

Environmental Site Review

The potential applicant and Commission staff will conduct an environmental site review of the project on Wednesday, October 19, 2011, starting at 9:30 a.m. All participants should meet at meet no later than 9:30 a.m., at the parking lot adjacent to the west picnic area of Cascadia State Park, approximately 14 miles east of Sweet Home off Highway 20. A map of Cascadia State Park is available at http://www.oregonstateparks.org/images/pdf/cascadia_map.pdf. There will be an approximately 30-minute drive to the site from the meet-up point. All participants are responsible for their own transportation to the site. Anyone with questions about the site visit should contact Mr. David Harmon, at dave@pacgreenpower.com or at (541) 405-5236.

Meeting Objectives

At the scoping meetings, staff will: (1) Initiate scoping of the issues; (2) review and discuss existing conditions and resource management objectives; (3) review and discuss existing information and identify preliminary information and study needs; (4) review, discuss, and finalize the process plan and schedule for pre-filing activity that incorporates the time frames provided for in Part 5 of the Commission's regulations and, to the extent possible, maximizes coordination of federal, state, and tribal permitting and certification processes; and (5) discuss the appropriateness of any federal or state agency or Indian tribe acting as a cooperating agency for development of an environmental document.

Meeting Procedures

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will become part of the formal record of the Commission proceeding on the project.

Dated: September 23, 2011.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 8866-009]

Lynn E. Stevenson; Notice of Termination of License by Implied Surrender and Soliciting Comments and Motions To Intervene

Take notice that the following hydroelectric proceeding has been initiated by the Commission:

a. *Type of Proceeding*: Termination of license by implied surrender.

b. *Project No.*: 8866-009.

c. *Date Initiated*: September 23, 2011 (notice date).

d. *Licensee*: Lynn E. Stevenson.

e. *Name and Location of Project*: The constructed 70-kilowatt (kW) Project No. 2 is located on an unnamed stream, which is a tributary of the Snake River in Gooding County, ID (T. 6 S., R. 13 E., sec. 18, lot 7, Boise Meridian, Idaho).

f. *Proceeding Initiated Pursuant to*: Standard Article 16 of the project's license and 18 CFR 6.4 (2011).

g. *FERC Contact*: Diane Murray, (202) 502-8838.

h. *Deadline for filing comments, protests, and motions to intervene*: October 23, 2011.

Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protests may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's website under the "eFiling" link. Please include the project number (P-8866-009) on any documents or motions filed. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and eight copies should be mailed to: 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 website located at <http://www.ferc.gov/filing-comments.asp>.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person in the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

i. *Description of Existing Facilities*: (1) An intake at elevation 2,810 feet; (2) a concrete transition box; (3) an 18-inch-diameter, 400-foot-long steel penstock; (4) a powerhouse containing a single

generating unit with a rated capacity of 70 kW; (5) a tailrace discharging into the Snake River; (6) a 135-foot-long, 34.5-kV transmission line; and (7) appurtenant facilities.

j. *Description of Proceeding*:

Section 6.4 of the Commission's regulations, 18 CFR 6.4, provides, among other things, that it is deemed to be intent of a licensee to surrender a license, if the licensee abandons a project for a period of three years. In addition, standard Article 16 of the license for Project No. 8866 provides, in pertinent part:

If the Licensee shall cause or suffer essential project property to be removed or destroyed or to become unfit for use, without adequate replacement, or shall abandon or discontinue good faith operation of the project or refuse or neglect to comply with the terms of the license and the lawful orders of the Commission * * *, the Commission will deem it to be the intent of the Licensee to surrender the license * * *

The Commission issued a minor license for the project in 1986 to Lynn E. Stevenson.¹ The project has not operated since a downstream landslide in 1993 and has been abandoned. On April 10, 2007, during the inspection of the project by the Portland Regional office, Commission staff noted that the project was not operable and had not been operated since the landslide in 1993. During a May 11, 2010 inspection, Commission staff noted damage to the powerhouse and to the equipment in the powerhouse from previous flooding. By letter of July 27, 2011 to the estate of Lynn E. Stevenson, Commission staff required the licensee to show cause why the Commission should not initiate a proceeding to terminate the license for the project based on the licensee's implied surrender of the license. The licensee did not respond.

