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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2088-068]

#### South Feather Water and Power Agency; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission, Soliciting Additional Study Requests, and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Relicensing and a Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

April 9, 2007.

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

a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.

b. *Project No.:* P-2088-068.

c. *Date Filed:* March 26, 2007.

d. *Applicant:* South Feather Water and Power Agency.

e. *Name of Project:* South Feather Power Project.

f. *Location:* On the South Fork Feather River (SFFR), Lost Creek and Slate Creek in Butte, Yuba and Plumas counties, California. The project affects 1,977.12 acres of federal lands administered by the Plumas National Forest and 10.57 acres of federal land administered by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Michael Glaze, General Manager, South Feather Water and Power Agency, 2310 Oro-Quincy Highway, Oroville, CA 95966, (530) 533-4578

i. *FERC Contact:* John Mudre, (202) 502-8902, or [john.mudre@ferc.gov](mailto:john.mudre@ferc.gov).

j. *Cooperating Agencies:* 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. Agencies who would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item l 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. Pursuant to section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the application, and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

l. *Deadline for filing requests for cooperating agency status and additional study requests:* May 25, 2007.

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

Additional study requests 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 "e-Filing" link.

m. This application has not been accepted for filing and is not ready for environmental analysis. We are not soliciting motions to intervene, protests, or final terms and conditions at this time.

n. The South Feather Power Project is a water supply/power project constructed in the late 1950s/early 1960s. The Project is composed of four developments: Sly Creek, Woodleaf, Forbestown and Kelly Ridge, each of which is described below. The Project can store about 172,000 acre-feet (af) of

water (gross storage) and has generated an average of about 514.1 gigawatt hours (gWh) of power annually for the past 20 years, since the addition of Sly Creek Powerhouse.

The Sly Creek Development includes: (1) *Little Grass Valley Dam*—a 210-foot-high, 840-foot-long, rock filled dam on the SFFR with a crest elevation of 5,052 feet (all elevations are in National Geodetic Vertical Datum, or NGVD, unless otherwise specified) and with a 180-foot-long spillway controlled by two 14-foot-high by 40-foot-long steel radial gates that forms a 89,804 acre-foot (af) storage reservoir covering 1,650 acres at a maximum water surface (flood level) elevation of 5,047 feet with the spill gates closed; (2) *South Fork Diversion Dam*—a 60-foot-high, 167-foot-long, concrete overflow arch dam on the SFFR with a crest elevation of 3,557 to 3,559 feet and with four uncontrolled overflow spillway sections that forms an 87 af diversion impoundment covering about 9 acres at a normal maximum water surface elevation of 3,557 feet; (3) *South Fork Diversion Tunnel*—a 14,256-foot-long, 11-foot-diameter concrete lined and unlined horseshoe un-pressurized tunnel controlled by two 6-foot-high by 4-foot-long electric hoist slide gates that diverts up to 600 cubic feet per second (cfs) of water from the South Fork Diversion Dam to Sly Creek Reservoir; (4) *Slate Creek Diversion Dam*—a 62-foot-high, 223.5-foot-long, concrete overflow arch dam on Slate Creek with a crest elevation of 3,552 to 3,554 feet and with three uncontrolled overflow spillway sections that forms a negligible diversion impoundment due to sediment accumulation; (5) *Slate Creek Diversion Tunnel*—a 13,200-foot-long, 11-foot-diameter, concrete lined and unlined horseshoe un-pressurized tunnel controlled by two 8-foot-high by 6-foot-long manual slide gates that diverts up to a maximum flow capacity of 848 cfs of water (though water rights limit flows to 600 cfs and at times flows are limited to 500 cfs due to high storage volume in the receiving reservoir) from the Slate Creek Diversion Dam to Sly Creek Reservoir; (6) *Sly Creek Dam*—a 289-foot-high, 1,200-foot-long, zoned earth-filled dam on Lost Creek with a crest elevation of 3,536 feet and with a 649-foot-long spillway controlled by one 16-foot-high by 54-foot-long steel radial gate that forms a 64,338 af storage reservoir covering 619 acres at a maximum water surface (flood level) elevation of 3,531 feet with the spill gates closed; (7) *Sly Creek Penstock*—a 1,100-foot-long, 90-inch-inside-diameter, steel penstock enclosed in the

