FERC Contact: Brian Csernak; phone: (202) 502–6144.

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/efiling.asp. Enter the docket number (P–14290–000) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: November 25, 2011.
Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13254–001]

Castle Creek Hydroelectric Project; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On November 1, 2011, the City of Aspen, Colorado, filed an application for a successive preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the Castle Creek Hydroelectric Project to be located on Castle Creek, near the town of Aspen, Pitkin County, Colorado. The project would affect federal lands administered by the Forest Service. 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 existing Thomas reservoir, Castle Creek and Maroon Creek diversions, a recently constructed penstock, and a 25-kilovolt transmission line. The reservoir, formed by a 13-foot-high earthen dam, has a total storage capacity of 15 acre-feet and a water surface area of 0.6 acre at full pool elevation of 8,175 feet above mean sea level. The penstock consists of a 42-inch-diameter, 4,000-foot-long pipeline connecting the reservoir to the proposed powerhouse.

The proposed powerhouse would be located adjacent to the original hydropower development, with a single Pelton turbine, producing 1.175 megawatts of generating capacity. The annual energy output would be approximately 7.7 gigawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: David Hornbacher, The City of Aspen, 130 South Galena Street, Aspen, CO 81611; phone (970) 429–1983.

FERC Contact: Brian Csernak; phone: (202) 502–6144.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER–FRL–9000–3]

Environmental Impacts Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202)

EIS No. 20110408, Final EIS, USFS, ID, Lower Orogrande Project, Proposes Watershed Improvement Timber Harvest and Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Activities, North Fork Ranger District, Clearwater National Forest, Clearwater County, ID, Review Period Ends: 01/03/2012, Contact: Kathy Rodriguez (208) 476–4541.

Amended Notices

Cliff Rader, Acting Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
[FR–9497–4]
Proposed Consent Decree, Clean Air Act Citizen Suit AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Consent Decree; Request for Public Comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 113(g) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (“CAA” or the “Act”), 42 U.S.C. 7413(g), notice is hereby given of a proposed consent decree to address a lawsuit filed by National Parks Conservation Association, Montana Environmental Information Center, Our Children’s Earth Foundation, Plains Justice, Powder River Basin Resource Council, Sierra Club, and Environmental Defense Fund (collectively “Plaintiffs”) in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia: National Parks Conservation Association, et al. v. Jackson, No. 1:11–cv–1548 (D.D.C.). Plaintiffs filed a complaint alleging that EPA failed to promulgate regional haze federal implementation plans (FIPs) or approve regional haze state implementation plans (SIPs) for 34 states, as required by section 110(k) of the CAA. The proposed consent decree establishes proposed and final promulgation deadlines for EPA for meeting these obligations.

DATES: Written comments on the proposed consent decree must be received by January 3, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID number EPA–HQ–OGC–2011–0929, online at http://www.regulations.gov (EPA’s preferred method); by email to oeif.docket@epa.gov; or by mail to EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mailcode: 2822T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001; or by hand delivery or courier to EPA Docket Center, EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. Comments on a disk or CD–ROM should be formatted in Word or ASCII file, avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption, and may be mailed to the mailing address above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lea Anderson, Air and Radiation Law Office (2344A), Office of General Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone: (202) 564–5571; fax number (202) 564–5603; email address: anderson.lea@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Additional Information About the Proposed Consent Decree

Under section 110(c) of the CAA, EPA has a mandatory duty to promulgate a federal implementation plan (“FIP”) within two years of a finding that a state has failed to make a required state implementation plan (“SIP”) submittal. EPA is not required to promulgate a FIP, however, if the state submits the required SIP and EPA approves the plan within the two years of EPA’s finding. On January 15, 2009, EPA found that 37 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands had failed to submit CAA SIPs for improving visibility in mandatory Federal Class I areas.

Where a state has submitted a SIP and the SIP has been deemed complete, section 110(k)(2) of the CAA requires EPA to act on the SIP within twelve months. EPA has received regional haze SIP submissions from a number of states but has not yet taken action on these SIPs.

The proposed consent decree would resolve a deadline suit filed by Plaintiffs for EPA to take action on a number of regional haze SIPs. The proposed consent decree would address EPA’s failure to promulgate regional haze FIPs...