

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 14127-000]

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

On March 29, 2011, and supplemented on May 31, 2011, Natural Currents Energy Services, LLC filed an application, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Cohansey River Energy Project, which would be located on the Cohansey River in Cumberland County, New Jersey. The proposed project would not use a dam or impoundment. 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: (1) Installation of 10 to 30 NC Sea Dragon or Red Hawk tidal turbines at a rated capacity of 100 kilowatts, (2) an estimated 660 ~ 985 feet in length of additional transmission infrastructure, and (3) appurtenant facilities. The project is estimated to have an annual minimum generation of 3,504,000 kilowatt-hours with the installation of 10 units.

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

FERC Contact: Woohee Choi (202) 502-6336.

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 the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-14127-000) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: June 21, 2011.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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[Project No. 14213-000]

Ashton Hydro, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On June 13, 2011, Ashton Hydro, 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 Ashton Hydroelectric Project (Ashton Dam Project or project) to be located on the Blackstone River, in the Town of Cumberland, in Providence County, Rhode Island. 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 run-of-the-river project would consist of: (1) The existing 400-foot-long, 20-foot-high Ashton Dam, which is owned by the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management and includes a 250-foot-long main spillway, a two-gated outlet structure, and a 150-foot-long auxiliary spillway; (2) an existing 35 acre reservoir having a normal storage

capacity of about 112 acre-feet (ac-ft) at elevation of 74 feet above mean sea level and a maximum storage capacity of about 200 ac-ft; (3) a new intake on the upstream face of the existing dam; (4) a new powerhouse that would be integrated into the existing dam at the existing auxiliary spillway and outlet structure containing a single 1.0 megawatt bulb turbine-generating unit; (5) a new 0.25-mile-long, 13.8-kilovolt transmission line extending from the new switchyard/substation to the existing utility pole number 47 in Cumberland, Rhode Island; and (6) fish passage/protection measures. The estimated annual generation of the project would be 3.5 gigawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: Mr. Bruce DiGennaro, Managing Partner, Essex Energy Partners, LLC, 27 Vaughan Ave., Newport, Rhode Island 02840; *phone:* (401) 619-4872.

FERC Contact: John Ramer; *phone:* (202) 502-8969.

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 the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-14213-000) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.