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Lynn B. Mahaffie,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning, and Innovation.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER14-950-000]

Great Bay Energy VI, LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of Great Bay Energy VI, LLC's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and

385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is January 27, 2014.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

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The filings in the above-referenced proceeding are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2013; Notice Soliciting Pilot Projects To Test a Two-Year Licensing Process

On August 9, 2013, President Obama signed into law the Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2013 (Act). The Act, among other things, directs the Commission to investigate the feasibility of a two-year licensing process for

hydropower development at non-powered dams and closed-loop pumped storage projects, develop criteria for identifying projects that may be appropriate for a two-year process, and by February 5, 2014, develop and implement pilot projects to test a two-year process, if practicable.

As directed by the Act, the Commission held an initial workshop on October 22, 2013, to solicit public comment and recommendations on how to implement a two-year process. By notice issued October 8, 2013, the Commission requested that written comments be filed by November 21, 2013. Federal and state agencies, hydropower developers, and non-governmental organizations provided input at the workshop, and 16 comment letters have been filed regarding the two-year process.

The Act does not authorize the Commission, by itself, to develop and implement pilot projects to test a two-year process; therefore, the Commission is seeking proposals from potential applicants wishing to do so. As a general principle, we expect applicants to propose pilot projects that: Are located at a non-powered dam or are a closed-loop pumped storage project; have a well-developed project proposal including project facilities and operation; would cause little to no change to environmental resources; and are located in areas where there is substantial existing information on environmental resources and effects. Prior to requesting the use of a two-year process, prospective applicants should meet with federal and state resource agencies, Indian tribes, non-governmental organizations, and the public regarding the project and potential pilot process proposal, potential project-related environmental effects, the availability of existing information, and the need for studies to supplement existing information. Further, prospective applicants should request written comments on the adequacy of available information and the need for studies, including the anticipated scope and duration of the studies.

Based on our experience with expediting projects, the comments received at the initial workshop, and comments filed in response to our October 8, 2013 Notice, we have identified the following minimum criteria and process for projects that may be appropriate for licensing within a two-year process:

- The project must cause little to no change to existing surface and groundwater flows and uses;