

uncontrolled concrete gravity ogee spillway; and (b) a 1,370-foot-long earth embankment; (2) a 13,025 acre reservoir with a normal water surface elevation of 225.5 feet above msl; (3) a powerhouse integral to the dam, situated between the spillway and the earth embankment, containing five vertical Francis-type turbines directly connected to five generators, two rated at 17,100 kW and three rated at 18,050 kW for a total installed capacity of 82.0 MW; and (4) other appurtenances.

m. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <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 item h above.

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n. *Scoping Process:* The Commission intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The EIS will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts and reasonable alternatives to the proposed action.

Scoping Meetings

FERC staff will conduct one agency scoping meeting and three public meetings. The agency scoping meeting will focus on resource agency and non-governmental organization (NGO) concerns, while the public scoping meetings are primarily for public input. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend one or more of the meetings, and to assist the staff in identifying the scope of the environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EIS. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

Evening Scoping Meeting #1

Date: Monday, March 26, 2007.
Time: 7 p.m.–9 p.m. (EST).
Place: Moore Hall Auditorium, Western Piedmont Community College.
Address: 1001 Burkemont Ave, Morganton, NC, 828-433-4067.

Evening Scoping Meeting #2

Date: Tuesday, March 27, 2007.
Time: 7 p.m.–9 p.m. (EST).
Place: Charles Mack Citizens Center, (Town of Mooresville Citizen Center),
Address: 215 North Main St., Mooresville, NC, 704-662-3334.

Daytime (Agency) Scoping Meeting

Date: Wednesday, March 28, 2007.
Time: 9 p.m.–4 p.m. (EST).
Place: Baxter Hood Center (York Technical College.)
Address: 452 S. Anderson Rd., Rock Hill, SC, 803-981-7100.

Evening Scoping Meeting #3

Date: Wednesday, March 28, 2007.
Time: 7 p.m.–9 p.m. (EST).
Place: Baxter Hood Center (York Technical College).
Address: 452 S. Anderson Rd., Rock Hill, SC, 803-981-7100.

Evening Scoping Meeting #4

Date: Thursday, March 29, 2007.
Time: 7 p.m.–9 p.m. (EST).
Place: Shrine Club.
Address: 1381 Kershaw Hwy., Camden, SC, 803-432-7335.
Copies of the SD1 outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the EIS were distributed to the parties on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of the SD1 will be available at the scoping meeting or may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link (see item m above).

Site Visit

Due to the size and distance between locations, site visits are not yet scheduled for this project.

Objectives

At the scoping meetings, the staff will: (1) Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the EIS; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantifiable data, on the resources at issue; (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EIS, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views; (4) determine the resource issues to be addressed in the EIS; and (5) identify those issues that require a detailed analysis, as well as those issues that do not require a detailed analysis.

Procedures

The meetings are recorded by a stenographer and become part of the formal record of the Commission proceeding on the project. Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise

and concerns are encouraged to attend the meeting and to assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the EIS.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12611-000]

Verdant Power, Inc.; Notice of Scoping Meetings and Site Visit and Soliciting Scoping Comments

March 1, 2007.

- a. *Type of Application to be Filed:* Original Major License.
- b. *Project No.:* 12611-000.
- c. *Anticipated Filing Date:* September 30, 2007.
- d. *Submitted By:* Verdant Power, Inc.
- e. *Name of Project:* Roosevelt Island Tidal Energy Project.
- f. *Location:* In the East River, in New York, New York. The project would not occupy federal land.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Ron F. Smith, Verdant Power, Inc., 4640 13th Street, North Arlington, VA 22207, (703) 204-3436, rsmith@verdantpower.com.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Tom Dean, (202) 502-6041, or at thomas.dean@ferc.gov.
- j. We are asking federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with us in the preparation of the environmental document. Currently, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have requested cooperating agency status. Other agencies who would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing comments described in paragraph k below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. See, 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).
- k. *Deadline for requesting cooperating agency status or filing scoping comments:* April 30, 2007.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

Scoping comments and requests for cooperating agency status 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 (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "efiling" link.

l. *The proposed project would consist of:* (1) Up to 300 5-meter-diameter kinetic hydropower axial flow turbine generator units (about 33 kW each) with a total installed capacity of 10 MW mounted on monopiles; (2) underwater power cables from each unit to a central control room; and (3) appurtenant facilities.

m. A copy of the Scoping Document 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. Copies are also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.

