

addition, Congress expanded the Advisory Committee's mission in the Higher Education Amendments of 1998 to include several important areas: access, Title IV modernization, distance education, and early information and needs assessment. Specifically, the Advisory Committee is to review, monitor and evaluate the Department of Education's progress in these areas and report recommended improvements to Congress and the Secretary.

The Advisory Committee has scheduled this teleconference solely to conduct the election of officers.

Space for the teleconference meeting is limited and you are encouraged to register early if you plan to attend. You may register by sending an e-mail to the following addresses:

tracy.deanna.jones@ed.gov. Please include your name, title, affiliation, complete address (including Internet and e-mail, if available), and telephone and fax numbers. If you are unable to register electronically, you may fax your registration information to the Advisory Committee staff office at (202) 219-3032. You may also contact the Advisory Committee staff directly at (202) 219-2099. The registration deadline is Monday, September 22, 2008.

Records are kept for Advisory Committee proceedings, and are available for inspection at the Office of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, Capitol Place, 80 F Street, NW., Suite 413, Washington, DC from the hours of 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Information regarding the Advisory Committee is available on the Committee's Web site, <http://www.ed.gov/ACSFA>.

Dated: September 4, 2008.

William J. Goggin,

Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Certification Notice—217]

Office Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability; Notice of Filing of Self-Certification of Coal Capability Under the Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act

AGENCY: Office Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of filing.

SUMMARY: On May 19, 2008, CPV Maryland, LLC, as owner and operator

of a new base load electric powerplant, submitted a coal capability self-certification to the Department of Energy (DOE) pursuant to section 201(d) of the Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978 (FUA), as amended, and DOE regulations in 10 CFR 501.60, 61. Section 201(d) of FUA requires DOE to publish a notice of receipt of self-certifications in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Copies of coal capability self-certification filings are available for public inspection, upon request, in the Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Mail Code OE-20, Room 8G-024, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Russell at (202) 586-9624.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title II of FUA, as amended (42 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*), provides that no new base load electric powerplant may be constructed or operated without the capability to use coal or another alternate fuel as a primary energy source.

Pursuant to FUA section 201(d), in order to meet the requirement of coal capability, the owner or operator of such a facility proposing to use natural gas or petroleum as its primary energy source shall certify to the Secretary of Energy (Secretary) prior to construction, or prior to operation as a base load electric powerplant, that such powerplant has the capability to use coal or another alternate fuel. Such certification establishes compliance with FUA section 201(a) as of the date it is filed with the Secretary. The Secretary is required to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** reciting that the certification has been filed.

The following owner of a proposed new base load electric powerplant has filed a self-certification of coal-capability with DOE pursuant to FUA section 201(d) and in accordance with DOE regulations in 10 CFR 501.60, 61:

Owner: CPV Maryland, LLC.

Capacity: 640 megawatts (MW).

Plant Location: Waldorf, Maryland.

In-Service Date: Between Summer 2011 and Summer 2012.

Issued in Washington, DC on September 3, 2008.

Anthony J. Como,

Director, Permitting and Siting, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13276-000]

Natural Currents Energy Services, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

September 4, 2008.

On August 11, 2008 and supplemented on August 12, 2008, Natural Currents Energy Services, LLC filed an application, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Cuttyhunk/Elizabeth Islands Tidal Energy Project, located in the Atlantic Ocean and Canapitsit Channel in Dukes County, Massachusetts. The project uses no dam or impoundment.

The proposed project would consist of: (1) 4 Tidal In-Stream Energy Conversion (TISEC) generating units, with a total installed capacity of 100-kilowatts, (2) underwater cable with a length between 250 meters to 2.5 kilometers for site 1, and up to 10 kilometers in length for site 2, and (3) appurtenant facilities. The project is estimated to have an annual generation of 350,000 kilowatt-hours, which would be sold to Cuttyhunk Island.

Applicant Contact: Mr. Roger Bason, Natural Currents Energy Services, LLC, 24 Roxanne Boulevard, Highland, New York 12561, phone (845) 691-4008.

FERC Contact: Kelly Houff (202) 502-6393.

