

FORM NO. 556 (IC13-8-000): CERTIFICATION OF QUALIFYING FACILITY (QF) STATUS FOR A SMALL POWER PRODUCTION OR COGENERATION FACILITY—Continued

Facility type	Filing type	Number of respondents (A)	Total number of responses (B)	Average burden hours per response (C)	Estimated total annual burden hours (A) × (B) × (C)
cogeneration and small power production facility ≤ 1MW (not required to file).	self-certification	192	2	3	1,152
Totals	937	6,340

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$374,757.40 [6,340 * \$59.11].⁶

Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: March 7, 2013.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2210-207]

Appalachian Power Company; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, 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. *Application Type:* Revised filing of updated shoreline management plan as a result of settlement proceedings.

b. *Project No:* 2210-207.

⁶ The cost figures are derived by multiplying the total hours to prepare a response (hours) by an hourly wage estimate of \$59.11 (a composite estimate that includes legal, engineering and support staff wages and benefits obtained from the Bureau of Labor Statistic data at http://bls.gov/oes/current/naics3_221000.htm and <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/ecec.nr0.htm> rates.

c. *Date Filed:* February 28, 2013.

d. *Applicant:* Appalachian Power Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Smith Mountain Pumped Storage Project.

f. *Location:* Headwaters of the Roanoke River, in Bedford, Campbell, Franklin, and Pittsylvania Counties, Virginia.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Frank Simms, American Electric Power Service Corporation, 40 Franklin Rd. SW., Roanoke, VA 24011, (540) 985-2875, fmsimms@aep.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Mark Carter, (678) 245-3083, mark.carter@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests:* April 8, 2013.

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 at <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 be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and seven copies to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please include the project number (p-2210-207) on any comments or motions filed.

k. *Description of Application:* Appalachian Power Company (licensee) filed on January 3, 2011, and supplemented on February 18, 2011, an updated shoreline management plan (updated SMP) for Smith Mountain Lake and Leesville Lake, the two project

reservoirs. In response to the Commission's March 17, 2011 public notice of the updated SMP, two parties filed motions to intervene in opposition and several parties filed comments in opposition to the updated SMP. Between December 9, 2011, and February 6, 2013, the licensee, intervening parties, and non-decisional Commission staff participated in settlement proceedings to resolve disputed issues with the updated SMP. On February 28, 2013, the licensee filed a Revised SMP Update that is the result of the settlement proceedings, and proposes several minor changes and the following major changes to the January 3, 2011 SMP filing: (1) Replacing the "50% Rebuild Rule" with three new provisions for permitting, maintaining, and replacing existing structures; (2) revising the process for obtaining a variance from SMP procedures; (3) adding language to clarify the expectation that replacement vegetative cover would flourish; and (4) clarifying the actions the licensee may take if shoreline uses or occupancies are not constructed according to a permit.

l. *Locations of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also 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 (P-2210) to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should

so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene*: Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214, respectively. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments 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 comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents*: Any filing must (1) Bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (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 commenting, protesting, or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis. Any filing made by an intervenor must be accompanied by a proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2010.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2309-000]

Jersey Central Power and Light Company, PSEG Fossil, LLC; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

On February 18, 2011, the Jersey Central Power and Light Company and PSEG Fossil LLC, licensees for the Yards Creek Pumped Storage Project, filed an Application for a New License pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission's regulations thereunder. The Yards Creek Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project is located on

Yards Creek, in the townships of Hardwick and Blairstown, Warren County, New Jersey.

The license for Project No. 2309 was issued for a period ending February 28, 2013. Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year-to-year an annual license to the then licensees under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of section 15 of the FPA, then, based on section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensees of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 2309 is issued to the licensees for a period effective March 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014 or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before February 28, 2014, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise. If the project is not subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that the licensees are authorized to continue operation of the Yards Creek Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project, until such time as the Commission acts on its application for a subsequent license.

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Kimberly D. Bose
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2079-000]

Placer County Water Agency; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

On February 23, 2011, the Placer County Water Agency, licensee for the Middle Fork American River Hydroelectric Project, filed an Application for a New License pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission's regulations thereunder. The Middle Fork American River Hydroelectric Project is located on the Middle Fork American River and the Rubicon River and located in Placer and El Dorado Counties, almost entirely within the Tahoe and El Dorado National Forests.

The license for Project No. 2079 was issued for a period ending February 28, 2013. Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year-to-year an annual license to the then licensee under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of section 15 of the FPA, then, based on section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 2079 is issued to the Placer County Water Agency for a period effective March 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014 or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before February 28, 2014, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c),