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n. Although our current intent is to prepare an environmental assessment (EA), there is the possibility that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be required. Nevertheless, this meeting will satisfy the NEPA scoping requirements, irrespective of whether an EA or EIS is issued by the Commission.

Scoping Meetings

Commission staff will hold two scoping meetings in the vicinity of the project at the times and places noted below. The daytime meeting will focus on resource agency, Indian tribes, and non-governmental organization concerns, while the evening meeting is primarily for receiving input from the public. We invite all interested individuals, organizations, and agencies to attend these meetings, to assist staff in identifying particular study needs, as well as the scope of environmental issues to be addressed in the environmental document.

Many environmental issues have already been identified (i.e. potential effects on fish population and movement, diving birds, recreational

opportunities), studies to assess those issues have already been developed and some are ongoing. Commission staff are particularly interested in identifying any new issues (those not identified in the Scoping Document), or previously identified issues that are not being addressed. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

Evening Scoping Meeting

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 28, 2007, 7 p.m. (EST)

Location: Community Center Building, 8 River Road, Roosevelt Island, NY 10044.

Daytime Scoping Meeting

Date and Time: Thursday, March 29, 2007, 10 a.m. (EST)

Location: Community Center Building, 8 River Road, Roosevelt Island, NY 10044.

The Community Center Building is a low rise separate building located west (towards Manhattan) of Gristedes supermarket set back behind the brick highrise buildings near the west channel.

The Scoping Document, which outlines the subject areas to be addressed in the environmental document, was mailed to the individuals and entities on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of the Scoping Document will be available at the scoping meetings, or may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link. In the event substantive comments are received and revisions are necessary, the Commission will prepare a revised Scoping Document for distribution.

Site Visit

Verdant will conduct a site visit at the project site on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, starting at 2 p.m. All participants should meet at Verdant's control room located in a large beige metal cargo container box along side of the east channel of the East River of the 600 block of Main Street on Roosevelt Island. All participants are responsible for their own transportation.

Scoping Meeting Objectives

At the scoping meetings, staff will: (1) Present a proposed list of issues to be addressed in the EA; (2) identify the proposed studies; (3) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantifiable data, on the resources at issue; (4) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EA; (5) determine the resource issues to be addressed in the EA; and (6) identify those issues that

require a detailed analysis, as well as those issues that do not require a detailed analysis.

Meeting participants should come prepared to discuss their issues and/or concerns. Please review the Scoping Document in preparation for the scoping meetings.

Scoping Meeting Procedures

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

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD07-7-000]

Conference on Competition in Wholesale Power Markets; Second Supplemental Notice of Conference

February 26, 2007.

As announced in the Notice of Conference issued on January 8, 2007 and the Supplemental Notice of Conference on February 9, 2007, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will hold the first in a series of conferences on February 27, 2007, to examine the state of competition in wholesale power markets. The first conference will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (EST) at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in the Commission Meeting Room. All interested persons are invited to attend, and registration is not required.

The final agenda for this conference, with a list of participating panelists, is attached. In order to allot sufficient time for questions and responses, each speaker will be provided with eight (8) minutes for prepared remarks. Following the conference, any interested person will be permitted to file written comments in the above docket on or before March 13, 2007.

Transcripts of the conference will be immediately available from Ace Reporting Company (202-347-3700 or 1-800-336-6646) for a fee. They will be available for the public on the Commission's eLibrary system seven calendar days after FERC receives the transcript.

A free webcast of this event will be available through www.ferc.gov. Anyone