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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FERC-730, "Report of Transmission Investment Activity" (OMB Control No. 1902-0239) is filed by public utilities that have been granted incentive rate treatment for specific electric

transmission projects. Filing requirements are specified in 18 CFR 35.35(h). Actual and planned transmission investments, and related project data for the most recent calendar year and the subsequent five years, must be reported annually beginning with the calendar year that the Commission granted the incentive rates.

Congress enacted section 1241 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct 2005), adding a new section 219 to the Federal Power Act (FPA), to promote the operation, maintenance and enhancement of electric transmission infrastructure. Congress aimed to benefit consumers by ensuring reliability and/or reducing the cost of delivered power through reducing transmission congestion. In response to EPAct 2005, in Docket No. RM06-4, the Commission amended its regulations to allow for these incentive-based, (including performance-based), rate treatments.

Through Docket No. RM06-4, the Commission amended its regulations in 18 CFR 35.35 to identify the incentive ratemaking treatments allowed under FPA section 219. Incentives are required to be tailored to the type of transmission investments being made, and each applicant must demonstrate that its proposal meets the requirements of FPA section 219.

The Commission needs the information filed under FERC-730 to provide a basis for determining the effectiveness of the rules and regulations and to provide an accurate assessment of the state of the industry with respect to transmission investment.

Action: The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date for the FERC-730, with no changes.

Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as follows.

FERC Information collection	Annual number of respondents	Average number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total annual burden hours
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)×(2)×(3)
FERC-730	20	1	30	600

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$37,008.75 (600 hours/2080 hours¹ per year, times \$128,297² equals \$37,008.75).

The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information including: (1) Reviewing instructions; (2) developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, verifying, processing, maintaining, disclosing and providing information; (3) adjusting the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; (4) training personnel to respond to a collection of information; (5) searching data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information; and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

The estimate of cost for respondents is based upon salaries for professional and clerical support, as well as direct and indirect overhead costs. Direct costs include all costs directly attributable to providing this information, such as administrative costs and the cost for information technology. Indirect or overhead costs are costs incurred by an

organization in support of its mission. These costs apply to activities which benefit the whole organization rather than any one particular function or activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC09-912-001]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-912¹), Supplemental Notice

February 3, 2010.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Supplemental notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) has submitted the FERC-912¹ to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of the information collection requirements.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In response to the Commission's Notice in Docket No. IC09-912-001 requesting public comment (74 FR 63743, 12/4/2009), FERC and OMB received one

¹ FERC-912 ("Cogeneration and Small Power Production, PURPA Section 210(m) Regulations for Termination or Reinstatement of Obligation to Purchase or Sell;" OMB Control No. 1902-0237) covers the reporting requirements in 18 CFR Part 292.

¹ Number of hours an employee works each year.

² Average annual salary per employee.

comment. The comment addresses the FERC-912 and relates to a pending rulemaking in Docket No. RM09-23 (“Revisions to Form, Procedures, and Criteria for Certification of Qualifying Facility Status for a Small Power Production or Cogeneration Facility”). The comment was also submitted in Docket No. RM09-23 and will be addressed in Docket No. RM09-23.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13606-000]

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

February 4, 2010.

On October 21, 2009, and revised on December 23, 2009 and January 28, 2010, Natural Currents Energy Services, LLC, filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Gastineau Channel Tidal Energy Project, located on Gastineau Channel, in the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska. 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 would either attach turbines to the underside of an existing Coast Guard dock, or anchor the turbines to the bottom of the channel, and would consist of: (1) An existing approximately 100-foot-long by 30-foot-wide U.S. Coast Guard dock connected to the shore by an approximately 550-foot-long boardwalk extending into Gastineau Channel; (2) twelve 25-kilowatt (kW) Red Hawk in-stream turbine modules anchored to the bottom of the channel or attached to the underside of a pivoting t-dock with a total generating capacity of 300 kW; (3) one or more clusters of Tidal In-Stream

Energy Conversion Devices (TISEC devices) to transmit the electricity from the turbines to the underwater transmission line; (4) an approximately 600-foot-long, 480-volt underwater transmission line connecting the TISEC device to an existing above-ground local distribution system; and (5) appurtenant facilities. The project would have an estimated average annual generation of 1,200 megawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: Roger Bason, President, Natural Currents Energy Services, LLC, 24 Roxanne Boulevard, Highland, NY 12561; phone: (845) 691-4009.

FERC Contact: Jennifer Harper, 202-502-6136.

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. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36. 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 (<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.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, 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-13606) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13652-000]

Gary E. Hall and Rita C. Hall; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing With the Commission, Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests, Ready for Environmental Analysis, Intent To Waive Solicitation of Additional Study Requests, Intent To Waive Scoping, Intent To Waive Three Stage Consultation, Soliciting Comments, Terms and Conditions, Recommendations, and Prescriptions, and Establishing an Expedited Schedule for Processing

February 5, 2010.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Exemption From Licensing.

b. *Project No.:* 13652-000.

c. *Date filed:* January 11, 2010.

d. *Applicant:* Gary E. Hall and Rita C. Hall.

e. *Name of Project:* Potter Creek Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on Potter Creek in Flathead County, Montana. The project would be located on private property and 0.51 acre of federal lands in the Flathead National Forest, managed by the Forest Service. The applicant owns the private property on which the project will be located.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, 16 U.S.C. 2705, 2708.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Gary E. Hall and Ms. Rita C. Hall, P.O. Box 133, Olney, MT 59927, (406) 881-2345.

i. *FERC Contact:* Jennifer Harper, (202) 502-6136.

j. *Cooperating Agencies:* We are asking Federal, state, and local agencies and Indian tribes with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with us in the preparation of the environmental document. Agencies who would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing comments described in item l below.

k. Pursuant to the Commission's regulations, 18 CFR 4.32(b)(7), if any resource agency, Indian tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form a factual basis for complete analysis of the application on its merits, the resource agency, Indian tribe, or person must file a request for the study with the Commission. Due to the small