

party to the proceeding. Any protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST" or "MOTION TO INTERVENE;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Protests, and Motions To Intervene

May 2, 2001.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Type of Application:* Preliminary permit.
- b. *Project No.:* 11961-000.
- c. *Date filed:* April 17, 2001.
- d. *Applicant:* Symbiotics, LLC.
- e. *Name and Location of Project:* The Clearwater Dam Hydroelectric Project would be located on the Black River in Wayne County, Missouri. The project would utilize the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's existing Clearwater Dam.
- f. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791(a)-825(r).
- g. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Brent L. Smith, Northwest Power Services, Inc., P.O. Box 535, Rigby, ID 83442, (208) 745-8630.
- h. *FERC Contact:* James Hunter, (202) 219-2839.
- i. *Deadline for filing comments, protests, and motions to intervene:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Motions to intervene, protests, and comments may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

Please include the project number (P-11961-000) on any comments or motions filed.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all interveners 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 any intervener 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.

j. *Description of Project:* The proposed project, using the existing Clearwater Dam and Reservoir, would consist of: (1) A 200-foot-long 20-foot-diameter steel penstock; (2) a powerhouse containing two generating units, each with an installed capacity of 2.4 megawatts; (3) a five-mile long, 15-kV transmission line; and (4) appurtenant facilities. The project would have an average annual generation of 22.9 GWh.

k. A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The application may be viewed on <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item g above.

l. *Preliminary Permit—*Anyone desiring to file a competing application for preliminary permit for a proposed project must submit the competing application itself, or a notice of intent to file such an application, to the Commission on or before the specified comment date for the particular application (see 18 CFR 4.36). Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing preliminary permit application no later than 30 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing preliminary permit application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

m. *Preliminary Permit—*Any qualified development applicant desiring to file a competing development application must submit to the Commission, on or before a specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing development application or a

notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent to file a development application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

n. *Notice of intent—*A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

o. *Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit—*A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

p. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—*Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

q. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—*Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION", "COMPETING APPLICATION", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE,

Washington, DC 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Hydropower Administration and Compliance, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

r. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PL01-4-000]

California Natural Gas Transportation Infrastructure

May 3, 2001.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Staff Technical Conference.

SUMMARY: Staff of the Federal Regulatory Commission will convene a technical conference to address current and projected interstate natural gas pipeline capacity to California, as well as the adequacy of the natural gas infrastructure within California. This notice establishes the date for the conference and the procedures by which interested parties can seek to participate in it.

DATES: The conference will be held May 24, 2001. Those interested in making presentations or participating in discussions should indicate their interest by May 14, 2001 by a letter addressed to the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ADDRESSES: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Katz, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Notice of Staff Technical Conference

Take notice that the staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will hold a public conference on Thursday, May 24, 2001, to address issues regarding the natural gas transportation infrastructure with respect to California. The conference will begin at 10:00 a.m., at the Commission's offices, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426. All interested persons are invited to attend.

As Commission staff has dealt with various aspects of the current energy situation in California, questions have arisen regarding current and projected interstate natural gas pipeline capacity to California, as well as the adequacy of the natural gas infrastructure within California. Commission staff is interested in the views of natural gas transporters, producers, consumers, regulators, and other interested parties with respect to issues including:

- (1) Current and projected interstate pipeline capacity to California;
- (2) Current and projected capacity of California intrastate pipelines and other natural gas infrastructure;
- (3) Physical and operational interconnection between the interstate and intrastate transportation systems;
- (4) Current and projected California demand for natural gas; and
- (5) How intrastate capacity in California is allocated.

The conference will not include the discussion of any ongoing proceedings before the Commission.

The conference will be organized in two stages. The first stage will consist of presentations of factual information on the topics listed above. The second stage will consist of discussion on the topics.

Persons interested in making presentations or participating in any discussion should indicate their interest no later than May 14, 2001 by a letter addressed to the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC, 20426, and should refer to Docket No. PL01-4-000. Each request to participate must include a contact person, telephone number, and E-mail address.

Each request must also indicate whether the person is interested in making a presentation or participating in discussion. For those interested in making presentations, the request should indicate what topics the presentation will cover. Because of the potential need to limit the number of presentations, those with common interests are encouraged to choose a single spokesperson.

After receipt of the requests, staff may issue a subsequent notice setting forth the conference format, or may inform participants of the format at the beginning of the conference. Depending on the number of presentations, it may be necessary for staff to contact presenters prior to the conference to coordinate the presentations.

The conference will be transcribed, so those not attending can review the proceedings. Additional comments on the issues raised by the conference can be filed within 30 days of the conference.

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Those interested in obtaining transcripts of the conference need to contact Ace Federal Reporters, at (202) 347-3700. Anyone interested in purchasing videotapes of the meeting should call VISCUM at (703) 715-7999.

Questions about the conference should be directed to: John Katz, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1077, john.katz@ferc.fed.us.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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