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*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on April 11, 2012.

Dated: March 14, 2012.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14328-000]

#### **Cortez Pumped Storage Project; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications**

On November 30, 2011, INCA Engineers, Inc., Washington, 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 Cortez Pumped Storage Project to be located on Plateau Creek, near the town of Dolores, Montezuma County, Colorado. The project affects federal lands administered by the Forest Service (San Juan National Forest). 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 new facilities: (1) An upper reservoir, formed by a 130-foot-high by 6,500-foot-long, roller-compacted concrete (RCC) dam, with a total storage capacity of 8,000 acre-feet and a water surface area of 275 acres at full pool elevation; (2) a lower reservoir, formed by a 270-foot-high by 800-foot-long dam, having a total storage capacity of 9,500 acre-feet and a water surface area of 200 acres at full pool elevation; (3) two 15-foot-diameter steel consisting of a surface penstock, a vertical shaft and an inclined tunnel; (4) two 27-foot-diameter tailrace tunnels that would be 850-feet-long; (5) an underground powerhouse containing two reversible pump-turbines totaling 500 megawatts (MW) (2 units  $\times$  250 MW units) of generating capacity; and (6) a 7-mile-long, 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line that would connect from the switchyard with an existing 230 kV interconnection east of the project area. The project's annual energy output would vary between 600 and 1,500 gigawatthours.

*Applicant Contact:* Mr. Donald Thompson, INCA Engineers, Inc., 400 112th Ave. NE., Suite 400 Bellevue, WA 98004; phone (425) 653-1000.

*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](mailto: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"

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Dated: March 14, 2012.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14337-000]

#### **Mayville Pumped Storage, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications**

On December 16, 2011, Mayville Pumped Storage, 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 a hydropower project located on the Ohio River in Mason County, Kentucky. 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 two alternatives:

Alternative A would consist of: (1) An intake structure on the Ohio River and a 24-inch-diameter, 8,000-foot-long pipeline to supply water to the upper reservoir; (2) a 260-foot-high, 1,360-foot-long roller-compacted concrete upper dam; (3) an upper reservoir with a surface area of 126.0 acre and a storage capacity of 9,970 acre-feet; (4) a 27-foot-diameter, 500-foot-long concrete-lined headrace; (5) a 27-foot-diameter, 1,320-foot-long concrete-lined pressure shaft; (6) a powerhouse/pumping station containing four pump/generating units with a total capacity of 1,000.0 megawatts (MW); (7) a 32-foot-diameter, 2,730-foot-long concrete-lined tailrace; (8) a lower reservoir created within excavated underground mine space with a surface area of 212 acres and a storage capacity of 9,540 acre-feet; and (9) a 6-mile-long, 345 kilo-volt (KV) transmission line. The project would have an estimated average annual

generation of 2,190,000 megawatt-hours (MWh) and the project power would be sold.

Alternative B would consist of: (1) An intake structure on the Ohio River and a 24-inch-diameter, 4,100-foot-long pipeline to supply water to the upper reservoir; (2) a 260-foot-high, 1,540-foot-long roller-compacted concrete upper dam; (3) an upper reservoir with a surface area of 138 acres and a storage capacity of 11,900 acre-feet; (4) a 29-foot-diameter, 5,000-foot-long concrete-lined headrace; (5) a 29-foot-diameter, 885-foot-long concrete-lined pressure shaft; (6) a powerhouse/pumping station containing four pump/generating units with a total capacity of 1,000.0 megawatts (MW); (7) a 35-foot-diameter, 2,000-foot-long concrete-lined tailrace; (8) a lower reservoir created within excavated underground mine space with a surface area of 266 acres and a storage capacity of 12,000 acre-feet; and (9) a 2.5-mile-long, 345 kilo-volt (KV) transmission line. The project would have an estimated average annual generation of 2,190,000 megawatt-hours (MWh) and the project power would be sold.

*Applicant Contact:* Mr. Matthew Shapiro, Gridflex Energy, LLC, 1210 W. Franklin St., Ste. 2, Boise, ID 83702. (208) 246-9925.

*FERC Contact:* Michael Spencer, [michael.spencer@ferc.gov](mailto:michael.spencer@ferc.gov), (202) 502-6093.

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Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14338-000]

#### Spartanburg Water System; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On December 20, 2011, Spartanburg Water System (Spartanburg) filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of a hydropower project located on the Pacolet River in Spartanburg County, South Carolina. 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) An existing 70.0-foot-high, 700-foot-long roller-compacted concrete dam, owned by Spartanburg; (2) a reservoir with a surface area of 1,050.0 acres and a storage capacity of 23,000 acre-feet; (3) a 8.0-foot-diameter steel penstock installed in the existing outlet conduit; (4) an 8-foot-diameter butterfly valve located at the powerhouse; (5) a powerhouse containing one generating unit with a total capacity of 1,600.0 kilowatts (kW), discharging directly into the dam's existing tailrace; (6) a 1,100-foot-long, 4.16 kilo-volt (KV) transmission line to; (7) a proposed substation; and (8) a 100-foot-long, 12 KV transmission line to the point of interconnection. The project would have an estimated average annual generation of 7,000 megawatt-hours

(MWh) and the project power would be sold.

*Applicant Contact:* Ms. Sue Schneider, General Manager, Spartanburg Water, 200 Commerce Street, P.O. Box 251, Spartanburg, South Carolina 29304. (864) 580-5642.

*FERC Contact:* Michael Spencer, [michael.spencer@ferc.gov](mailto:michael.spencer@ferc.gov), (202) 502-6093.

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) 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.

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