

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD10–12–000]

Improving Market and Planning Efficiency Through Improved Software; Notice of Agenda and Procedures for Staff Technical Conference

May 24, 2010.

This notice establishes the agenda and procedures for the staff technical conference to be held on June 9, 2010 and June 10, 2010 to discuss issues related to power system expansion planning models and software. The technical conference will be held from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (EDT) on June 9, 2010, and from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (EDT) on June 10, 2010 at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in the Commission Meeting Room. All interested persons are invited to attend, and registration is not required.

The agenda for this conference is attached. The presentations will be

technical in nature, and approximately 20 minutes in length with 5 to 10 minutes for questions. Equipment will be available for computer presentations. Presenters who wish to include comments, presentations, or handouts in the record for this proceeding should file their comments with the Commission. Comments may either be filed on paper or electronically via the eFiling link on the Commission’s Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

Agenda for AD10–12 Staff Technical Conference on Planning Models and Software Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

June 9, 2010

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8 a.m	Richard O’Neill, FERC—Welcome and Introduction. Session A: Current Approaches to Planning.
8:20 a.m	Henry Chao, NYISO. Brad Nickell, Western Electricity Coordinating Council. John Lawhorn, Midwest ISO. Steve Herling, PJM. Lisa Barton, American Electric Power. Kip Sikes, Idaho Power and Northern Tier Transmission Group.
11:30 a.m	Session B: Existing Planning Model Software. Jinxiang Zhu, ABB. Devin Van Zandt, GE.
12:30 p.m	Lunch.
1:30 p.m	Norm Richardson, Ventyx. John Condren, PowerGEM.
2:45 p.m	Session C: Computational Approaches. Jean-Paul Watson, Sandia National Laboratory. Robert Bixby, Gurobi Optimization.
3:45 p.m	Session D: Special Topics in Planning Models. Bryan Palmintier, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Marija Ilic, Carnegie Mellon. Feng Zhao, ISO–NE.
5:30 p.m	Richard O’Neill, FERC—Day 1 Conclusion.

June 10, 2010

8 a.m	Richard O’Neill, FERC—Day 2 Welcome.
8:05 a.m	Session E: Variable Energy Resources in Planning Models. Walter Short, National Renewable Energy Laboratory. Loren Toole, Los Alamos National Laboratory. Vladimir Koritarov, Argonne National Laboratory.
11:30 a.m	Lunch.
12:30 p.m	Ross Guttromson, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.
1 p.m	Session F: Current Approaches to Planning. Gaurav Karandikar, Eastern Interconnection Reliability Assessment Group. (ERAG)—Multiregional Modeling Working Group (MMWG).
1:30 p.m	Session G: Special Topics in Planning Models. Alex Rudkevich, Charles River Associates. Vladimir Koritarov, Argonne National Laboratory. Sarah Ryan, Iowa State University. Stephen S. Miller, Commonwealth Associates Inc. Ira Shavel, Barclay Gibbs, and Ralph Luciani, Charles River Associates.

4:30 p.m. Richard O'Neill, FERC—Conclusion and Next Steps.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 13682-000]

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

May 24, 2010.

On May 5, 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 Hoffmans Marina Tidal Energy Project, which would be located on the Manasquan River, in Monmouth County, New Jersey. 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.

Natural Currents proposes to develop this project, in conjunction with Hoffmans Marina, to install and operate in-stream tidal turbines to power the office building and marina on site. Natural Currents Red Hawk™ Tidal In-Stream Energy Conversion (TISEC) modules will generate electricity in the free flow of the tides. The initial installations would consist of ten in-stream 20-kilowatt (kW) turbines with an initial peak output of 200 kW.

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

FERC Contact: John M. Mudre, (202) 502-8902.

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-13682) 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. 13725-000]

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

May 24, 2010.

On May 6, 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 Highlands New Jersey Tidal Energy Project, which would be located on the Shrewsbury River, in Monmouth County, New Jersey. 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.

Natural Currents proposes to develop this project, in conjunction with various

marinas as well as private, public and commercial properties within the project footprint, potentially including 42 South Bay Ave, LLC, Twin Lights Marina, Barhs Marina, and other property owners in the Highlands, NJ area. The purpose of this project is to install and operate in-stream tidal turbines to power the office buildings and marinas within the site. Natural Currents Red Hawk™ Tidal In-Stream Energy Conversion (TISEC) modules would generate electricity in the free flow of the tides. The initial installations will consist of twenty in-stream 150-kilowatt (kW) turbines with an initial peak output of 3,000 kW.

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