

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. EL13-14-000]****Sierra Pacific Power Company, Nevada Power Company; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order**

Take notice that on October 25, 2012, pursuant to section 207 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure 18 CFR 385.207(a)(2), Sierra Pacific Power Company and Nevada Power Company (Applicants) filed a petition for declaratory order, requesting the Commission confirm and approve the Applicants' interim processes and procedures for managing customers' requests for transmission service within the Applicants' anticipated consolidated Balancing Authority Areas (expected effective date of January 2014).

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on November 26, 2012.

Dated: October 31, 2012.

**Kimberly D. Bose,***Secretary.*

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**BILLING CODE 6717-01-P****DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Project No. 2079-072]****Placer County Water Agency; Notice of Application for Approval of Contract for the Sale of Power for a Period Extending Beyond the Term of the License**

Take notice that on July 17, 2012, Placer County Water Agency filed with the Commission an application for approval of: (a) The continuation of its existing power purchase contract with Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) for two months beyond the expiration of the current license term of the Middle Fork American River Project No. 2079 (Middle Fork Project); and (b) a new power purchase agreement for the sale of output of the Middle Fork Project from the licensee to PG&E beginning on May 1, 2013, which is beyond the term of Middle Fork Project's current license. The Project consists of two major storage reservoirs, five smaller reservoirs and diversion pools, and five powerhouses, and is located in the Sierra Nevada range in Placer and El Dorado Counties, California.

Section 22 of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 815, provides that contracts for the sale and delivery of power for periods extending beyond the termination date of a license may be entered into upon the joint approval of the Commission and the appropriate state public service commission or other similar authority in the state in which the sale or delivery of power is made. The licensee asserts that approval of the submitted contract is in the public interest.

Comments on the request for approval of the continuation of the original power purchase contract and for the new power purchase agreement, or motions to intervene may be filed with the Commission no later than December 10, 2012. Section 385.2010 of the Commission's regulations requires all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on 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.

All documents (an original and eight copies) must be filed with: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please put the name Middle Fork Project No. 2079-072 on the first page of all documents.

Comments may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site, [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov), under the "e-Filing" link.

A copy of the application is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site, [www.ferc.gov](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.

You may also register online at [www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp) to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to these projects or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: October 25, 2012.

**Kimberly D. Bose,***Secretary.*

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**BILLING CODE 6717-01-P****DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Project No. 14397-000]****Northern Wasco County People's Utility District; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications**

On April 27, 2012, the Northern Wasco County People's Utility District (Northern Wasco) 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 Freedom Hydroelectric Project (Freedom Project or project) to be located on the Columbia River, near Dallesport, Klickitat County, Washington. The project would affect lands administered by the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). 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 utilize the existing auxiliary water supply system for the north fishway fish ladder on the Corps' The Dalles Dam and would consist of the following: (1) A 150-foot-long and 25-foot-wide concrete intake channel structure; (2) two five-foot by five-foot sluice gates connecting the new intake channel structure to the existing intake channel structure; (3) a 20-foot-high, 120-foot-long, 1/8-inch bar by 1/8-inch opening fish screen; (4) a generation facility; (5) a new tailrace that would discharge to the existing discharge pool; and (6) a 9,000-foot-long 12.5-kilovolt radial transmission line. The estimated annual generation of the Freedom Project would be 39,000 megawatt-hours.

**Applicant Contact:** Dwight D. Langer, General Manager, Northern Wasco County People's Utility District, 2345 River Road, The Dalles, Oregon 97058; phone: (541) 298-3300.

**FERC Contact:** James Hastreiter; phone: (202) 552-2760.

**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](mailto: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-14397) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: October 31, 2012.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14460-000]

#### **New England Hydropower Company, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications**

On October 15, 2012, New England Hydropower Company, 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 Hemlock Gorge Spillway Dike Project to be located on the Charles River, in the City of Newton, in Middlesex County, Massachusetts. 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) The existing 31-foot-high, 69-foot-long Hemlock Gorge Spillway Dike with an 8-foot-long stop-log slot; (2) an existing 31-foot-long, 42-inch-diameter low level penstock; (3) an existing 0.13 acre impoundment with a normal maximum water surface elevation of 66.3 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum; (4) a proposed 6-foot-high, 8-foot-wide head box structure equipped with a 15-foot-high, 8.5-foot-wide trashrack with 4-inch bar spacing, and a 5.9-foot-high, 7.9-foot-wide sluice gate; (5) a proposed 8-foot-long, 8-foot-wide powerhouse equipped with a 36-foot-long, 8-foot-wide Archimedes screw generator unit with an installed capacity of 30 kilowatts; (6) an existing 90-foot-long, 8-foot-wide, 4-foot-deep tailrace; and (7) a proposed 35 kilovolt, 170-foot-long transmission line

connected to the NSTAR regional grid. The project would have an estimated average annual generation of 211 megawatt-hours.

**Applicant Contact:** Carol Wasserman, New England Hydropower Company, LLC, P.O. Box 5524, Beverly Farms, Massachusetts 01915; (978) 922-5824.

**FERC Contact:** Tom Dean; (202) 502-6041 or [thomas.dean@ferc.gov](mailto:thomas.dean@ferc.gov).

**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 date 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](mailto: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-14460) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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