

Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36, CFR, at 800.4.

q. *Procedural schedule:* The application will be processed according to the following Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate (e.g., if scoping is waived, the schedule would be shortened).

Issue Deficiency Letter—May 2011  
Issue Notice of Acceptance—July 2011  
Issue Scoping Document—August 2011  
Issue Notice ready for environmental analysis—October 2011  
Issue Notice of the availability of the EA—March 2012

Dated: March 18, 2011.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP11-33-000]

#### Leader One Energy, LLC; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Leader One Gas Storage Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Leader One Gas Storage Project proposed by Leader One Energy, LLC (Leader One) in the above-referenced docket. Leader One requests authorization to construct and operate the Leader One Gas Storage Field including injection/withdrawal and observation wells, gathering lines, condensate handling facilities, and water disposal facilities; a new 18,000 horsepower compressor station; and about 22.4 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline and related facilities all in Adams County, Colorado.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Leader One Gas Storage Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The proposed Leader One Gas Storage Project includes the following facilities:

#### Leader One Gas Storage Field

- Up to fourteen new vertical and/or horizontal gas storage injection/withdrawal wells;
- Evaluation of twelve existing wells for replugging and abandonment as needed in accordance with current state standards, or converting to observation wells;
- Up to six new observation wells, depending on the condition of the existing wells;
- About 5 miles of various diameter storage field gathering pipelines;
- One water disposal well;
- About 1.25 miles of water disposal pipeline;
- A new 18,000 horsepower compressor station;
- An electrical substation within the compressor station fence line;
- Hydrocarbon dew point control and condensate handling equipment; and
- Condensate handling equipment at the wellheads.

#### Pipeline Facilities

- An approximately 17.6-mile-long, 24-inch-diameter natural gas header pipeline, the Leader One Header Pipeline;
- An approximately 4.8-mile-long, 24-inch-diameter natural gas header pipeline, the Leader One Header Pipeline Extension;
- Four launcher/receiver facilities; and
- Yards for construction laydown and support facilities.

#### Ancillary Facilities

- Valves, meters, filtration, safety, and cleaning and inspection equipment; and
- Buildings, communications and control equipment, emergency generation, and electrical supply.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for public viewing on the FERC's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the eLibrary link. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; Native American tribes; potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups; and newspapers in the project area; and parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Your comments

should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that your comments are properly recorded and considered prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that the FERC receives your comments in Washington, DC on or before April 18, 2011.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the project docket number (CP11-33-000) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has dedicated eFiling expert staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or [efiling@ferc.gov](mailto:efiling@ferc.gov).

(1) You may file your comments electronically by using the eComment feature, which is located on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the link to Documents and Filings. An eComment is an easy method for interested persons to submit brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You may file your comments electronically by using the eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the link to Documents and Filings. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making. A comment on a particular project is considered a "Comment on a Filing"; or

(3) You may file a paper copy of your comments at the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

Although your comments will be considered by the Commission, simply filing comments will not serve to make the commenter a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).<sup>1</sup> Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

<sup>1</sup> Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208-FERC or on the FERC Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (*i.e.*, CP11-33). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm>.

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Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13840-000]

#### ECOspensible, Inc.; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Competing Applications

On September 15, 2010, ECOspensible, Inc., filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the Niagara River Community Hydro Project #2 (Niagara #2 Project or project) to be located on the Niagara River, near Lewiston, in Niagara County, New York. 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) Five hydrokinetic turbine support structures, each containing four 10-foot-diameter Spitfire Horizontal Axis Turbines rated at approximately 250 kilowatts (kW) each; (2) a 150-kilovolt (kV) underwater transmission line connecting the triads and transmitting electricity to an onshore collection substation and point of interconnection switchyard; (3) an operations and maintenance building to house the command center of the project's supervisory control and data acquisition system; and (4) appurtenant facilities. The estimated annual generation of the Niagara #2 Project would be 550,000 megawatt-hours.

*Applicant Contact:* Dennis Ryan, ECOspensible, Inc., 120 Mitchell Road, East Aurora, NY 14052-9710, phone: (716) 655-3524.

*FERC Contact:* Allyson Conner (202) 502-6082.

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/efiling.asp>. 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>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto: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 seven 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/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-13840-000) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13839-000]

#### ECOspensible, Inc.; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On September 15, 2010, ECOspensible, Inc., filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the Niagara River Community Hydro Project (Niagara Project or project) to be located on the Niagara River, near Buffalo, in Erie County, New York. 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) Five hydrokinetic turbine support structures, each containing four 10-foot-diameter Spitfire Horizontal Axis Turbines rated at approximately 250 kilowatts (kW) each; (2) a 150-kilovolt (kV) underwater transmission line connecting the triads and transmitting electricity to an onshore collection substation and point of interconnection switchyard; (3) an operations and maintenance building to house the command center of the project's supervisory control and data acquisition system; and (4) appurtenant facilities. The estimated annual generation of the Niagara Project would be 79,891 megawatt-hours.

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