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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Army has decided to proceed with implementing the Preferred Alternative (Alternative 2) identified in the FEIS to reorganize and augment its aviation assets in Alaska as an Aviation Task Force (ATF). The ATF will be formed by augmenting USARAK's existing assigned aviation assets (approximately 490 Soldiers and 32 helicopters) with 710 additional Soldiers and 40 additional helicopters. Alternative 2 will result in 1,200 total Soldiers and 72 total helicopters at Fort Wainwright (FWA), with a total projected population increase of approximately 2,005 (including Soldiers, Family members, and Civilian support personnel). The ATF will be permanently stationed at FWA. Construction of new facilities as well as demolition within the FWA Main Post and operation of additional generators and vehicles will be required. Training will occur on current USARAK training lands and use existing flight corridors.

By choosing to implement Alternative 2 in the ROD, the Army expects direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts as a result of troop stationing, facilities construction, and helicopter training exercises at USARAK. The principal environmental impacts will be to airspace management, cultural and visual resources, noise, hazardous materials and hazardous waste, and wildlife. Although additional helicopters will be stationed in Alaska, existing airspace aviation travel routes will be utilized, resulting in minor increases in air traffic. Significant adverse impacts will occur to the Ladd Field National Historic Landmark as a result of facility construction at FWA. Adverse impacts will be the result of the new construction being out of scale with historic buildings, historical viewshed obstruction and change in use of two historic buildings. Temporary minor noise impacts will occur due to facility construction. Noise associated with helicopter training will increase but not to a level that will significantly increase annoyance levels at FWA or surrounding lands. Hazardous materials and waste, both existing sources and those created by the stationing and

operation of an aviation unit, will be managed under existing programs and agreements. Facility construction is proposed within known areas of contamination. USARAK will continue to consult with the appropriate State and federal agencies as outlined in existing agreements in order to protect human health and the environment. Various wildlife species will be affected by increased military training, specifically moose, bison, caribou, trumpeter swan, and bear; however, population level impacts will not occur. In addition, increased hunting pressure on game mammals could result from increased stationing of Soldiers.

As part of the decision to implement Alternative 2 at FWA, the Army will enact environmental mitigation measures to minimize the impacts of this decision, including the implementation and continuation of existing environmental management programs, use of best management practices, and other specific mitigation measures. The majority of mitigation measures the Army has committed to in the ROD involve the continued use of existing management programs and existing best management practices. In addition to these existing programs, the Army and the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 consulting parties have developed specific mitigation measures to minimize the adverse effects to the Ladd Field National Historic Landmark at FWA. These measures have been outlined and agreed to in a Programmatic Agreement between the Army and the Section 106 consulting parties.

The ROD outlines that Alternative 2 reflects the proper balance of enhancing USARAK aviation capabilities, improving training opportunities for existing USARAK forces, improving the Army's ability to support worldwide military operations, and protecting the environment.

Copies of the ROD can be viewed and downloaded at http://www.usarak.army.mil/conservation/NEPA_home.html.

Dated: November 2, 2009.

Addison D. Davis, IV,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12492-001]

Ha-Best Inc.; Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis, Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests, and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions

November 5, 2009.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Original Minor License.

b. *Project No.:* P-12492-001.

c. *Date filed:* July 3, 2007, and amended on July 31, 2008.

d. *Applicant:* Ha-Best Inc.

e. *Name of Project:* Miner Shoal Waterpower Project.

f. *Location:* The proposed project is located on the Soque River, near the Town of Demorest, Habersham County, Georgia. The proposed project does not occupy federal lands.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Don Ferguson, 34 West Jarrard Street, Cleveland, GA 30528; Telephone (706) 865-3999.

i. *FERC Contact:* Janet Hutzel, Telephone (202) 502-8675, or by e-mail at: janet.hutzel@ferc.gov.

j. The deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests, comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions is 60 days from the issuance of this notice and reply comments are due 105 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ferconline.asp>) under the "eFiling" link. For a simpler method of submitting text only comments, click on "Quick Comment." For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov; call toll-free at (866) 208-3676; or, for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and eight copies to: 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.

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.

k. This application has been accepted and is ready for environmental analysis.

l. The proposed Minor Shoal Project would consist of the following: (1) An existing 5-foot-high, 80-foot-long diversion dam; (2) an existing 92-foot-long, 7-foot-diameter steel penstock; (3) a new 160-foot-long, 7-foot-diameter steel penstock from the diversion dam tying in to the existing penstock at elevation 1,228 feet mean sea level; (4) two existing powerhouses containing a total of three turbines with a total installed capacity of 1,260 kilowatts; (5) an existing 446-foot-long, 230-kilovolt transmission line and (6) appurtenant facilities. The project would generate an average of 2,175,000 kilowatt-hours.

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. A copy is available for inspection and reproduction at the address in Item h above.

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.

All filings must: (1) Bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST," or "MOTION TO INTERVENE," or "COMMENTS," "REPLY COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "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 protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon the representative of the applicant. A copy of all other filings must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

o. Public notice of the filing of the initial development application and amended application, which has already been given, established the due date for filing competing applications or notices of intent. Under the Commission's regulations, any competing development application must be filed in response to, and in compliance with, public notice of the initial development application. No competing applications or notices of intent may be filed in response to this notice.

p. A license applicant must file, no later than 60 days following the date of issuance of this notice: (1) A copy of the water quality certification; (2) a copy of the request for certification, including proof of the date on which the certifying agency received the request; or (3) evidence of waiver of water quality certification.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13526-001]

Bowersock Mills and Power Company; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, and Approval of Use of the Traditional Licensing Process

November 6, 2009.

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process.

b. *Project Nos.:* 13526-001.

c. *Date Filed:* October 6, 2009.

d. *Submitted by:* Bowersock Mills and Power Company.

e. *Name of Projects:* Bowersock Mills and Power Company Kansas River Project.

f. *Location:* The project would be located on the Kansas River near the town of Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas. The project would not occupy federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's regulations.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Sara Hill-Nelson, The Bowersock Mills and Power Company, P.O. Box 66 Massachusetts Street, Lawrence, Kansas 66044, (785) 766-0884.

i. *FERC Contact:* Monte TerHaar, (202) 502-6035 or monte.terhaar@ferc.gov.

j. The Bowersock Mills and Power Company filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on September 22, 2009. The Bowersock Mills and Power Company published public notice of its request on September 24, 2009. In a letter dated November 5, 2009, the Director of the Office of Energy Projects approved The Bowersock Mills and Power Company's request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.

k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with: (a) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR part 402; and (b) the Kansas 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.

l. The Bowersock Mills and Power Company filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD) on October 23, 2009, including a proposed process plan and schedule, with the Commission pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

m. A copy of the PAD is 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.

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