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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13022-003]

Barren River Lake Hydro LLC; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests

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.:* 13022-003.

c. *Date filed:* December 9, 2011, and amended on June 12, 2012.

d. *Applicant:* Barren River Lake Hydro LLC (Barren River Hydro)

e. *Name of Project:* Barren River Lake Dam Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* At the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) Barren River Lake Dam on the Barren River, in Barren and Allen counties, Kentucky. The project would occupy 29.4 acres of United States lands administered by the Corps' Louisville District.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Brent Smith, Symbiotics LLC, 371 Upper Terrace, Suite 2, Bend, OR 97702; (541) 330-8779; or email at brent.smith@symbioticsenergy.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Allan Creamer at (202) 502-8365, or via email at allan.creamer@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents 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.

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 an 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, but is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. The proposed project would utilize the Corps' existing Barren River Lake Dam, and would consist of the following new facilities: (1) An upper intake structure with a center elevation of 533 feet mean sea level (msl) and a lower intake structure with a center elevation of 507.5 feet msl, each equipped with trashracks having 2-inch clear spacing; (2) two 220-foot-long penstocks, connecting the intakes to a 50-foot-diameter, 100-foot-long gate shaft; (3) a 50-by-60-foot gate house; (4) a 850-foot-long power tunnel and a 14-foot-diameter, 950-foot-long penstock, leading to; (5) a 100-foot-long, 65-foot-wide powerhouse containing one vertical Kaplan turbine unit with a total capacity of 6.8 megawatts (MW); (6) a 12-foot-diameter regulating bypass valve connected to the west side of the powerhouse; (7) a 110-foot-long, 80-foot-wide tailrace; (8) a tailwater aeration system; (9) a proposed 0.6-mile-long, 12.5 kilovolt (kV) transmission line; (10) a switchyard; (11) two access roads leading to the gatehouse and powerhouse; and (12) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an average annual generation of 25.8 GWh, and operate in a run-of-release mode utilizing surplus water from the Barren River Lake Dam, as directed by the Corps.

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.

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to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any protests or motions to intervene must be received on, or before, the specified deadline date for the particular application.

All filings must: (1) Bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST" or "MOTION TO INTERVENE;" (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 protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

o. *Procedural schedule and final amendments:* The application will be processed according to the following Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

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| Issue Scoping Document 1. | August 2012 |
| Issue Scoping Document 2 (if necessary). | October 2012 |
| Notice of application is ready for environmental analysis. | February 2013 |
| Notice of availability of the EA. | October 2013 |

Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

p. Any qualified applicant desiring to file a competing application must submit to the Commission, on or before the specified intervention deadline date, a competing development application, or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing development application no later than 120 days after the specified intervention

deadline date. Applications for preliminary permits will not be accepted in response to this notice.

A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit a development application. A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

Dated: August 31, 2012.

Kimberly D. Bose,

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14421-000]

Freedom Falls, LLC; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Intent To Waive Scoping, and Soliciting Motions to Intervene and Protests

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

a. *Type of Application:* Exemption from Licensing.

b. *Project No.:* 14421-000.

c. *Date filed:* June 1, 2012.

d. *Applicant:* Freedom Falls, LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Freedom Falls Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On Sandy Stream, in the Town of Freedom, Waldo County, Maine. The project would not occupy lands of the United States.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, 16 U.S.C. 2705, 2708.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Anthony P. Grassi, Freedom Falls, LLC, 363 Belfast Road, Camden, ME 04843, (207) 236-4663.

i. *FERC Contact:* Samantha Davidson, (202) 502-6839 or samantha.davidson@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents 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/ferconline.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

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k. This application has been accepted for filing, but is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. The proposed Freedom Falls Hydroelectric Project would consist of: (1) An existing 90-foot-long, 12-foot-high concrete-capped stone masonry dam with a 25-foot-long, 10-foot-high spillway with two vertical lift sluice gates and a crest elevation of 452.5 feet mean sea level (msl); (2) an existing 1.6-acre impoundment with a normal maximum water surface elevation of 453.0 feet msl; (3) a new intake structure equipped with an 8-foot-high, 5-foot-wide trashrack that would be modified to have 1-inch clear bar spacing, and a 3-foot-high, 4.75-foot-wide slide gate; (4) a new downstream American eel passage facility and working platform; (5) a new 60-foot-long, 30-inch-diameter steel penstock leading to; (6) an existing 20-foot-wide, by 30-foot-long generating room containing a new 38.3 kilowatt turbine-generator unit; (7) a new 20-foot-long, 5-foot-wide tailrace; (8) a new 30-foot-long, 110-volt transmission line; and (9) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project is estimated to generate an average of 66,000 kilowatt-hours annually.

m. Due to the project works already existing and the limited scope of proposed rehabilitation of the project site described above, the applicant's close coordination with federal and state agencies during the preparation of the application, completed studies during pre-filing consultation, and agency recommended preliminary terms and conditions, we intend to waive scoping and expedite the exemption process. Based on a review of the application, resource agency

consultation letters including the preliminary 30(c) terms and conditions, and comments filed to date, Commission staff intends to prepare a single environmental assessment (EA). Commission staff determined that the issues that need to be addressed in its EA have been adequately identified during the pre-filing period, which included a public meeting and site visit, and no new issues are likely to be identified through additional scoping. The EA will consider assessing the potential effects of project construction and operation on geology and soils, aquatic, terrestrial, threatened and endangered species, recreation and land use, aesthetic, and cultural and historic resources.

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