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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-13872-000) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: April 22, 2011.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13570-001]

#### Warm Springs Irrigation District; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, and Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent To File License Application and Request To Use the Traditional Licensing Process.

b. *Project No.:* 13570-001.

c. *Dated Filed:* February 28, 2011.

d. *Submitted by:* Warm Springs Irrigation District.

e. *Name of Project:* Warm Springs Dam Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Warm Springs dam and reservoir, in Malheur and Harney Counties, Oregon. The project occupies United States lands administered by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's regulations.

h. *Potential Applicant Contact:* Randy Kinney, Warm Springs Irrigation District,

334 Main Street North, Vale, OR 97918; (541) 473-3951.

i. *FERC Contact:* Kelly Wolcott at (202) 502-6480; or e-mail at [kelly.wolcott@ferc.gov](mailto:kelly.wolcott@ferc.gov).

j. Warm Springs Irrigation District filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on February 28, 2011. Warm Springs Irrigation District provided public notice of its request on March 31, 2011. In a letter dated April 22, 2011, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved Warm Springs Irrigation District's request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.

k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with: (a) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, Part 402; (b) NOAA Fisheries under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.920; and (c) the Oregon State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historical Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. Warm Springs Irrigation District filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

m. A copy of the PAD is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site (<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 at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP11-24-000]

#### Ryckman Creek Resources, LLC; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Ryckman Creek Storage Field Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Ryckman Creek Storage Field Project proposed by Ryckman Creek Resources, LLC (Ryckman) in the above-referenced docket. Ryckman requests authorization to construct and operate the Project, which involves converting an existing partially depleted oil field, known as the Ryckman Creek (Nugget Unit), into a new interstate natural gas storage field. The Project is located approximately 15 miles northeast of Evanston in Uinta County, Wyoming.

Concurrent with the development of the gas storage field, Ryckman proposes to initiate enhanced oil recovery (EOR) operations of the oil reserves remaining in the Nugget Unit. The construction and operation of the EOR facilities would be under the jurisdiction of the Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, as well as subject to the regulations of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), where applicable.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Ryckman Creek Storage Field Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The BLM participated as a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EA. Cooperating agencies have jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to resources potentially affected by the proposal and participate in the NEPA analysis. The BLM has participated as a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EA to satisfy its respective NEPA and planning responsibilities since the Project would cross federal land under the jurisdiction of the Kemmerer Field Office in Wyoming. Under sections 17 and 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, (30 U.S.C. 185(f) and 226(m)) the BLM has the authority to issue underground gas storage agreements and right-of-way