

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 13843-001]

Qualified Hydro 24, LLC; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, Denying Use of the Traditional Licensing Process, Commencement of Licensing Proceeding, Scoping, and Solicitation of Study Requests and Comments on the Pad

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process.

b. *Project No.:* 13843-001.

c. *Dated Filed:* January 3, 2012.

d. *Submitted By:* Qualified Hydro 24, LLC (Qualified Hydro 24).

e. *Name of Project:* Cle Elum Dam Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Cle Elum River, in Kittitas County, Washington. A portion of the project occupies United States lands administered by U.S. Forest Service.

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

h. *Potential Applicant Contact:* Ramya Swaminathan, Qualified Hydro 24, LLC, 239 Causeway Street, Suite 300, Boston, MA 02114; (978) 283-2822.

i. *FERC Contact:* James Hastreiter at (503) 552-2760; or email at james.hastreiter@ferc.gov.

j. Qualified Hydro 24 filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on January 3, 2012. Qualified Hydro 24 provided public notice of its request on January 27, 2012. Qualified Hydro 24's request to use the Traditional Licensing Process was denied by letter dated March 15, 2012.

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 Washington 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. With this notice, we are designating Qualified Hydro 24 as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation, pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, section 305 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management

Act, and section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

m. Qualified Hydro 24 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.

n. 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 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.

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

Dated: March 15, 2012.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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[Project No. 14333-000]

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

On December 6, 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 Orient Point Tidal Energy Project, which would be located on the eastern end of the Long Island Sound in Suffolk County, New York. 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 45 NC Sea Dragon tidal turbines at a rated capacity of 110 kilowatts, (2) an estimated 2,500 meters in length of additional transmission infrastructure, and (3) appurtenant facilities. Initial estimated production will be a minimum of 5 megawatt hours per year with the installation of 45 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-14333) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: March 15, 2012.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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