

consultation with: (a) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service as required by section 7 of ESA; and (b) the New York State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historical Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

m. This notice does not constitute the Commission's approval of NYTEC's request to use the Pilot Project Licensing Procedures. Upon its review of the project's overall characteristics relative to the pilot project criteria, the draft license application contents, and any comments filed, the Commission will determine whether there is adequate

information to conclude the pre-filing process.

n. The proposed East River Tidal Energy Pilot Project would consist of: (1) A 2-meter-diameter 20 kW capacity hydrokinetic device during Phase 1, which would be replaced by a 6-meter-diameter 200 kW device in Phase 2; (2) an underwater cable connecting the hydrokinetic device to shore at one of two proposed locations; and (3) appurtenant facilities for operating and maintaining the project. NYTEC does not provide an estimate of annual generation of the proposed pilot project.

o. A copy of the draft license application and all pre-filing materials are 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. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.

p. *Pre-filing process schedule.* The pre-filing process will be conducted pursuant to the following tentative schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Date
Comments on pre-filing materials due	July 10, 2009.
Issuance of meeting notice (if needed)	July 24, 2009.
Public meeting/technical conference (if needed)	August 24, 2009.
Issuance of notice concluding pre-filing process and ILP waiver request determination.	August 10, 2009 (if no meeting is needed) September 7, 2009 (if meeting is needed).

q. Register online at <http://ferc.gov/subscribe.htm> to be notified via e-mail of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Project No. 13416-000]

Gunderson Lutheran Hydro LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

June 10, 2009.

On March 30, 2009, Gunderson Lutheran Hydro LLC filed an application, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Mississippi River Lock and Dam No. 7 (Lock & Dam 7 Project), to be located at River Mile 702.5 on the Mississippi River in Winona County, Minnesota, and La Crosse, Wisconsin, and near the town of La Crescent, MN.

The proposed Lock & Dam 7 Project would be integral with the existing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Lock & Dam No. 7 which is comprised of a

940-foot-long gated dam section with 5 roller gates and 11 Taintor gates, a 600 foot-long lock, and a 8,100-foot-long earth dike. The Corps project reservoir occupies a portion of the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge.

The proposed hydro project would consist of: (1) 7 uni-directional turbines installed in an auxiliary lock with generators having a total installed capacity of 4,963 kilowatts (kW); (2) a new transformer; and (3) a new 500-foot-long transmission line to an existing above ground local distribution system. The project would have an estimated average annual generation of 41.33 gigawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: Mr. Jeff Rich, Gunderson Lutheran Hydro LLC, 1900 South Avenue, LaCrosse, WI 54601, phone (608) 775-6970.

FERC Contact: Michael Spencer, (202) 502-6093.

Competing Application: This application competes with Project No. 13337-000 filed November 24, 2008. Competing applications must be filed on or before July 13, 2009.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene: 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-13337) 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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Blue Sky Gas Storage, LLC; Notice of Application

June 10, 2009.

Take notice that on June 5, 2009, Blue Sky Gas Storage, LLC (Blue Sky), 1000 Louisiana Street, Suite 6905, Houston, TX 77002, filed in the above referenced docket an abbreviated application pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural