

- Land use.
- Threatened and endangered species, special status species, and related sensitive resources.
- Airspace utilization.
- Public health and safety.
- Noise.
- Natural hazards.
- Hazardous materials.
- Accidents and intentional destructive acts.
- Cultural and historical resources.
- Recreational resources.
- Visual resources.
- Socioeconomic impacts, community services and infrastructure.
- Environmental justice considerations (disproportionately high and adverse impacts to minority and low income populations).
- Cumulative impacts (past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions).
- Irreversible and irretrievable commitments of resources.

This list is not intended to be all inclusive or to imply any predetermination of impacts. DOE invites interested parties to suggest specific issues within these general categories, or other issues not included above, to be considered in the EIS.

Scoping Process

Interested parties are invited to participate in the scoping process, both to help define the environmental issues to be analyzed and to identify the range of reasonable alternatives. Both oral and written comments will be considered and given equal weight by DOE, regardless of how submitted. Written comments can be submitted either electronically or by paper copy; if the latter, consider using a delivery service because materials submitted by regular mail are subject to security screening, which both causes extended delay and potential damage to the contents. (Warped and unusable CD or DVD discs are common.) Additionally, comments can be submitted through the project Web site established for preparation of the EIS, at <http://www.northernpasseis.us>. This site will also serve as a repository for all public documents and the central location for announcements. Individuals may subscribe to the "mail list" feature on the project Web site in order to receive future announcements and news releases.

Public scoping meetings will be held at the locations, dates, and times as indicated below:

1. Pembroke NH, Pembroke Academy cafeteria, 209 Academy Road, Monday, March 14, 6–9 p.m.;

2. Franklin NH, Franklin Opera House, 316 Central street, Tuesday, March 15, 6–9 p.m.;

3. Lincoln NH, The Mountain Club on Loon, Hancock Room, 90 Loon Mountain Road, Wednesday, March 16, 6–9 p.m.;

4. Whitefield NH, Mountain View Grand Hotel and Resort, Presidential Room, 101 Mountain View Road, Thursday, March 17, 6–9 p.m.; and

5. Colebrook NH, Colebrook Elementary School, 27 Dumont Street, Saturday, March 19, 1–4 p.m.

The scoping meetings will be structured in two parts: first, an informal discussion "workshop" period that will not be recorded; and second, a formal commenting session, which will be transcribed by a court stenographer. The meetings will provide interested parties the opportunity to view proposed project exhibits and make comments. The Applicant, DOE, and any cooperating agency representatives will be available to answer questions and provide additional information to attendees to the extent that additional information is available at this early stage of the proceedings.

Persons submitting comments during the scoping process, whether orally or in writing, will receive either paper or electronic copies of the Draft EIS, according to their preference. Persons who do not wish to submit comments or suggestions at this time but who would like to receive a copy of the document for review and comment when it is issued should notify Brian Mills, as provided above, with their paper-or-electronic preference.

DOE will summarize all comments received in a "Scoping Report" that will be available on the project Web site and distributed either electronically to all parties of record for whom we have an e-mail address, or by mailing paper copies upon request.

EIS Preparation and Schedule

Following completion of the Scoping Report, DOE will prepare the Draft EIS, taking into consideration comments received during the scoping period.

DOE plans to issue the draft EIS by the end of November 2011. After DOE issues the draft EIS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will publish a notice of availability (NOA) of the draft EIS in the **Federal Register**, which will begin a minimum 45-day public comment period. DOE will announce how to comment on the draft EIS and will hold public hearings during the public comment period, but no sooner than 15 days after the notice of availability is published. In preparing

the final EIS, DOE will respond to comments received on the draft EIS.

DOE plans to issue the final EIS by April 2012. No sooner than 30 days after the EPA publishes a NOA of the final EIS, DOE will issue its Record of Decision regarding its action considered in the EIS.

Dated: Issued in Washington, DC, on February 2, 2011.

Patricia A. Hoffman,

Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2183–080]

Grand River Dam Authority; Notice of Application for Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

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

a. *Type of Application:* Amendment of License.

b. *Project No.:* 2183–080.

c. *Date Filed:* December 15, 2010.

d. *Applicant:* Grand River Dam Authority.

e. *Name of Project:* Markham Ferry Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the Grand River (also known as the Neosho River) in Mayes County, Oklahoma.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Gretchen Zumwalt-Smith, General Counsel, Grand River Dam Authority, P.O. Box 409, Vinita, OK 73401–0409. Tel: (918) 256–5545.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Vedula Sarma at (202) 502–6190 or vedula.sarma@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments and or motions:* March 11, 2011.

Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>). Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>) and must include name and contact information

at the end of comments. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

All documents (original and seven copies) filed by paper should be sent to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please include the project number (P-2183-080) on any comments or motions filed.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all interveners filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project.

Further, if an intervener 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. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

k. *Description of Application:* In its amendment application, the licensee proposes to rehabilitate the project's four generating units by refurbishing the turbine runners and replacing the generator frame, stator core and windings. Each of the project's turbine capacity would be increased by 7,500 hp from 35,000 hp to 42,500 hp, and each of the generators installed capacity would increase by 5,000 kW from 27,000 kW to 32,000 kW. The total maximum hydraulic capacity of the project would increase approximately 13% from 28,000 cfs to 31,590 cfs, and the project's installed capacity would increase from 108,000 kW to 128,000 kW.

l. *Locations of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site using the "eLibrary" link at <http://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp>. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits (P-2183) in the docket number field to access the document. 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, call 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and

reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene:* 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. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers.

p. *Agency Comments:* Federal, State, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Dated: February 7, 2011.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. D110-20-000]

Evans Solutions, LLC; Notice of Declaration of Intention and Soliciting Comments, Protests, and/or Motions To Intervene

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

a. *Application Type:* Declaration of Intention.

b. *Docket No:* D110-20-000.

c. *Date Filed:* September 21, 2010.

d. *Applicant:* Evans Solutions, LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Pressure Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The proposed Pressure Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project will be located on Ben-Pollard Lake, in Sumter, in Sumter County, South Carolina.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Section 23(b)(1) of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 817(b).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Reginald Evans, Evans Solutions, LLC, P.O. Box 1303, Sumter, SC 29150; telephone: (803) 458-1537; e-mail: <http://www.reggevans@yahoo.com>.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Henry Ecton, (202) 502-8768, or E-mail address: henry.ecton@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, protests, and/or motions:* March 16, 2011.

All documents should be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and seven copies should be filed with: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. Please include the docket number (D110-20-000) on any comments, protests, and/or motions filed.

k. *Description of Project:* The proposed Pressure Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project will consist of: (1) An existing 20-acre man-made lake; (2) a powerhouse containing two 5-MW turbines and twelve 5-MW generators; (3) a water pipe tailrace, discharging water back into the lake; and (4) appurtenant facilities.

When a Declaration of Intention is filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Federal Power Act requires the Commission to investigate and determine if the interests of interstate or foreign commerce would be affected by the proposed project. The Commission also determines whether or not the project: (1) Would be located on a navigable waterway; (2) would occupy or affect public lands or reservations of the United States; (3) would utilize surplus water or water power from a government dam; or (4) if applicable, has involved or would involve any construction subsequent to 1935 that may have increased or would increase the project's head or generating capacity, or have otherwise significantly