

expected to meet. To this end, Title III of the ESEA requires States to develop English language proficiency (ELP) standards that are aligned with challenging State academic content and student academic achievement standards. States must also develop and administer ELP assessments that are aligned with those standards, and must develop annual measurable achievement objectives (AMAOs) for English language proficiency.

To support EL student achievement, States, school districts and schools need information on effective EL instruction, assessment, and professional development practices that is informed by data from current research. With this RFI we seek to gather information on the evaluation and research studies needs of the field, which may include the needs of administrators, teachers, teacher trainers, researchers, and other members of the English learner community. The Department anticipates making use of this information to inform the development of our evaluation and research agenda in the coming years and to guide future evaluation and research studies addressing the needs of ELs.

Information on Department studies related to the needs of English learners is posted on the following Web site: <http://www.ncela.gwu.edu/edpubs/>.

Once we receive responses to this RFI, the Department will summarize the recommendations made by the public and post that summary on the Office of English language Acquisition, Language Enhancement, and Academic Achievement for Limited English Proficient Students (OELA) and the National Clearinghouse for English Language Acquisition (NCELA) Web sites for viewing. We will use the information received through this RFI to develop an agenda for evaluation and research studies that we will also publish on the OELA and NCELA Web sites.

Context for Responses

The primary goal of this RFI is to gather information that will help shape the Department's evaluation and research studies agenda.

We have developed a question with topic areas. We request information about evaluation and research studies that would be most helpful in shaping the Department's evaluation and research agenda. You do not have to respond to each topic area included in the question; however, it would be helpful if you would elaborate on each topic you choose to address. You may provide comments in any convenient format, and you may also provide relevant information that is not directly

responsive to a particular topic but may, nevertheless, be helpful.

General Question Regarding potential evaluation and research studies.

In which of the following areas should the Department conduct new studies or conduct a review of the literature on existing studies?

a. Identification, screening, and assessment practices of ELs in general, or in particular, who are (1) Early learners, (2) students with disabilities, (3) secondary students, (4) students with interrupted formal education, or (5) other category of ELs.

b. Strategies for data collection, data analysis, and data-based decision-making with respect to EL assessment data.

c. The alignment of ELP standards with college- and career-ready standards and the alignment of ELP assessments with ELP standards, including assessments that are accessible to, and usable with, ELs with disabilities.

d. Key features of instruction for ELs that promote language acquisition, including academic language, social language, and content knowledge in various educational programs that provide instruction in English or in English and another language.

e. Technology-based instructional strategies that promote EL achievement.

f. Characteristics of professional development that prepares prospective teachers or currently practicing teachers who are language development specialists or content teachers of ELs to design and deliver instruction that promotes language acquisition and content knowledge.

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Dated: September 3, 2013.

Joseph C. Conaty,

Acting Director, Office of English Language Acquisition, Language Enhancement, and Academic Achievement for Limited English Proficient Students.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14383–005]

Whitewater Green Energy, 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 an Original License and Commencing Pre-filing Process.

b. *Project No.:* 14383–005.

c. *Dated Filed:* July 8, 2013.

d. *Submitted By:* Whitewater Green Energy, LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Whitewater Creek Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On Whitewater and Russell creeks near Detroit, in Marion and Linn counties, Oregon. The project would be located entirely on federal lands administered by the U.S. Forest Service.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR Part 5 of the Commission's Regulations.

h. *Applicant Contact:* David Harmon, Project Manager, Whitewater Green Energy, LLC, 601 7th Ave., Sweet Home, OR; Telephone: (541) 405–5236.

i. *FERC Contact:* Aaron Liberty at (202) 502–6862 or email at aaron.liberty@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 n 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; (b) NOAA Fisheries under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.920; and (c) 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. Whitewater Green Energy, 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.

m. 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 FERCONlineSupport@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.

n. With this notice, we are soliciting comments on the PAD and Commission's staff Scoping Document 1 (SD1), as well as study requests. All comments on the PAD and SD1, and study requests should be sent to the address above in paragraph h. In addition, all comments on the PAD and SD1, study requests, requests for cooperating agency status, and all communications to and from Commission staff related to the merits of the potential application must be filed with the Commission. 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. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, send documents to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

All filings with the Commission must include on the first page, project name (Whitewater Creek Hydroelectric Project) and number (P-14383-005), and bear the appropriate heading: "Comments on Pre-Application Document," "Study Requests," "Comments on Scoping Document 1," "Request for Cooperating Agency Status," or "Communications to and from Commission Staff." Any individual or entity interested in submitting study requests, commenting on the PAD or SD1, and any agency requesting cooperating status must do so by October 29, 2013.

o. Although our current intent is to prepare an environmental assessment (EA), there is the possibility that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be required. Nevertheless, this meeting will satisfy the NEPA scoping requirements, irrespective of whether an EA or EIS is issued by the Commission.

