

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 13283-000]

**The Nevada Hydro Company, Inc.; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications**

April 13, 2009.

On September 2, 2008, The Nevada Hydro Company, Inc. filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the 600-megawatt (MW) River Mountain Pumped Storage Project, located on Lake Dardanelle on the Arkansas River in Logan County, Arkansas. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed project works consist of: (a) A 183-acre upper reservoir, lined with an impermeable membrane, having 11,580 acre-feet gross storage capacity, excavated within a 225-acre site and formed by a rockfill embankment with a height ranging from 25 to 120 feet above existing topography; (b) a reinforced concrete intake/outlet structure in the upper reservoir; (c) a 30-foot diameter, concrete-lined vertical shaft approximately 680 feet long connecting the upper reservoir's intake and outlet structure to an underground, horizontal power tunnel; (d) a 30-foot-diameter, concrete-lined, power tunnel that extends 1,250 feet from the vertical shaft to the penstocks; (e) three 16-foot diameter penstocks approximately 450 feet long, 250 feet of which are steel-lined; (f) an underground powerhouse, approximately 560 feet below the ground surface, containing three reversible pump-turbine generator units, each nominally rated at 200 MW, generating with up to 13,200 cfs and pumping with up to 10,560 cfs; (g) an underground transformer gallery, surge chamber, access tunnel and vent shaft located near the powerhouse; (h) a horseshoe-shaped tailrace tunnel, 40 feet high by 40 feet wide extending 4,800 feet from the powerhouse to a submerged intake/outlet structure in Lake Dardanelle; (i) a 500-kV transmission line originating from the powerhouse and extending

approximately 1.8 miles to an existing 500-kV transmission line owned by Arkansas Power and Light; (j) approximately five miles of new project access roads; and appurtenant equipment and facilities. The project would generate approximately 6,000 megawatt-hours per day. The project would utilize the 34,300-acre Lake Dardanelle, managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for navigation, recreation, and hydropower generation, as the lower reservoir, however, Lake Dardanelle would not be a licensed facility of the proposed project.

*Applicant Contact:* Rexford Wait, The Nevada Hydro Company, Inc., 2416 Cades Way, Vista, CA 92083; phone 760-599-0086; fax 760-599-1815.

*FERC Contact:* Monte TerHaar, 202-502-6035.

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-13283) 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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[Docket No. CP96-810-009]

**Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, LLC; Notice of Application**

April 13, 2009.

Take notice that on April 8, 2009, Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, LLC (Maritimes), 890 Winter Street, Suite 300, Waltham, Massachusetts 02451, filed an application in Docket No. CP96-810-009 pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), seeking an amendment to its authorization under NGA section 3 and its Presidential Permit to allow it to export natural gas from the United States to Canada utilizing Maritimes' existing cross-border facilities. Maritimes proposes no new facilities in its application. The full design capacity of the cross-border facilities is 833,317 dekatherms per day plus the quantity necessary for system fuel requirements.

Any questions regarding the applications should be directed to Garth Johnson, General Manager, Certificates and Reporting, M&N Management Company, 5400 Westheimer Court, P.O. Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251-1642.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made in the proceeding with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in