

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Notice of Proposed Extension of Project Period and Waiver for the Puerto Rico State Technical Assistance (TA) Project To Improve Services and Results for Children Who Are Deaf-Blind**

AGENCY: Office of Special Education Programs, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of proposed extension of project period and waiver for the Puerto Rico State Technical Assistance (TA) Project to Improve Services and Results for Children Who Are Deaf-Blind.

SUMMARY: The Secretary proposes to waive the requirements in the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), in 34 CFR 75.250 and 75.261(a), respectively, that generally prohibit project periods exceeding five years and extensions of project periods involving the obligation of additional Federal funds. This extension of project period and waiver will enable the currently funded Puerto Rico State TA Project to Improve Services and Results for Children Who Are Deaf-Blind to receive funding from October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009.

DATES: We must receive your comments on or before September 8, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this proposed extension and waiver to Anne Smith, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4086, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202-2641. Telephone: (202) 245-7529. If you prefer to send your comments through the Internet, use the following address: anne.smith@ed.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anne Smith. Telephone: (202) 245-7529.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll-free, at 1-800-877-8339. Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Invitation to Comment**

We invite you to submit comments regarding this proposed extension of project period and waiver.

During and after the comment period, you may inspect all public comments

about this proposed extension of project period and waiver in Room 4086, Potomac Center Plaza, 550 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday of each week except Federal holidays.

Assistance to Individuals With Disabilities in Reviewing the Rulemaking Record

On request, we will supply an appropriate aid, such as a reader or print magnifier, to an individual with a disability who needs assistance to review the comments or other documents in the public rulemaking record for this proposed extension of project period and waiver. If you want to schedule an appointment for this type of aid, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Background

The Department published a notice in the **Federal Register** on July 3, 2003 (68 FR 39902), inviting applications for awards for fiscal year (FY) 2003. Based on that notice, the Department made 48 awards, including one award for a period of 60 months to the Puerto Rico Department of Education, in order to build the capacity of the State, parents, and professionals to improve outcomes for children and young adults who are deaf-blind and their families by providing TA, information, and training on early intervention, special education, related services, and transitional services. The Department published a notice inviting applications for awards for FY 2008 on March 25, 2008 (73 FR 15444). The Puerto Rico Department of Education submitted an application, but the budget request was above the maximum amount allocated to them, and, therefore, the application was ineligible for review. Given the severity of deaf-blindness and the low incidence of this population, it is important to ensure continuation of State TA services for children who are deaf-blind in Puerto Rico. Therefore, the Department proposes to extend the current grant to the Puerto Rico Department of Education (H326C030042) for a sixth year and award an additional \$65,000 to that agency. The Department also intends to announce a competition to permit Puerto Rico to apply for four additional years of funding. The Puerto Rico Department of Education Deaf-Blind TA project has demonstrated significant progress in providing TA services to families, educators, and other service providers since it was funded in 2003. The Puerto Rico Department of Education's current

project period for its Deaf-Blind TA Project is scheduled to end on September 30, 2008. Deaf-blindness is a severe and complex disability. In order to ensure that continued TA is available to assist Puerto Rican families, educators, and other professionals who work with children who are deaf-blind, the Secretary proposes to waive the requirements in 34 CFR 75.250 and 75.261(a) and proposes to issue a continuation award to the existing grantee for an additional twelve-month period.

The Puerto Rico Department of Education will continue to build the capacity of the State, parents, and professionals to improve outcomes for children and young adults who are deaf-blind and their families by providing TA, information, and training on early intervention, special education, related services, and transitional services.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

The Secretary certifies that the proposed extension of the project period and waiver will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The only entity that would be affected is the Puerto Rico Department of Education.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This proposed extension of project period and waiver does not contain any information collection requirements.

Intergovernmental Review

This program is subject to the requirements of Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79. One of the objectives of the Executive order is to foster an intergovernmental partnership and a strengthened federalism. The Executive order relies on processes developed by State and local governments for coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance.

This document provides early notification of our specific plans and actions for this program.