former outlet tunnel that delivers water to Sly Creek Powerhouse; (8) *Sly Creek Powerhouse*—a semi-outdoor, reinforced concrete, above ground powerhouse that releases water to Lost Creek Reservoir and that contains one reaction turbine rated at 17,690 horsepower (hp) directly connected to a 13,500-kilovolt-amperes (kVA) generator; (9) *Sly Creek Powerhouse Switchyard*—a switchyard adjacent to the Sly Creek Powerhouse that contains one 16,000 kVA transformer. Power generated at Sly Creek Powerhouse is delivered from the switchyard to the grid via Pacific Gas and Electric Company's 115 kilovolt (kV) Sly Creek Tap and Woodleaf-Kanaka Junction transmission line; (10) *Little Grass Valley Reservoir Recreation Facility*—the Little Grass Valley Reservoir Recreation Facility includes Little Beaver, Red Feather, Running Deer, Horse Camp, Wyandotte, Peninsula Tent, Black Rock Tent, Black Rock RV, and Tooms RV campgrounds; Black Rock, Tooms and Maidu Boat Launch areas; Pancake Beach and Blue Water Beach day use areas, Maidu Amphitheater and Little Grass Valley Dam ADA Accessible Fishing trail at Little Grass Valley Reservoir; and (11) *Sly Creek Reservoir Recreation Facility*—the Sly Creek Recreation Facility includes two campgrounds (Strawberry and Sly Creek), Strawberry Car-Top Boat Launch, Mooreville Boat Ramp and Mooreville Day Use Area on Sly Creek Reservoir. The Sly Creek Development does not include any roads except for the portions of the roads within the FERC Project Boundary that cross Little Grass Valley Dam (USFS Road 22N94) and Sly Creek Dam (USFS Road 21N16).

The Woodleaf Development includes: (1) *Lost Creek Dam*—a 122-foot-high, 486-foot-long, concrete overflow arch dam on the Lost Creek with a crest elevation of 3,279.05 feet and with a 251-foot-wide spillway controlled by 4-foot-high by 8-foot-long flashboards that forms a 5,361 af storage reservoir covering 137 acres at a normal maximum water surface elevation of 3,283 feet with the flashboards installed; (2) *Woodleaf Power Tunnel*—an 18,385-foot-long, 12-foot-diameter, concrete lined and unlined horseshoe pressurized tunnel controlled by one 6-foot-high by 12-foot-long electric hoist slide gate that diverts up to 620 cfs of water from Lost Creek Reservoir to the Woodleaf Penstock; (3) *Woodleaf Penstock*—a 3,519-foot-long, 97-inch reducing to 78-inch-inside-diameter, exposed steel penstock that delivers water to Woodleaf Powerhouse; (4)

*Woodleaf Powerhouse*—a semi-outdoor, reinforced concrete, above ground powerhouse that releases water to the Forbestown Diversion Dam impoundment on the SFFR and that contains one 6-jet vertical shaft impulse Pelton turbine rated at 80,000 hp directly connected to a 65,500 kVA generator; and (5) *Woodleaf Powerhouse Switchyard*—a switchyard adjacent to the Woodleaf Powerhouse that contains one 70,000 kVA transformer. Power generated at Woodleaf Powerhouse is delivered from the switchyard to the grid via Pacific Gas and Electric Company's 115 kV Woodleaf-Kanaka Junction transmission line. The Woodleaf Development does not include any recreation facilities or roads.

The Forbestown Development includes: (1) *Forbestown Diversion Dam*—a 80-foot-high, 256-foot-long, concrete overflow arch dam on the SFFR with a crest elevation of 1,783 feet and with five 46-foot-wide uncontrolled overflow spillway sections with a combined width of approximately 240 feet that forms a 352 af diversion impoundment covering about 12 acres at a normal maximum water surface elevation of 1,783 feet; (2) *Forbestown Power Tunnel*—a 18,388-foot-long, 12.5-foot by 11-foot-diameter, concrete lined and unlined horseshoe pressurized tunnel that diverts up to 660 cfs of water from the Forbestown Diversion impoundment to the Forbestown Penstock; (3) *Forbestown Penstock*—a 1,487-foot-long, 97-inch reducing to 83-inch-inside-diameter exposed steel penstock that delivers water to Forbestown Powerhouse; (4) *Forbestown Powerhouse*—a semi-outdoor reinforced concrete above ground powerhouse that releases water to Ponderosa Reservoir on the SFFR and that contains one vertical reaction Francis turbine rated at 54,500 hp directly connected to a 40,500 kVA generator; and (5) *Forbestown Powerhouse Switchyard*—a switchyard adjacent to the Forbestown Powerhouse that contains one 35,200 kVA transformer. Power generated at Forbestown Powerhouse is delivered from the switchyard to the grid via Pacific Gas and Electric Company's 115 kV Woodleaf-Kanaka Junction transmission line. The Forbestown Development does not include any recreation facilities or roads.

