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[Project No. 14212-000]

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

On June 13, 2011, Albion 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 Albion Hydropower Project (Albion Dam Project or project) to be located on the Blackstone River, in the Town of Cumberland, in Providence County, Rhode Island. 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 run-of-the-river project would consist of: (1) The existing 400-foot-long, 25-foot-high Albion Dam, which is owned by the Rhode Island Department of Transportation and includes a 300-foot-long overflow spillway and a two-gated outlet structure; (2) an existing 55 acre reservoir having a normal storage capacity of about 235 acre-feet (ac-ft) at elevation of 87.5 feet and a maximum storage capacity of about 347 ac-ft; (3) a new intake on the upstream face of the existing dam; (4) a new powerhouse that would be integrated into the existing dam at the existing outlet structure containing a single 1.2 megawatt bulb turbine-generating unit; (5) a new 600-foot-long, 13.8-kilovolt transmission line extending from the new switchyard/substation to the existing Bell Atlantic utility pole number 31-1 in Cumberland, Rhode Island; and (6) fish passage/protection measures. The estimated annual generation of the project would be 4.0 gigawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: Mr. Bruce DiGennaro, Managing Partner, Essex Energy Partners, LLC, 27 Vaughan Ave., Newport, Rhode Island 02840; phone: (401) 619-4872.

FERC Contact: John Ramer; phone: (202) 502-8969.

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, 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-14212-000) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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[Project No. 14116-000; Project No. 14128-000]

Notice of Competing Preliminary Permit Applications Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

Keechelus Hydropower, LLC, Project No. 14116-000
Qualified Hydro 32, LLC, Project No. 14128-000

On March 21, 2011, the Keechelus Hydropower, LLC (Keechelus Hydropower), 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 Keechelus Dam Hydroelectric Project (project) to be located on Keechelus Lake, Kittitas County, Washington. Another permit application for this same site was filed by Qualified Hydro 32, LLC (Qualified Hydro), on March 30, 2011. Both of the proposed projects would utilize the existing Keechelus Dam, which is owned by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. 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 Keechelus Hydropower project would consist of the following: (1) A 36-inch-diameter, 620-foot-long steel-reinforced plastic pipe penstock; (2) a 40-foot-long, 30-foot-wide concrete powerhouse; (3) a single 500-kilowatt (kW) Francis turbine; (4) a 5,900-foot-long, 13.8-kilovolt (kV) underground cable connecting to an existing transmission line; and (5) appurtenant facilities. The estimated annual generation of the project would be 4 gigawatt-hours (GWh).

The proposed Qualified Hydro project would consist of the following: (1) A 14-foot-wide intake structure containing trash racks, an intake gate, and associated accessories adjacent to the existing intake; (2) a 750-foot-long, 6-foot-diameter buried steel penstock; (3) a 40-foot-long, 50-foot-wide reinforced concrete powerhouse containing a 2-megawatt (MW) Francis turbine; (4) a 40-foot-long, 40-foot-wide sub-station; (5) a 1.15-mile long, 34.5-69-kilovolt (kV) transmission line; and (6) appurtenant facilities. The estimated annual generation of the project would be 6.7 GWh.

Applicant Contact (Keechelus Hydropower): Mr. Carl Spetzler, CEO, Orenco Hydropower, Inc., 745 Emerson Street, Palo Alto, California 94301; phone: (650) 475-4467.

Applicant Contact (Qualified Hydro): Ms. Ramya Swaminathan, Free Flow Power Corporation, 239 Causeway Street, Suite 300, Boston, MA 02114; phone: (978) 226-1531.

FERC Contact: Kelly Wolcott, (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, 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 these projects, including copies of the applications, 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 numbers (P-14116-000 and P-14128-000) in the docket number field to access the documents. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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[Docket No. ER11-3322-000]

PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.; Notice of Discussion Topics for Staff Technical Conference

Take notice that a technical conference in the above captioned proceeding will be held on July 29, 2011, beginning at 9 a.m. (EDT) in the Commission Meeting Room at the Commission's headquarters, located at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The technical conference will be led by Commission staff. Commissioners may be in attendance. All interested

parties are invited to attend. Registration is not required.

On June 3, 2011, the Commission issued an order in this proceeding, which accepted and suspended proposed tariff changes submitted by PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. (PJM), subject to refund and the outcome of a technical conference.¹ This notice establishes the topics for discussion at the technical conference to be held in order to discuss the performance measurement of demand response in PJM's capacity market, the Reliability Pricing Model (RPM).

The purpose of the technical conference is to discuss issues surrounding PJM's April 7, 2011 filing, which proposes to modify the reference point of capacity demand response load reductions so that each end-use customer's actual load reduction results in a metered load that is less than the customer's Peak Load Contribution (PLC).²

In addition to the issues identified by the Commission in the June 3 Order, there will be a discussion on the topics identified in the Appendix.

Also, to supplement the record, PJM should provide information and data on the following issues, as relevant to the proceeding, by July 11, 2011. PJM should provide examples and/or details regarding how an increase in the number of aggregators reporting compliance in excess of PLC presents a threat to system reliability. In addition, PJM should explain whether the 1,000 MW of demand response that was in excess of PLC in 2010 was concentrated in one zone or whether the demand response was spread out over several zones. PJM should also provide data regarding whether the customer reductions in 2010 that ranged from 150 percent to 300 percent or more of their PLC, and which accounted for 28 percent of total guaranteed load drop (GLD) reductions, were associated solely with aggregation or if these reductions were also associated with individual market participants.³ Further, PJM should provide information on the prevalence of PJM customers with limited curtailment capability, particularly with regards to customers associated with the 48 percent of total GLD reductions that were recorded at less than or equal to 75 percent of the

customer's PLCs, as detailed in the 2010 State of the Market Report for PJM. Finally, PJM should describe the prevalence of peak-shaving activity in the PJM market and whether it is possible to distinguish between peak-shaving activity and changes in peak demand over time.

Other parties are also free to file data related to these issues. While responses should be provided by July 11, 2011, Commission staff may further discuss the responses, and may have additional questions, during the technical conference.

Parties will have 15 days after the technical conference to respond to the issues raised at the conference as well as PJM's responses to the issues detailed above.

Parties that have intervened in the proceeding and that are interested in participating on a panel should contact Tristan Cohen at Tristan.Cohen@ferc.gov or (202) 502-6598 by July 1, 2011. A subsequent notice will be issued announcing panelists and the format of the conference.

The conference will be transcribed. Transcripts will be available immediately for a fee from Ace Reporting Company (202-347-3700 or 1-800-336-6646). A free webcast of this event is also available through <http://www.ferc.gov>. Anyone with Internet access who desires to view this event can do so by navigating to <http://www.ferc.gov>'s Calendar of Events and locating this event in the calendar. The event will contain a link to its webcast. The Capitol Connection provides technical support for the free webcasts. If you have any questions, visit <http://www.CapitolConnection.org> or call (703) 993-3100.

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Parties seeking additional information regarding this conference should contact Tristan Cohen at Tristan.Cohen@ferc.gov or (202) 502-6598.

¹ 135 FERC ¶ 61,212 (2011).

² PJM describes the PLC as the average of the end-user's actual load during the five coincident peak hours of the preceding delivery year. PJM April 7, 2011 Filing at note 11.

³ Monitoring Analytics, Vol II, at 135 (2010), available at http://www.monitoringanalytics.com/reports/PJM_State_of_the_Market/2010/2010-som-pjm-volume2.pdf.