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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-13872-000) 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. 13570-001]

Warmsprings Irrigation District; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, and Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent To File License Application and Request To Use the Traditional Licensing Process.

b. *Project No.:* 13570-001.

c. *Dated Filed:* February 28, 2011.

d. *Submitted by:* Warmsprings Irrigation District.

e. *Name of Project:* Warmsprings Dam Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Warmsprings dam and reservoir, in Malheur and Harney Counties, Oregon. The project occupies United States lands administered by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's regulations.

h. *Potential Applicant Contact:* Randy Kinney, Warmsprings Irrigation District,

334 Main Street North, Vale, OR 97918; (541) 473-3951.

i. *FERC Contact:* Kelly Wolcott at (202) 502-6480; or e-mail at kelly.wolcott@ferc.gov.

j. Warmsprings Irrigation District filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on February 28, 2011. Warmsprings Irrigation District provided public notice of its request on March 31, 2011. In a letter dated April 22, 2011, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved Warmsprings Irrigation District's request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.

k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with: (a) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, Part 402; (b) NOAA Fisheries under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.920; and (c) the Oregon State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historical Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. Warmsprings Irrigation District filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

m. A copy of the PAD is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>), using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.

n. Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP11-24-000]

Ryckman Creek Resources, LLC; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Ryckman Creek Storage Field Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Ryckman Creek Storage Field Project proposed by Ryckman Creek Resources, LLC (Ryckman) in the above-referenced docket. Ryckman requests authorization to construct and operate the Project, which involves converting an existing partially depleted oil field, known as the Ryckman Creek (Nugget Unit), into a new interstate natural gas storage field. The Project is located approximately 15 miles northeast of Evanston in Uinta County, Wyoming.

Concurrent with the development of the gas storage field, Ryckman proposes to initiate enhanced oil recovery (EOR) operations of the oil reserves remaining in the Nugget Unit. The construction and operation of the EOR facilities would be under the jurisdiction of the Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, as well as subject to the regulations of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), where applicable.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Ryckman Creek Storage Field 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 BLM participated as a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EA. Cooperating agencies have jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to resources potentially affected by the proposal and participate in the NEPA analysis. The BLM has participated as a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EA to satisfy its respective NEPA and planning responsibilities since the Project would cross federal land under the jurisdiction of the Kemmerer Field Office in Wyoming. Under sections 17 and 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, (30 U.S.C. 185(f) and 226(m)) the BLM has the authority to issue underground gas storage agreements and right-of-way

grants for all affected federal lands. This would be in accordance with Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 2800, 2880, and 5105.5 subsequent 2800, 2880, and 3160–11 Manuals, and Handbook 2801–1. As a cooperating agency, the BLM would adopt the EA per Title 40 CFR 1506.3 to meet its responsibilities under NEPA in considering Ryckman Creek's application for a Right-of-Way Grant and Temporary Use Permit for the portion of the Project on federal land, by the Kemmerer Field Office, High Desert District; and the issuance of an Underground Gas Storage Agreement by the Wyoming State Office, Reservoir Management Group, Casper, Wyoming. The decision record will be signed following the FERC determination of public convenience and necessity for this project, and posted on the BLM NEPA Web site at <http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/documents/kfo.html>.

The proposed Ryckman Creek Storage Field Project includes the following:

- Drill and complete up to six horizontal injection/withdrawal (I/W) wells;
 - Re-enter up to two well for use as observation wells;
 - Re-enter/re-complete up to two saltwater disposal wells;
 - Modify the existing Canyon Creek Compressor Station and its ancillary facilities modified by the addition of up to eight new electric motor-driven compressors with up to 33,000 horsepower (hp) for a total of up to 55,000 hp of compression;
 - Install three bi-directional meters for the interconnections with the Kern River, Questar, and Overthrust pipelines;
 - Construct a central gas/liquids separation and storage facility (Ryckman Plant) where all of the pipelines meet, containing oil, water and gas handling, and natural gas liquids (NGL) storage equipment; and it would also contain a small electric-drive compressor to compress casinghead gas for use in the (EOR) operations;
 - Construct approximately 4.03 mile 16-inch diameter header pipeline to connect the Ryckman Plant to the Canyon Creek Compressor Station;
 - Construct approximately 4.8 miles of new 8-inch diameter storage field flowlines;
 - Install amine, triethylene glycol (TEG) and mole sieve dehydration, NGL extraction, hydrocarbon dew point control and nitrogen rejection unit (NRU) process equipment at the Canyon Creek Compressor Station;

- Re-enter/re-complete up to 12 existing vertical production wells for use in the EOR operations;

- Re-use existing production well gathering system for use in the EOR operations;
 - Construct an approximately 0.9 mile 3-inch diameter NGL pipeline from the Canyon Creek Compression Station to a third-party liquids pipeline.
 - Construct a 4.03-mile-long electric power line from the 138 kV electric substation at the Canyon Creek Compressor Station to the Ryckman Plant; and
 - Use of temporary laydown and support facilities and ancillary facilities necessary to operate and maintain the Project.

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; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups; newspapers and libraries 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 May 23, 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 (CP11–24–000) 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.

(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).¹ Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

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.*, CP11–24–000). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at 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.

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

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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PR10-62-001]

Pelico Pipeline, LLC; Notice of Filing

Take notice that on April 18, 2011, Pelico Pipeline, LLC filed supplemental information to comply with a Commission Order issued on February 18, 2011 in Docket No. PR10-62-000.

Any person desiring to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rule 211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Such protests must be filed on or before the date as indicated below. Anyone filing a protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 7 copies of the protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, May 3, 2011.

Dated: April 22, 2011.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14146-000]

Storage Development Partners, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On April 1, 2011, Storage Development Partners, LLC, 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 Vandenberg #3 Project (project) to be located on Vandenberg Air Force Base, in Santa Barbara County, California. 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 be a pumped storage project and consist of the following: (1) A new 30-foot-high earthen dam with a crest length of 3,359 feet; (2) an upper reservoir having a total storage capacity of 4,831 acre-feet at a normal maximum operating elevation of 1,900 feet mean sea level (msl); (3) four 15,100-foot-long, 25-foot-diameter steel lined penstocks extending between the upper reservoir's inlet/outlet and the pump/turbines below; (4) a breakwater area within the Pacific Ocean, serving as the lower reservoir; (5) an underground powerhouse with approximate dimensions of 250-feet-long by 75-feet-wide by 100-feet-high and containing four reversible pump/turbine-motor/generator units with a rated capacity of 284,148 kW each; (6) an 800-foot-long, 667-foot-wide concrete lined tailrace connecting the pump/turbine draft tubes with the lower inlet/outlet; (7) a lower inlet/outlet structure 100-feet below msl; (8) a 30-mile-long, 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line extending from the powerhouse to an existing substation; and (9) appurtenant facilities. The estimated annual generation of the Vandenberg #3 Project would be 3,321 gigawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: Mr. James Petrucci, Managing Partner, Storage Development Partners, LLC., 4900 Woodway, Suite 745, Houston, Texas 77056; Telephone: 713-840-9994.

FERC Contact: Kenneth Hogan 202-502-8434.

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 or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (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 Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-14146) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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