CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

TIME AND DATE: Wednesday, October 3, 2012, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
PLACE: Hearing Room 420, Bethesda Towers, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.
STATUS: Commission Meeting—Open to the Public.

Matters To Be Considered

A live webcast of the Meeting can be viewed at www.cpsc.gov/webcast. For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504–7948.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Todd A. Stevenson, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814, (301) 504–7923.
Todd A. Stevenson,
Secretary.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2512–069; Project No. 14439–000]

Hawks Nest Hydro, LLC; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document (PAD), Commencement of Pre-Filing Process, and Scoping; Request for Comments on the PAD and Scoping Document, and Identification of Issues and Associated Study Requests

a. Type of Filing: Notice of Intent to File License Application for a New License and Commencing Pre-filing Process.
b. Project No.: 2512–069 and P–14439–000.
c. Dated Filed: July 24, 2012.
d. Submitted By: Hawks Nest Hydro, LLC.
e. Name of Project: Hawks Nest Hydroelectric Project (P–2512–069) and Glen Ferris Hydroelectric Project (P–14439–000)
f. Location: Hawks Nest Hydroelectric Project is on the New River in the vicinity of the Town of Gauley Bridge, and Glen Ferris Hydroelectric Project is on the Kanawha River in the vicinity of the Town of Glen Ferris, both within Fayette County, West Virginia. The projects do not affect federal lands.
g. Filed Pursuant to: 18 CFR part 5 of the Commission’s Regulations.
h. Potential Applicant Contact: Mr. David Barnhart, Director of Operations, Hawks Nest Hydro, LLC, Brookfield Renewable Energy Group, 326 Third Avenue, Suite 201, Montgomery, WV 25136–2200; at (304) 442–5120, ext. 7266.
i. FERC Contact: Monir Chowdhury at (202) 502–6736 or email at monir.chowdhury@ferc.gov.
j. Cooperating agencies: Federal, State, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item o below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission’s policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. See 94 FERC ¶ 61.076 (2001).
k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with: (a) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, Part 402; and (b) the State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historical Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.
l. With this notice, we are designating Hawks Nest Hydro, LLC as the Commission’s non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation, pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.
m. Hawks Nest Hydro, LLC filed with the Commission a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule), pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission’s regulations.

A copy of the PAD is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission’s Web site (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 at FERCONLine Support@ferc.gov or toll free at 1–866–208–3676, or for TTY, (202) 502–8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.

Register online at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp to be notified via email of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is proposing to develop a hydropower license for a project located on the New River in West Virginia. The proposed project is the Hawks Nest Hydroelectric Project (P–2512–069) and the Glen Ferris Hydroelectric Project (P–14439–000). The projects are located on federal lands and are expected to produce a total of 23 megawatts of electricity.

The proposed project would consist of two hydropower plants, each with a gross head of approximately 20 feet. The project would include the construction of two new powerhouses, two new intake structures, and related transmission lines. The project would also involve the modification of existing infrastructure, including the replacement of existing generation equipment and the installation of new water intake structures.

The proposed project is expected to have minimal impacts on the environment due to its small scale and remote location. The project would involve the removal of some trees and vegetation, but these impacts would be temporary and would be mitigated by replanting efforts. The project would also require the construction of new transmission lines, which would require the clearing of a small amount of land.

The project would generate energy for use by local communities and provide a reliable source of power for the region. The project would also help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide economic benefits to the area.

The proposed project is currently in the pre-application stage, and the FERC is seeking comments on the project's feasibility and potential environmental impacts. The FERC is also seeking input on the project's potential benefits to the local community and the region as a whole.

The FERC is encouraging comments from the public, including members of the local community, environmental organizations, and other interested parties. Comments can be submitted through the FERC's eLibrary system at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp.

The FERC has also established a number of public meetings to discuss the project and gather input from the community. These meetings will be held in the area surrounding the proposed project, and an agenda for each meeting will be posted on the FERC's website.

The FERC is committed to ensuring that the public has an opportunity to participate in the development of the project and to provide input on its potential impacts. The FERC will carefully consider all comments received and use them to inform its decision-making process.

In conclusion, the proposed Hawks Nest Hydroelectric Project and Glen Ferris Hydroelectric Project are expected to have minimal environmental impacts and would provide a reliable source of energy for the local community and region. The FERC is seeking public input on the project's potential benefits and environmental impacts, and public meetings will be held to gather input from the community.

For more information, please contact the FERC at 1–866–843–2768 (TTY) or email at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.