

electronically. The Commission provided that the conversion to electronic tariff filings would begin April 1, 2010, with pipelines and utilities filing baseline tariffs according to a six-month staggered filing schedule worked out between staff and industry. Standard notice and comment periods will apply to these baseline filings. Once an oil or gas pipeline or electric utility has made its baseline filing, all subsequent tariff-related filings must be made electronically.

At the Commission staff technical conference held on November 20, 2009, staff indicated that, from its perspective, a filing schedule would be acceptable as long as the baseline filings are reasonably dispersed throughout the six month period. Having to process many baseline applications at the same time would slow Commission processing time and would work to the disadvantage of both the companies and the Commission. Customers in comments on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in this proceeding and at the conference expressed concern that filings be staggered reasonably so that customers would not have to review a large number of baseline filings at the same time. Interest was expressed at the conference in providing the various industries an opportunity to meet with their customer groups to develop a staggered schedule that would balance the baseline filings longitudinally and perhaps geographically.

Commission staff will honor a consensus agreement so long as the filings are generally spread over the six-month transition period. Commission staff will issue a Notice of the filing schedule after reviewing the comments received.

For more information, contact Andre Goodson, Office of the General Counsel, at 202-502-8560 or Keith Pierce, Office of Energy Market Regulation at 202 502-8525 or by sending an e-mail to [ETariff@ferc.gov](mailto:ETariff@ferc.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12107-003-MT; Flint Creek Hydroelectric Project]

#### Granite County, MT; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

December 2, 2009.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for an original license (Major Project) for the Flint Creek Hydroelectric Project (project), and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA). The proposed project would be located on Flint Creek at the existing Georgetown Lake Dam, in the Upper Clark Fork River basin near Philipsburg, in Granite County and Deer Lodge County, Montana. The proposed project would occupy a total of 2,857.5 acres, of which 1,243.3 acres (1,243 reservoir acres and 0.3 land acre) are within the Beaverhead-Deer Lodge National Forest, administered by the U.S. Forest Service (Forest Service); 1,605.4 reservoir acres owned by Granite County, Montana; and 8.8 acres of private lands.

The EA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project would not constitute a major Federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA 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 (P-12107), number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any Comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy

Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please affix Project No. 12107-003, to all comments. Comments 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 Commissions Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link. For a simpler method of submitting text-only comments, click on "Quick Comment."

Please contact Gaylord Hoisington by telephone at (202) 502-6032 or by e-mail at [gaylord.hoisington@ferc.gov](mailto:gaylord.hoisington@ferc.gov) if you have any questions.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2589-057]

#### Marquette Board of Light and Power; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Document and Soliciting Comments

December 2, 2009.

Take notice that the following material addressing dam safety repairs has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Filing:* Environmental report to support the repair of the Tourist Park Dam in order to restore Tourist Park Reservoir and operation of the Tourist Park Development under Part 12 of the Commission's regulations.  
b. *Project No:* 2589-057.  
c. *Date Filed:* September 17, 2009.  
d. *Licensee:* Marquette Board of Light and Power.

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

f. *Location:* The Marquette Hydroelectric Project is located on the Dead River in the City of Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan.

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

h. *Licensee Contact:* Eric Booth, Manager of Utility Compliance, Marquette Board of Light and Power, 2200 Wright Street, Marquette, MI 49855-1398, (906) 228-0335.

i. *FERC Contact:* Rachel Price, (202) 502-8907, and e-mail: [rachel.price@ferc.gov](mailto:rachel.price@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing comments:* January 19, 2010.

All documents should be filed with: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal