Empire District proposes to modify the project boundary by removing 6,021 acres from the existing area of 8,267 acres for a proposed project boundary of 2,246 acres. Empire District's proposal would reduce the existing area of United States lands administered by the Corps from 5.1 acres to 0.64 acres.

l. 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 website 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, please contact FERC

Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

m. 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, contact FERC Online Support.

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

Milestone	Target date
Notice of Acceptance/Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis .....	June 2020.
Filing of recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and fishway prescriptions .....	October 2020.
Commission issues Environmental Assessment (EA) .....	April 2021.
Comments on EA .....	May 2021.
Modified terms and conditions .....	July 2021.

o. Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

Dated: March 10, 2020.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-10006-57-OLEM]

### Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA); Contractor Access to Confidential Business Information

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of Contractor/Subcontractor Access to Data and Request for Comments.

**SUMMARY:** EPA intends to authorize its contractors, Plateau, and their subcontractor, Eastern Research Group (ERG) as well as SRA International, Inc. to access Confidential Business Information (CBI) which has been submitted to EPA under the authority of all sections of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) of 1976, as amended. EPA has issued regulations that outline business confidentiality provisions for the Agency and require all EPA offices that receive information designated by the submitter as CBI to abide by these provisions.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice are due March 27, 2020. Comments may be sent to LaShan Haynes, Document Control Officer, Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery, (5305P), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200

Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

LaShan Haynes, Document Control Officer, Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery, (5305P), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460; 703-605-0516.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Access to Confidential Business Information (CBI)

The EPA has issued regulations at 40 CFR part 2, subpart B that outline business confidentiality provisions for the Agency and require all EPA offices that receive information designated by the submitter as CBI to abide by these provisions. Specifically, 40 CFR 2.305 governs information obtained under the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended, including amendments made by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6901 *et seq.* In accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR part 2, subpart B, policies and procedures for handling information collected from industry, under the authority of RCRA, have been established, including the RCRA CBI Security Manual.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 2.305(h)(2)-(3), EPA is giving notice that it has entered into a contract with Plateau, Contract GS-35F-0166V, entitled "Smart Mobile Tools for Field Inspectors", located in Fairfax, Virginia. To assist in fulfilling this contract, Plateau has entered into a subcontract with the Eastern Research Group (ERG), located in Lexington, Massachusetts. Additionally, SRA International, Inc. is the prime contractor for the EPA Task Order entitled "Infrastructure Support and Applications Hosting", Task Order No. GSQ0017A)0037, which includes a work scope for the Smart Tools project. SRA International, Inc. is located in

Chantilly, Virginia. Plateau/ERG and SRA International, Inc. will assist the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, as well as EPA regional offices, in the electronic storage of information gathered during inspections conducted under the authority of RCRA; some of which may contain RCRA CBI. The Plateau/ERG contract period is from April 30, 2019 to April 29, 2021. The SRA International, Inc. contract period is from March 29, 2017 to March 28, 2022. Plateau/ERG and SRA International, Inc. shall protect from unauthorized disclosure all information designated as confidential and shall abide by all RCRA CBI requirements, including procedures outlined in the RCRA CBI Security Manual.

All EPA contractor and subcontractor personnel are bound by the requirements and sanctions contained in their contracts with EPA and in EPA's CBI regulations found at 40 CFR part 2, subpart B. Plateau/ERG will adhere to an EPA-approved security plan which describes procedures to protect CBI. Plateau/ERG will apply the procedures in this plan to CBI previously gathered by EPA and to CBI that may be gathered in the future. The security plan specifies that contractor personnel are required to sign non-disclosure agreements and are briefed on appropriate security procedures before they are permitted access to CBI. No person is automatically granted access to CBI: A need to know must exist.

Dated: February 28, 2020.

**Kathleen Salyer,**

Acting Office Director, Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery.

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