DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Implementing the National Broadband Plan; Comment Period Extension

AGENCY: Office of the General Counsel, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of extension of public comment period for reply comments.

SUMMARY: On May 11, 2010, the Department of Energy (DOE) published in the Federal Register two requests for information (RFI) regarding the implementation of the National Broadband Policy. The comment period on the RFIs closed on July 12, 2010, and reply comments are due on July 26, 2010. This notice announces that the period for submitting reply comments is extended to August 9, 2010.

DATES: DOE will accept reply comments, data, and information regarding the National Broadband Plan RFI: Data Access or the National Broadband Plan RFI: Communications Requirement received no later than August 9, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Any comments submitted must identify the National Broadband Plan RFI: Data Access or the National Broadband Plan RFI: Communications Requirement, as appropriate. Comments may be submitted using any of the following methods:

- E-mail: broadband@hq.doe.gov.
- Include “NBP RFI: Data Access” or “NBP RFI: Communications Requirement” in the subject line of the message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Maureen C. McLaughlin, Senior Legal Advisor to the General Counsel (202) 586–5281; broadband@hq.doe.gov. For media inquiries, you may contact Jennifer Stutsman at (202) 586–4940.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 11, 2010, the DOE released two RFIs in the Federal Register regarding the implementation of the National Broadband Policy. (75 FR 26203, 75 FR 26206). The first RFI requested information from electric utilities, consumer groups, and other interested parties regarding the protection of and access to consumer energy usage data as federal, state, and private entities seek to develop Smart Grid technologies. The second RFI requested information on the evolving needs of electric utilities as Smart Grid technologies are more broadly deployed. These RFIs, intended to solicit opinions from a diversity of stakeholders, provided for the submission of comments by July 12, 2010, and the submission of reply comments by July 26, 2010. To date, DOE has received more than 80 comments from electric utilities, private corporations, and consumer groups.

Given the high volume of comment submission and the apparent public interest, the DOE has determined that an extension of the public reply comment period is appropriate and is hereby extending the reply comment period. DOE will consider any comments received by August 9, 2010 and deems any comments received between July 12, 2010 and July 22, 2010 to be timely submitted.

Issued in Washington, DC, on July 16, 2010.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13717–000]

Copper Valley Electric Association, Inc.; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

July 15, 2010.

On April 19, 2010, Copper Valley Electric Association, Inc. filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Silver Lake Hydroelectric Project, located on Silver Lake and Duck River, in the Valdez-Cordova Census Area, 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 consist of the following: (1) A 400- to 600-foot-long, 100- to 125-foot-high roller-compacted concrete dam constructed at the outfall of Silver Lake to Duck River; (2) Silver Lake, with a surface area of 1,678 acres and a storage capacity of 165,200 acre-feet at elevation 425 feet mean sea level (msl); (3) a 9-foot-diameter, 6,000-foot-long buried steel penstock; (4) a powerhouse containing three Francis turbine/generating units having a total installed capacity of 15 megawatts; (5) an open-channel tailrace; (6) an ecological return flow facility to support resident species within the bypassed reach of the Duck River; (7) a 50-foot-wide, 140-foot-long switchyard, with generation stepped down at the switchyard to serve local requirements; (8) approximately 4.5 miles of new roads to access the dam and powerhouse; (9) a 100-foot-long dock bulkhead with a 20-foot-wide, 30-foot-long seaplane/floatplane ramp; (10) a 300-foot-long, 150-foot-wide housing structure for plant operators; (11) a 40-foot-wide, 100-foot-long maintenance shop; and (12) appurtenant facilities. The proposed Silver Lake Hydroelectric Project would have an average annual generation of 44.8 gigawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: Robert A. Wilkinson, Copper Valley Electric Association, Inc., P.O. Box 45, Mile 187 Glenn Highway, Glennallen, Alaska 99588–0045; phone: (907) 822–3171.


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/elfiling.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 the Commission’s Web site at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elfiling.asp. Enter the docket number (P–13717–000) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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