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Note: The official version of this document is the document published in the **Federal Register**. Free Internet access to the official edition of the **Federal Register** and the Code of Federal Regulations is available on GPO Access at: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/nara/index.html>.

Dated: August 18, 2008.

Tracy R. Justesen,

Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project Nos. 12540-002; 12545-002; 12549-002]

Hydrodynamics, Inc.; Notice of Applications Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests, Ready for Environmental Analysis, and Soliciting Comments, Terms and Conditions, Recommendations, and Prescriptions

August 14, 2008.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric applications have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* Minor unconstructed projects.

b. *Projects Nos.:* 12540-002, 12545-002, and 12549-002.

c. *Date filed:* March 31, 2008.

d. *Applicant:* Hydrodynamics, Inc.

e. *Name of Projects:* Woods, Johnson, and A-Drop.

f. *Location:* On the Greenfields Main Canal and the Greenfields South Canal, parts of the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation's existing Sun River Irrigation Project, in Cascade and Teton Counties, Montana, near Fairfield, Montana.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Roger Kirk, Hydrodynamics, Inc., P.O. Box 1136, Bozeman, MT 59771, (406) 587-5086.

i. *FERC Contact:* Dianne Rodman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426; telephone (202) 502-6077 or by e-mail at dianne.rodman@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests, comments, terms and conditions, recommendations, and prescriptions:* 60 days from the issuance of this notice. All reply comments must be filed with the Commission within 105 days from the date of this notice.

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.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require 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.

Motions to intervene, protests, comments, terms and conditions, recommendations, and prescriptions 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.

k. The applications have been accepted for filing and are now ready for environmental analysis.

l. The proposed Woods Project would be built at the Greenfields Main Canal's Woods drop structure. The applicant proposes to construct: (1) An inflatable weir spanning the full width of the canal; (2) an intake structure with trash rack and radial gate or stop-log shut off; (3) a buried, 72-inch-diameter, 750-foot-long steel or polyethylene penstock; (4) a powerhouse containing one Francis or propeller (Reaction) turbine and one generator with a rated output of 900 kilowatts (kW); (5) a tailrace returning flows to the canal; (6) a switchyard; and (7) a 376-foot-long, 69-kilovolt (kV) transmission line interconnecting with an existing powerline. Average annual generation would be 2.2 gigawatt-hours (GWh).

The proposed Johnson Project would be built at the Greenfields South Canal's Johnson drop structure. The applicant proposes to construct: (1) An inflatable weir spanning the width of the canal; (2) an intake structure with trash rack and radial gate or stop-log shut off; (3) a buried, 60-inch-diameter, 900-foot-long steel or polyethylene penstock; (4) a powerhouse containing one Francis or propeller (Reaction) turbine and one generator with a rated output of 700 kW; (5) a tailrace returning flows to the canal; (6) a switchyard; (7) a 1,024-foot-long, 69-kV transmission line interconnecting with an existing powerline; and (8) a powerhouse access road. Average annual generation would be 1.7 GWh.

The proposed A-Drop Project would be built at the Greenfields Main Canal's Greenfield drop structure. The applicant

proposes to construct: (1) An inflatable weir spanning the width of the canal; (2) an intake structure with trash rack and radial gate or stop-log shut off; (3) a buried, 96-inch-diameter, 830-foot-long steel or polyethylene penstock; (4) a powerhouse containing one Francis or propeller (Reaction) turbine and one generator with a rated output of 1,000 kW; (5) a tailrace returning flows to the canal; (6) a switchyard; (7) a buried 144-foot-long, 12-kV transmission line interconnecting with an existing powerline; and (8) an approximately 730-foot-long powerhouse access road. Average annual generation would be 2.5 GWh.

m. Copies of the applications are 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 each of the documents. 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 item h above.

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.

n. Any qualified applicant desiring to file a competing application must submit to the Commission, on or before the specified intervention deadline date, a competing development application, or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing development application no later than 120 days after the specified intervention deadline date. Applications for preliminary permits will not be accepted in response to this notice.

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 a development application. A notice of intent must be served on the applicant named in this public notice.

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, 385.211, and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all