To date, the licensee has not made the necessary repairs to resume operations at the project and the project is abandoned.

k. *Location of the Order*: A copy of the order is available for inspection and reproduction 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

¹ 34 FERC ¶ 62,530 (1986). Mr. Stevenson died in 2003 and Black Canyon Bliss, LLC purchased the project lands and facilities from the estate of Lynn E. Stevenson. Neither the estate nor the current owners have requested a transfer of license; therefore, the license remains with the estate of Lynn Stevenson. The project has been mistakenly referred to as Project No. 8865 since 2004. The Secretary of the Commission corrected this oversight on July 18, 2011 with the issuance of a Notice of Change in Docket Numbers.

the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

l. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

m. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE", and "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", as applicable, and the Project Number of the proceeding.

n. Agency Comments—Federal, states, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described proceeding. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments.

Dated: September 23, 2011.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14239-000]

Mona North Pumped Storage Project; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On August 1, 2011, Mona North Pumped Storage Project, LLC, California, 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 Mona North Pumped Storage Project (Mona North Pumped Storage Project or Project) to be located on Old Canyon Stream, near the town of Mona, Juab County, Utah. The project affects federal lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management. 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 project would consist of the following: (1) An underground powerhouse containing the pump-

turbines and motor-generators; (2) a waterway between 7,600 and 15,800 feet long (depending on alternative configuration), including inlet/outlet structures at each reservoir, headrace tunnel, pressure shaft, buried penstock, and tailrace features connecting the upper reservoir, the underground powerhouse, and the lower reservoir; and (3) a transmission line connecting the underground powerhouse to the existing Mona substation.

The applicant is studying the following reservoir alternatives:

Alternative 1: (1) A single 340-foot-high by 1,800-foot-long, concrete-faced dam across Old Canyon (upper reservoir) having a total storage capacity of 18,000 acre-feet and a water surface area of 203 acres at full pool elevation of 5,874 feet above mean sea level (msl); (2) an approximately 7,600-foot-long water way connecting the upper reservoir to a lower reservoir located about 2,300 feet south of the existing Mona substation; (3) a 100-foot-high and 13,000-foot-long earthfill ring dike (lower reservoir) located just south of Mona, with a water surface area of 262 acres at full pool elevation of 5,222 feet msl.

Alternative 2: (1) A two dam construction (upper reservoir) located upstream of Right Fork and Old Canyon having a storage capacity of about 8,350 acre-feet and a water surface area of 152 acres at full pond elevation of 6,527 feet msl, one dam would be 285 feet high and 1,900 feet long, and the other dam would be 35 feet high and 800 feet long; (2) an approximately 15,800-foot-long waterway connecting the upper reservoir to a lower reservoir about 2,000 feet north of the existing Mona substation; and (3) a 60-foot-high and 13,000-foot-long, earthfill ring dike (lower reservoir) located north of the existing Mona substation, with a water surface area of 265 acres at full pool elevation of 5,153 feet msl.

Alternative 3: (1) A two dam construction (upper reservoir) located upstream of Right Fork and Old Canyon having a storage capacity of about 24,100 acre-ft and a water surface area of 238 acres at full pond elevation of 6,580 feet msl, one dam would be 400 feet high by 2,900 feet long and the other dam would be a 100 feet high by 3,600 feet long; (2) an approximately 7,700-foot-long waterway connecting the upper reservoir to a lower reservoir north of the existing Mona substation; and (3) 250-foot-high and 1,200-foot-long, earthfill ring dike (lower reservoir) located north of the existing Mona substation, with a water surface area of 182 acres at full pool elevation of about 5,996 feet msl.

The different configurations would depend on the best suited conditions, ranging from a 4 unit, 500 megawatts (MW) (4 units \times 125 MW unit) configuration to a 4 unit, 1,000 MW (4 units \times 250 MW unit) configuration allowing for 8 to 10 hours of continuous output. Interconnection would exist at the PacifiCorp/Rocky Mountain Power Mona Substation: Alternative 1 would require roughly 6,000 feet; Alternative 2 would require 10,000 feet; and Alternative 3 would require 14,000 feet of new transmission line. Interconnection voltage may be 230 or 500 kilovolts; and annual generation would be within 1,800 to 4,500 gigawatthours, depending on constructed option.

Applicant Contact: Mr. Nathan Sandvig, Mona North Pumped Storage Project, LLC c/o enXco Development Corporation, 517 SW., 4th Avenue, Suite 300, Portland, OR 97204; phone (503) 219-3166.

FERC Contact: Brian Csernak; phone: (202) 502-6144.

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-14239-000) in the docket number field to access the document. For