The Kelly Ridge Development includes: (1) *Ponderosa Dam*—a 160-foot-high, 650-foot-long, earth-filled dam that releases water into the 3.6 million af Lake Oroville (part of the California Department of Water Resources' Feather River Project, FERC Project No. 2100) with a crest elevation

of 985 feet and with a 352-foot-long spillway controlled by two 7 foot 7.5-inch-high by 51 feet-long steel gates that forms a 4,178 af storage reservoir covering 103 acres at a normal maximum water surface elevation of 960 feet; (2) *Ponderosa Diversion Tunnel*—a 516-foot-long, 10-foot by 9-foot-diameter concrete lined and unlined horseshoe unpressurized tunnel controlled by one 6-foot-high by 8-foot-long hydraulic gate that diverts up to 300 cfs of water from Ponderosa Reservoir to Miners Ranch Conduit; (3) *Miners Ranch Conduit*—a 32,254-foot-long, 10-foot-wide concrete or gunite-lined canal and concrete or bench flume that includes two siphon sections across the McCabe and Powell creek sections of Lake Oroville and that diverts water from the Ponderosa Diversion Tunnel to the Miners Ranch Tunnel; (4) *Miners Ranch Tunnel*—a 23,946-foot-long, 10-foot by 9-foot-diameter, concrete lined horseshoe unpressurized tunnel that diverts up to 300 cfs of water from the Miners Ranch Conduit to Miners Ranch Reservoir; (5) *Miners Ranch Dam*—a 55-foot-high, 1,650-foot-long, earth-filled off-stream dam with a crest elevation of 895 feet and with an 1,175-foot-long uncontrolled spillway that forms a 896 af storage reservoir covering 48 acres at a normal maximum water surface elevation of 890 feet; (6) *Kelly Ridge Power Tunnel*—a 6,736-foot-long, 9-foot by 8-foot-diameter, pressurized tunnel controlled by one 4-foot-high by 8-foot-long fixed wheel gate that diverts up to 260 cfs of water from Miners Ranch Reservoir to Kelly Ridge Penstock; (7) *Kelly Ridge Penstock*—a 6,064-foot-long 69-inch reducing to 57-inch-inside-diameter, exposed steel penstock that delivers water to Kelly Ridge Powerhouse; (8) *Kelly Ridge Powerhouse*—a semi-outdoor reinforced concrete above ground powerhouse that releases water to CDWR Feather River Project's Thermalito Diversion Pool downstream of Oroville Dam and that contains one vertical reaction Francis turbine rated at 13,000 hp directly connected to a 11,000 kVA generator; and (5) *Kelly Ridge Powerhouse Switchyard*—a switchyard adjacent to the Kelly Ridge Powerhouse that contains one 11,000 kVA transformer. Power generated at the Kelly Ridge Powerhouse is delivered from the switchyard to the grid via Pacific Gas and Electric Company's 60 kV Kelly Ridge-Elgin Junction transmission line. The Kelly Ridge Development does not include any recreation facilities or roads.

o. 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](mailto: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.

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

p. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the California State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), as required by § 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36, CFR, at § 800.4.

q. Procedural schedule and final amendments: The application will be processed according to the following Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Issue Acceptance or Deficiency Letter: May 2007.

Request Additional Information: May 2007.

Issue Scoping Document: June 2007.

Hold Scoping Meetings/Site Visit: June 2007.

Issue Scoping Document 2: July 2007.

Notice of application is ready for environmental analysis: August 2007.

Notice of the availability of the draft NEPA document: February 2008.

Initiate 10(j) process: April 2008.

Notice of the availability of the final NEPA document: August 2008.

Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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

April 10, 2007.

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.*: 12786-000.

c. *Date Filed*: March 13, 2007.

d. *Applicant*: Fishtrap Partners, LLC.

e. *Name of Project*: Fishtrap Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location*: The project would be located at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' existing Fishtrap Dam, on the Levisa Fork, Big Sandy River, in Pike County, Kentucky.

g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contacts*: Mr. James B. Price, PhD, President, W.V. Hydro, Inc., P.O. Box 5550, Aiken, SC 29804, (803) 642-2749.

i. *FERC Contact*: Etta Foster, (202) 502-8769.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, protests, and motions to intervene*: 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors 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 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.

k. *Description of Project*: The proposed project would utilize the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Fishtrap Dam, reservoir and all appurtenant facilities. The project would consist of: (1) A proposed powerhouse containing one turbine and generator with a total capacity of 5,000 kW; (2) a proposed penstock to be installed in the existing outlet tunnel; (3) a switchyard connected to a transmission line of the local utility, and (4) a new 23-kV transmission line. The project would have an estimated average annual generation of 19 gigawatt-hours.

l. *Locations of Applications*: A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission in the Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also 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, call toll-free 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also

available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Competing 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.

o. *Competing Development Application*—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.

p. *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.

q. *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.