

application. 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. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

Dated: October 27, 2011.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PL10-4-000]

Technical Conference on Penalty Guidelines; Second Notice of Technical Conference on Penalty Guidelines

On September 21, 2011, the staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Technical Conference on Penalty Guidelines to be held on November 17, 2011. The conference will be held from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time in the Commission Meeting Room at the Commission's headquarters located at 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The purpose of the conference is to discuss the impact of the Penalty Guidelines, which the Commission issued on September 17, 2010,¹ on compliance and enforcement matters. The schedule and topics for the conference are as follows:²

- 1 p.m.–1:30 p.m.—Opening Remarks by Commission Members
- 1:30 p.m.–2:45 p.m.—First Panel—*Compliance Efforts Since Issuance of Penalty Guidelines*
- 2:45 p.m.–3 p.m.—Break
- 3 p.m.–4:15 p.m.—Second Panel—*Various Issues Affecting Penalty Calculations*
- 4:15 p.m.–4:30 p.m.—Closing Remarks by Commission Members

The first panel will focus on organizations' compliance efforts since issuance of the Penalty Guidelines.

Section 1B2.1 of the Penalty Guidelines provides guidance to industry on compliance, describing seven elements organizations should follow to establish effective compliance programs. This panel will explore whether and how this guidance has helped organizations prioritize their compliance efforts. It will also discuss steps organizations have taken to modify their compliance programs in light of the Penalty Guidelines. Finally, this panel will provide an opportunity for industry to raise comments and questions for staff and the Commission on specific aspects of the compliance-related sections in the Penalty Guidelines.

The second panel will focus on certain issues affecting penalty calculations under the Penalty Guidelines. In particular, it will address three issues that have received significant attention since the Penalty Guidelines were issued. First, this panel will examine the function and usefulness of Penalty Guidelines section 2B1.1(b)(2), which accounts for the scope of violations by considering the volume of energy involved in a violation as well as the violation's duration. As part of this examination, the panel will consider whether volume and duration are already sufficiently accounted for in the "loss" calculation contained in section 2B1.1(b)(1). Second, this panel will discuss whether the Penalty Guidelines should account for situations in which the entity that committed a violation passed any of the gain it received from the violation to its ratepayers. Third, this panel will address the treatment of multiple violations under section 1A1.1, which states: "Where an organization has engaged in multiple acts of fraud, anti-competitive conduct, or other rule, tariff, and order violations * * * or made multiple misrepresentations or false statements * * * each act will be treated as a separate violation. But in calculating the harm for purposes of determining the penalty, it is the cumulative harm of the multiple violations that is taken into account." Specifically, this panel will explore whether penalties should be calculated based on each separate act or based on the conduct as a whole—or whether it should depend on the type of violation or the particular facts and circumstances of the investigation.

The Commission will accept comments related to the Penalty Guidelines and their application for thirty days after the conference.

A revised notice will be issued before the conference if there are changes to the conference format, schedule, or panelists. All interested persons are

invited to attend the conference, and there is no registration and no fee to attend. The conference will not be transcribed but will be webcast. A free webcast of this event will be 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 webcasts and offers access to the meeting via phone bridge for a fee. If you have any questions, you may visit <http://www.CapitolConnection.org>.

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Questions about the technical conference may be directed to Jeremy Medovoy by email at Jeremy.Medovoy@ferc.gov or by telephone at (202) 502-6768, or to David Applebaum by email at David.Applebaum@ferc.gov or by telephone at (202) 502-8186.

Dated: October 27, 2011.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

Agenda

- 1 p.m.–1:30 p.m.—Opening Remarks by Commission Members
- 1:30 p.m.–2:45 p.m.—First Panel—*Compliance Efforts Since Issuance of Penalty Guidelines*
- Andrew K. Soto—Senior Managing Counsel, American Gas Association
- Nancy Bagot—Vice President of Regulatory Policy, Electric Power Supply Association
- Shari Gribbin—Assistant General Counsel and Manager, FERC Compliance, Exelon Corporation; Member, Edison Electric Institute
- Susan N. Kelly—Vice President of Policy Analysis and General Counsel, American Public Power Association
- Richard Meyer—Senior Regulatory Counsel, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association
- Joan Dreskin—General Counsel, Interstate Natural Gas Association of America
- 2:45 p.m.– 3 p.m.—Break
- 3 p.m.– 4:15 p.m.—Second Panel—*Various Issues Affecting Penalty Calculations*

¹ *Enforcement of Statutes, Orders, Rules, and Regulations*, 132 FERC ¶ 61,216 (2010).

² A list of panelists is included in the attached agenda.

Joseph T. Kelliher—Executive Vice President, Federal Regulatory Affairs, NextEra Energy, Inc
 William L. Massey—Partner, Covington & Burling LLP
 Max Minzner—Associate Professor of Law, University of New Mexico School of Law
 Frank R. Lindh—General Counsel, California Public Utilities Commission
 4:15 p.m.–4:30 p.m.—Closing Remarks by Commission Members

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14222–000]

Natural Currents Energy Services, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On July 13, 2011, Natural Currents Energy Services, LLC filed an application, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the BW2 Tidal Energy Project, which would be located on the Maurice River in Cumberland County, New Jersey. The proposed project would not use a dam or impoundment. 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: (1) Installation of 2 NC Sea Dragon or Red Hawk tidal turbines at a rated capacity of 150 kilowatts, (2) an estimated 250 meters in length of additional transmission infrastructure, and (3) appurtenant facilities. The project is estimated to have an annual minimum generation of 700,800 kilowatt-hours with the installation of 2 units.

Applicant Contact: Mr. Roger Bason, Natural Currents Energy Services, LLC, 24 Roxanne Boulevard, Highland, New York 12561, (845) 691–4009.

FERC Contact: Woohee Choi (202) 502–6336.

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 the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P–14222–000) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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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: (1) Installation of 1 to 10 NC Sea Dragon or Red Hawk tidal turbines at a rated capacity of 100 kilowatts, (2) an estimated 700 meters in length of additional transmission infrastructure, and (3) appurtenant facilities. The project is estimated to have an annual minimum generation of 3,504,000 kilowatt-hours with the installation of 10 units.

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