

The questions posed in this document are a starting point for discussion on the design of the process for consent-based siting of nuclear waste facilities, the Department of Energy would like to hear about and discuss any related questions, issues, and ideas that you think are important.

Next Steps

Written comments from this IPC, along with input from public meetings, will be documented in a draft report scheduled to be released in summer 2016. The Department is planning to solicit comments on the draft report in order to ensure the content accurately reflects input received.

If you are unable to attend a public meeting or would like to further discuss ideas for consent-based siting, please propose an opportunity for us to speak with you. The Department will do its best to accommodate requests and help arrange additional opportunities to engage. To learn more about nuclear energy, nuclear waste, and ongoing technical work please see energy.gov/consentbasedsiting.

Submitting Comments

Instructions: Submit comments via any of the mechanisms set forth in the **ADDRESSES** section above. Respondents are requested to provide the following information at the beginning of their response to this IPC:

State, tribal, community, organization, public or individual name;

State, tribal, community, organization, public or individual point of contact; and

Point of contact's address, phone number, and email address.

If an email or phone number is included, it will allow the DOE to contact the commenter if questions or clarifications arise. No responses will be provided to commenters in regards to the disposition of their comments. All comments will be officially recorded without change or edit, including any personal information provided. Personal information (other than name) will be protected from public disclosure upon request.

Please identify your answers by responding to a specific question or topic, if possible. Respondents may answer as many or as few questions as they wish. Any additional comments that do not address a particular question should be included at the end of your response to this IPC as "Additional Comments."

DOE would appreciate early input in order to identify initial interest and concerns, as well as any early opportunities. Amended or revised inputs from commenters are also

welcome throughout the comment period to help DOE develop this process. Comments received after the closing date will be considered as the planning process progresses; however, the DOE is only able to ensure consideration of comments received on or before the closing date as the initial phase of the consent based siting process is developed. Subsequent comments and input will also be welcome as DOE views this as a core component of a phased and adaptive consent-based siting process.

Privacy Act: Data collected via the mechanisms listed above will not be protected from the public view in any way.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 15, 2015.

Andrew Griffith,

Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fuel Cycle Technologies, Office of Nuclear Energy, Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. NJ16-4-000]

City of Banning, California; Notice of Filing

Take notice that on December 15, 2015, City of Banning, California submitted its tariff filing: Filing 2016 Transmission Revenue Balancing Account Adjustment and Existing Transmission Contracts update, to be effective 1/1/2016.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the protest or intervention to the

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is 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.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on January 5, 2016.

Dated: December 17, 2015.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IN16-2-000]

ETRACOM LLC; Michael Rosenberg; Notice of Designation of Commission Staff as Non-Decisional

December 16, 2015.

With respect to an order issued by the Commission on December 16, 2015 in the above-captioned docket, with the exceptions noted below, the staff of the Office of Enforcement are designated as non-decisional in deliberations by the Commission in this docket.¹

Accordingly, pursuant to 18 CFR 385.2202 (2015), they will not serve as advisors to the Commission or take part in the Commission's review of any offer of settlement. Likewise, as non-decisional staff, pursuant to 18 CFR 385.2201 (2015), they are prohibited from communicating with advisory staff concerning any deliberations in this docket.

Exceptions to this designation as non-decisional are:

Larry Parkinson
Lee Ann Watson
Janel Burdick
Maria Brun
Sam Bonar
Gabriel Sterling
Carol Clayton
Wesley Heath
Seema Jain

¹ ETRACOM LLC and Michael Rosenberg, 153 FERC ¶ 61,314 (2015).

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Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2335-039]

Brookfield White Pine Hydro LLC; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Licensing and Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

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

- a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.
- b. Project No.: 2335-039.
- c. *Date Filed:* December 11, 2015.
- d. *Applicant:* Brookfield White Pine Hydro LLC (White Pine Hydro).
- e. *Name of Project:* Williams Hydroelectric Project (Williams Project).
- f. *Location:* The existing project is located on the Kennebec River in Somerset County, Maine. The project does not occupy federal lands.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Ms. Kelly Maloney, Manager of Licensing and Compliance, Brookfield White Pine Hydro LLC, 150 Main Street, Lewiston, ME 04240; Telephone: (207) 755-5606.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Amy Chang, (202) 502-8250 or amy.chang@ferc.gov.
- j. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.
- k. *The Project Description:* The Williams Project has a total installed capacity of 13-megawatts (MW). The

project's average annual generation is 96,731 megawatt-hours. The power generated by the project is sold on the open market into the regional grid. The existing project consists of: (a) A 894.7-foot-long, 45.0-foot-high dam that includes: (i) A 202-foot-long, 15-foot-high east earth embankment section with a concrete core wall; (ii) a 244-foot-long, 32-foot-high stone masonry and concrete spillway section at the west end of the east earth embankment section with six 32.5-foot-wide, 20.5-foot-high Tainter gates; (iii) a 71.3-foot-long, 19.5-foot-high stone masonry and concrete abutment section at the west end of the spillway section; (iv) a 203.3-foot-long, 26.5-foot-high stone masonry and concrete stanchion bay section at the west end of the abutment section with two 65.9-foot-wide, 17.5-foot-high and one 46.8-foot-wide, 17.5-foot-high stanchion bays; (v) a 27-foot-long bulkhead section at the west end of the stanchion bay section with a 20.5-foot-wide, 7.0-foot-high surface weir gate and a 6.0-foot-wide, 12.3-foot-high Tainter gate at the upstream end of a steel-lined sluiceway; (vi) a 95.5-foot-wide intake and powerhouse section at the west end of the bulkhead section that varies in height from 45.5 feet to 49.4 feet and includes four headgates and two double-bay trashracks with 3.5-inch clear-bar spacing; and (vii) a 51.6-foot-long, 10.5-foot-high concrete cut-off wall at the west end of the intake and powerhouse section; (b) a 400-acre impoundment with a gross storage volume of 4,575 acre-feet and a useable storage volume of 2,065 acre-feet at a normal maximum elevation of 320 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum; (c) a 40.5-foot-wide, 105.5-foot-long concrete powerhouse that is integral with the dam and contains two turbine-generator units rated at 6 and 7 MW; (d) a 6,000-foot-long excavated tailrace that varies from 150 to 175 feet wide; (e) a 200-foot-long generator lead and a 310-foot-long

generator lead that connect the turbine-generator units to the regional grid; and (f) appurtenant facilities.

The Williams Project operates in a store-and-release mode where the impoundment level is fluctuated up to six feet daily to regulate downstream flow and meet peak demands for hydroelectric generation. The existing license requires an instantaneous minimum flow of 1,360 cubic feet per second, or inflow (whichever is less), in the tailrace. White Pine Hydro proposes to install an upstream eel passage facility, improve a canoe portage, and improve angler access. White Pine Hydro also proposes to remove 375.5 acres of land and water from the existing project boundary because it does not serve a project purpose.

1. *Locations of the Application:* 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, please 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 item (h) above.

m. 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. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. *Procedural Schedule:*

The application will be processed according to the following preliminary Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

| Milestone | Target Date |
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| Notice of Acceptance/Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis | February 2016. |
| Filing of recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and fishway prescriptions | April 2016. |
| Commission issues Non-Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) | September 2016. |
| Comments on EA | October 2016. |
| Modified terms and conditions | December 2016. |

o. 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.

Dated: December 17, 2015.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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