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. 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 under the "e-Filing" link. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and eight copies should be mailed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. For more information on how to submit these types of filings please go to the Commission's Web site located at <http://www.ferc.gov/filing-comments.asp>. More information about this project 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-13276) in

the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3372.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12589-001]

Public Service Company of Colorado; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests, Ready for Environmental Analysis, and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Preliminary Terms and Conditions, and Preliminary Fishway Prescriptions

September 4, 2008.

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-12589-001.

c. *Date Filed:* June 25, 2008.

d. *Applicant:* Public Service Company of Colorado (d/b/a Xcel Energy).

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

f. *Location:* The existing project is located on Cascade Creek, Little Cascade Creek and Elbert Creek in La Plata and San Juan Counties, Colorado. The Tacoma Project occupies 221 acres of the San Juan National Forest.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Randy Rhodes, Public Service Company of Colorado, 4653 Table Mountain Drive, Golden, Colorado 80403; telephone (720) 497-2123.

i. *FERC Contact:* David Turner (202) 502-6091 or via e-mail at david.turner@ferc.gov.

j. The deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests, comments, recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and preliminary fishway prescriptions is November 3, 2008; reply comments are due December 18, 2008.

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, recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and preliminary fishway 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. This application has been accepted for filing and is ready for environmental analysis.

l. The existing project consists of the following: (1) A 30-foot-long, 10-foot-high concrete diversion dam on Cascade Creek; (2) a 4,200-foot-long, 10-foot-diameter, semi-circular, elevated wooden flume; (3) a 1,400-foot-long, 60-inch-diameter steel inverted siphon; (4) a 14,500-foot-long, 64-inch-diameter steel pipeline; (5) the open channel of Little Cascade Creek; (6) a 0.5-mile-long, 5-foot-deep lake (Columbine Lake) formed by a small, partially breached timber dam on Little Cascade Creek; (7) the open channel of Little Cascade Creek downstream of Columbine Lake; (8) the 4-acre Aspaas Lake; (9) a 274-foot-long, 27-foot-high, earth-filled Aspaas dam; (10) a 14-foot-wide, rock-cut open diversion channel that diverts flow from Aspaas Lake to Electra Lake; (11) the 800-acre Electra Lake; (12) a 140-foot-long, 20-foot-high, rock-filled, timber crib dam (Stagecoach dam) serving as the spillway for Electra Lake; (13) a 1,270-foot-long, 62-foot-high, rock-filled dam (Terminal dam), with an impermeable asphalt membrane on the upstream face and an asphalt-paved crest; (14) a 429-foot-long, 54-inch-diameter steel pipe intake under the Terminal dam that leads project flows from Electra Lake to a valve vault; (15) the valve vault; (16) a 9,590-foot-long, 66-inch-diameter welded steel penstock, with a 12-foot-diameter, 116-foot-high surge tank; (17) a bifurcated penstock structure that diverts flow to a 2,050-foot-long, 30-inch-diameter welded steel penstock that enters the powerhouse and a 2,050-foot-long, 54-inch diameter welded steel penstock that branches to a 46-inch diameter pipe immediately prior to entering the powerhouse; (18) a 108-foot-long, 64-foot-wide, steel frame, brick powerhouse containing three generating units with a total installed

capacity of 8 megawatts (MW), one of which is currently disabled due to a catastrophic failure and proposed to be replaced; (19) a 44 kV substation adjacent to the powerhouse; and (20) appurtenant facilities.

The project is operated both as a base-load plant and a peaking plant depending on the time of the year. The applicant proposes the following changes to project facilities: (1) Project boundary modifications to reflect lands needed for project operations; (2) rehabilitation and addition of the 6-foot-high Canyon Creek diversion to supply potable water, emergency cooling water, and fire protection; (3) the addition of a 4 MW turbine-generator (Unit 4); and (4) several recreation and environmental measures.

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.

Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm> 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. 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.

All filings must (1) Bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST," "MOTION TO INTERVENE," "COMMENTS," "REPLY COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," "PRELIMINARY TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRELIMINARY FISHWAY PRESCRIPTIONS"; (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