Scoping Meetings

Commission staff will hold two scoping meetings in the vicinity of the project at the time and place noted below. The daytime meeting will focus on resource agency, Indian tribes, and non-governmental organization concerns, while the evening meeting is primarily for receiving input from the public. We invite all interested individuals, organizations, and agencies to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist staff in identifying particular study needs, as well as the scope of environmental issues to be addressed in the environmental document. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

Evening Scoping Meeting

Date and Time: Wednesday, September 18, 2013, 6:00 p.m. (PST).

Location: Detroit Ranger Station, 44125 North Santiam Highway SE., Detroit, OR 97342.

Phone Number: (541) 405-5236.

Daytime Scoping Meeting

Date and Time: Thursday, September 19, 2013, 9:00 a.m. (PST).

Location: Detroit Ranger Station, 44125 North Santiam Highway SE., Detroit, OR 97342.

Phone Number: (541) 405-5236.

Scoping Document 1 (SD1), which outlines the subject areas to be addressed in the environmental document, was mailed to the individuals and entities on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of SD1 will be available at the scoping meetings, or may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link. Follow the directions for accessing information in paragraph m. Based on all oral and written comments, a Scoping Document 2 (SD2) may be issued. SD2 may include a revised process plan and schedule, as well as a list of issues, identified through the scoping process.

Environmental Site Review

The applicant and Commission staff will conduct an *Environmental Site Review* of the project on Thursday, September 19, 2013, immediately following the daytime scoping meeting. All participants should meet at the Detroit Ranger Station. All participants are responsible for their own transportation. Anyone with questions about the site visit should contact Mr. David Harmon of Whitewater Green Energy, LLC at (541) 405-5236. Please notify Mr. Harmon by September 12, 2013 if you plan to attend the environmental site review.

Meeting Objectives

At the scoping meetings, staff will: (1) Initiate scoping of the issues; (2) review and discuss existing conditions and resource management objectives; (3) review and discuss existing information and identify preliminary information and study needs; (4) review and discuss the process plan and schedule for pre-filing activity that incorporates the time frames provided for in Part 5 of the Commission's regulations and, to the extent possible, maximizes coordination of federal, state, and tribal permitting and certification processes; and (5) discuss the appropriateness of any federal or state agency or Indian tribe acting as a cooperating agency for development of an environmental document.

Meeting participants should come prepared to discuss their issues and/or concerns. Please review the PAD in preparation for the scoping meetings. Directions on how to obtain a copy of the PAD and SD1 are included in item m of this document.

Meeting Procedures

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will be placed in the public records of the project.

Dated: August 30, 2013.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2337-076]

PacifiCorp Energy; 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.:* 2337-076.

c. *Date Filed:* July 1, 2013.

d. *Submitted By:* PacifiCorp Energy.

e. *Name of Project:* Prospect No. 3 Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the South Fork Rogue River, in Jackson County, Oregon. The project occupies 38.1 acres of United States lands within the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Forest Service.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR Part 5 of the Commission's Regulations.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Steve Albertelli, Relicensing Project Manager, PacifiCorp Energy, 925 South Grape Street, Building 5, Medford, OR 97501; (541) 776-6676 or email at steve.albertelli@pacificorp.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Dianne Rodman at (202) 502-6077 or email at dianne.rodman@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 National Marine Fisheries Service 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 PacifiCorp Energy 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. PacifiCorp Energy 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.

n. 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 FERCONlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.

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electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-2337-076.

All filings with the Commission must bear the appropriate heading: "Comments on Pre-Application Document," "Study Requests," "Comments on Scoping Document 1," "Request for Cooperating Agency Status," or "Communications to and from Commission Staff." Any individual or entity interested in submitting study requests, commenting on the PAD or SD1, and any agency requesting cooperating status must do so by October 29, 2013.

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Daytime Scoping Meeting

Date and Time: Tuesday, September 24, 2013, 9:00 a.m. (PST).

Location: Ramada Medford, 2250 Biddle Road, Medford, OR 97504.

Phone Number: (541) 779-3141.

Evening Scoping Meeting

Date and Time: Tuesday, September 24, 2013, 7:00 p.m. (PST).

Location: Ramada Medford, 2250 Biddle Road, Medford, OR 97504.

Phone Number: (541) 779-3141.

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