Standard Time, the Equity and Excellence Commission will hold an open meeting in Washington, DC at the United States Department of Education at 400 Maryland Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20202, in Room 1W105/108.

The purpose of the Commission is to collect information, analyze issues, and obtain broad public input regarding how the Federal government can increase educational opportunity by improving school funding equity. The Commission will also make recommendations for restructuring school finance systems to achieve equity in the distribution of educational resources and further student performance, especially for the students at the lower end of the achievement gap. The Commission will examine the disparities in meaningful educational opportunities that give rise to the achievement gap, with a focus on systems of finance, and recommend appropriate ways in which Federal policies could address such disparities.

The agenda for the Commission’s June 4, 2012 meeting will include reviewing and deliberating on a draft report to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education (Secretary), prepared by the Draft Review subcommittee, summarizing the Commission’s findings and recommendations for appropriate ways in which Federal policies can improve equity in school finance. The Commission is also expected to discuss what materials, if any, will accompany its report to the Secretary and the timing of the release of the report. Due to time constraints, there will not be a public comment period. However, individuals wishing to provide written comments may send their comments to the Commission via email at equitycommission@ed.gov or via U.S. mail to Guy Johnson, Designated Federal Official, Equity and Excellence Commission, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20202. For comments related to the upcoming meeting, please submit comments for receipt no later than May 29, 2012. Individuals interested in attending the meeting must register in advance, as meeting room seating may be limited. Please contact Guy Johnson at (202) 453–6567 or by email at equitycommission@ed.gov. Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (e.g., interpreting services, assistive listening devices, or materials in alternative format) should notify Guy Johnson at (202) 453–6567 no later than May 29, 2012. The Commission will attempt to meet requests for accommodations after this date but cannot guarantee availability.

The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Records are kept of all Commission proceedings and are available for public inspection at the Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20202 between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. You may contact Guy Johnson, Designated Federal Official, Equity and Excellence Commission, at equitycommission@ed.gov, or at (202) 453–6567 if you have additional questions regarding inspection of records.

Sandra Battle,
Assistant Secretary for Enforcement, Office for Civil Rights.


DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12758–004]

Application Ready for Environmental Analysis and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions; BOST5 Hydroelectric, LLC

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. Type of Application: Original Major License.

b. Project No.: P–12758–004

c. Date filed: March 28, 2011.

d. Applicant: BOST5 Hydroelectric, LLC (BOST5).

e. Name of Project: Red River Lock & Dam No. 5 Hydroelectric Project.

f. Location: The proposed project would be located at the existing U.S. Army Corps of Engineer’s (Corps) Red River Lock & Dam No. 5 on the Red River, in Bossier Parish, near the Town of Ninon, Louisiana. The proposed project would occupy 69.9 acres of land administered by the Corps.

g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a)–825(r).

h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Douglas A. Spalding, BOST5 Hydroelectric, LLC, 8441 Wayzata Blvd., Suite 101, Golden Valley, MN 55426; (952) 544–8133.

i. FERC Contact: Jeanne Edwards (202) 502–6181, or by email at jeanne.edwards@ferc.gov.

j. Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions: 60 days from the issuance date of this notice. Brief reply comments are due 105 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(ii) and the instructions on the Commission’s Web site http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp. Commenters may 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.

The Commission’s Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if any intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. This application has been accepted and is now ready for environmental analysis.

l. Project Description: The proposed project would utilize the existing Corps Red River Lock and Dam No. 5, and operate consistent with the Corps’ current operation policy. The proposed project would consist of: (1) An excavated 416-foot-long headrace channel to convey water from the upstream Pool No. 5 of the Red River to a 301-foot-long by 90-foot-wide concrete powerhouse located northeast of the end of the existing overflow weir; (2) an excavated 455-foot-long tailrace channel to discharge water from the powerhouse to the downstream Pool No. 4 of the Red River; (3) a 28.1-megawatt horizontal Kaplan bulb turbine/generator unit; (4) a 6.5-mile-long, 34.5-kilovolt overhead transmission line which would connect to Central Louisiana Electric Company’s new substation; and (5) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would generate about 129,400 megawatt-hours annually which would be sold to a local utility.

m. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission’s Web site at http://www.ferc.gov using the
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[Project No. 12757-004]

Application Ready for Environmental Analysis and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions; BOST4 Hydroelectric, LLC

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. Type of Application: Original Major License.

b. Project No.: P-12757-004.

c. Date filed: February 24, 2011.

d. Applicant: BOST4 Hydroelectric, LLC (BOST4).

e. Name of Project: Red River Lock & Dam No. 4 Hydroelectric Project.

f. Location: The proposed project would be located at the existing U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's (Corps) Red River Lock & Dam No. 4 on the Red River, in Red River Parish near the Town of Coushatta, Louisiana. The proposed project would occupy 135.1 acres of land administered by the Corps.


h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Douglas A. Spalding, BOST4 Hydroelectric, LLC, 8441 Wayzata Blvd., Suite 101, Golden Valley, MN 55426; (952) 544-8133.

i. FERC Contact: Jeanne Edwards (202) 502-6181, or by email at Jeanne.Edwards@ferc.gov.

j. Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions: 60 days from the issuance date of this notice; reply comments are due 105 days from the issuance date of this notice.

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k. This application has been accepted and is now ready for environmental analysis.

l. Project Description: The proposed project would utilize the existing Corps Red River Lock and Dam No.4, and operate consistent with the Corps current operation policy. The proposed project would consist of: (1) An excavated 385-foot-long headrace channel to convey water from the upstream Pool No.4 of the Red River to a 301-foot-long by 90-foot-wide concrete powerhouse located southwest of the end of the existing overflow weir; (2) an excavated 477-foot-long tailrace channel to discharge water from the powerhouse to the downstream Pool No.3 of the Red River; (3) a 28.1-megawatt horizontal Kaplan bulb turbine/generator unit; (4) a 2.8 mile-long 34.5-kilovolt (kV) transmission line which would connect to an existing 34-kV overhead transmission line; and (5) appurtant facilities. The proposed project would generate about 128,532 megawatt-hours annually which would be sold to a local utility.

m. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission’s Web site at 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. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

All filings must: (1) Bear in all capital letters the title “COMMENTS”, “REPLY COMMENTS”, “RECOMMENDATIONS,” “TERMS AND CONDITIONS,” or “PRESCRIPTIONS”; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions...