

Yuba River, and Oregon Creek, in Yuba, Sierra, and Nevada Counties, California.

The license for Project No. 2246 was issued for a period ending March 31, 2016. 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. 2246 is issued to the licensee for a period effective April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017 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 March 31, 2017, 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 licensee, Yuba County Water Agency, is authorized to continue operation of the Yuba River Project, until such time as the Commission acts on its application for a subsequent license.

Dated: March 7, 2016.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER16-1354-000]

#### Live Oak Solar, 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 Grande Prairie Wind, 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 April 27, 2016.

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.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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 electronic 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](mailto: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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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9944-92-Region 1]

### Availability of Final NPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges From Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems in Massachusetts

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of final NPDES general permit.

**SUMMARY:** The Director of the Office of Ecosystem Protection, EPA—Region 1, is providing a notice of availability of the final National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permit for stormwater discharges from small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer systems (MS4s) to certain waters of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The final Massachusetts small MS4 general permit establishes Notice of Intent (NOI) requirements, prohibitions, and management practices for stormwater discharges from small MS4s in Massachusetts. The final Massachusetts small MS4 general permit reflects modifications to the draft small MS4 general permit released for comment on September 30, 2014 and replaces the 2003 small MS4 general permit for MS4 operators within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

**DATES:** The Massachusetts small MS4 general permit shall be effective on July 1, 2017 and will expire at midnight on June 30, 2022. In accordance with 40 CFR part 23, this permit shall be considered issued for the purpose of judicial review at 1:00 p.m. eastern standard time on April 27, 2016. Under section 509(b) of the Clean Water Act, judicial review of this general permit can be requested by filing a petition for review in the United States Court of Appeals within 120 days after the permit is considered issued. Under section 509(b)(2) of the Clean Water Act, the requirements in this permit may not be challenged later in civil or criminal proceedings to enforce these requirements. In addition, this permit may not be challenged in other agency proceedings.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Newton Tedder, Stormwater and Construction Permits Section OEP 06-4, Environmental Protection Agency, 5 Post Office Square—Suite 100, Boston, Massachusetts 02109-3912; 617-918-1038; [tedder.newton@epa.gov](mailto:tedder.newton@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****General Information**

EPA is reissuing three final NPDES permits for discharges of stormwater from small MS4s to certain waters within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The three general permits are:

MAR041000—Traditional cities and towns

MAR042000—Non-traditional state, federal, county, and other publicly owned MS4s

MAR043000—Non-traditional transportation MS4s

While these are technically distinct permits, for convenience they have been grouped into a single document and this document refers to the “permit” in the singular. The final general permit, appendices and attachments, as well as response to comments on the draft permit and supplemental fact sheet information are available at [http://www.epa.gov/region1/npdes/stormwater/MS4\\_MA.html](http://www.epa.gov/region1/npdes/stormwater/MS4_MA.html).

The conditions in the general permit are established pursuant to Clean Water Act (CWA) section 402(p)(3)(iii) to ensure that pollutant discharges from small MS4s are reduced to the Maximum Extent Practicable (MEP), protect water quality, and satisfy the appropriate requirements of the CWA. Further information on the requirements of the permit related to MEP and water quality may be found in EPA’s Response to Comments document on the above Web site.

EPA issued a final general permit to address stormwater discharges from small MS4s in Massachusetts and New Hampshire on May 1, 2003. The 2003 general permit required small MS4 operators to develop and implement a Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) designed to control pollutants to the maximum extent practicable and protect water quality. This final general permit for Massachusetts MS4s builds on the requirements of the 2003 general permit. During 2010, EPA drafted two separate Small MS4 general permits to replace the 2003 Small MS4 permit for eligible operators located in Massachusetts; one for operators located in the North Coastal watershed and the other for those located in the Interstate, Merrimack and South Coastal watersheds. Based on comments and

information gathered while developing responses, EPA modified the initial draft general permits and issued a draft permit covering all eligible operators in Massachusetts pursuant to 40 CFR 124.6. EPA took public comments on this draft permit from September 30, 2014 to February 27, 2015. EPA received over 150 unique written letters and oral comments on the draft permit. Concurrent with the release of the final permit and supplemental materials EPA will make available a Response to Comments received on the draft permit. The Response to Comments will be available on the EPA Web site listed above. Changes to the permit resulting from public comments include, but are not limited to: Reduction of certain reporting requirements and metrics, reorganization of certain requirements for clarity, and extension of deadlines for certain required tasks and reports within the permit.

**Obtaining Authorization**

In order for a small MS4 operator to obtain authorization to discharge, it must submit a complete and accurate NOI containing the information in Appendix E of the general permit. The NOI must be submitted on or before September 29, 2017 (90 days from the effective date of the final permit). A small MS4 operator must meet the eligibility requirements of the general permit found in Part 1.2 and Part 1.9 prior to submission of its NOI. A small MS4 operator will be authorized to discharge under the permit upon receipt of written notice from EPA following a public notice of the submitted NOI. EPA will authorize the discharge, request additional information, or require the small MS4 to apply for an alternative permit or an individual permit. NOIs may be submitted electronically to EPA at [stormwater.reports@epa.gov](mailto:stormwater.reports@epa.gov) or sent via regular or overnight mail to: United States Environmental Protection Agency, Stormwater and Construction Permits Section OEP 06-1, 5 Post Office Square—Suite 100, Boston, Massachusetts 02109-3912. A copy of the NOI shall also be sent to MassDEP at the following address: Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, One Winter Street—5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02108 ATTN: Frederick Civian, Stormwater Coordinator.

**Other Legal Requirements**

In accordance with the Endangered Species Act (ESA), EPA has updated the provisions and necessary actions and documentation related to potential impacts to endangered species from discharges and related actions under the

Massachusetts small MS4 general permit. EPA has obtained concurrence from the appropriate federal services (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service) regarding the requirements of this general permit.

In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, EPA has established provisions and documentation requirements for operators seeking coverage under the Massachusetts small MS4 general permit to ensure that discharges or actions taken under this permit will not adversely affect historic properties and places.

**Authority:** This action is being taken under the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*

Dated: April 4, 2016.

**H. Curtis Spalding,**

*Regional Administrator, Region 1.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Extension of Public Comment Period for the Draft EPA-USGS Technical Report: Protecting Aquatic Life From Effects of Hydrologic Alteration**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is extending the comment period for the draft technical report: *Protecting Aquatic Life from Effects of Hydrologic Alteration*. In response to stakeholder requests, the comment period will be extended for an additional 45 days, from May 3, 2016 to June 17, 2016.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before June 17, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2015-0335, to the *Federal eRulemaking Portal*: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or withdrawn. EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be