

Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenter's will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenter's will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentary, will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests, and interventions via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a) (1) (iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the "e-Filing" link. Persons unable to file electronically should submit original and 5 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Dated: May 20, 2016.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Staff Attendance at South Carolina Regional Transmission Planning Meeting

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) hereby gives notice that members of its staff may attend the meeting of the South Carolina Regional Planning (SCRTP) Stakeholder Group, as noted below. Their attendance is part of the Commission's ongoing outreach efforts.

SCRTP June 1, 2016 (10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.), SCE&G Lake Murray Training Center—Lake Murray, Lexington, SC. The facility's phone number is (803) 217-9221. The meeting is open to the public.

For more information, contact Mike Lee, Office of Energy Market Regulation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at (202) 502-8658 or [Michael.Lee@ferc.gov](mailto:Michael.Lee@ferc.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14752-000]

#### Rivertec Partners, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On February 16, 2016, Rivertec Partners, LLC filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the Sherman Hydroelectric Project (Sherman Project or project) to be located at the John Day Dam Juvenile Fish Sampling and Monitoring Facility (Juvenile Fish Facility) on the Columbia River near the City of Rufus in Sherman County, Oregon. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed project would utilize flows at the existing Juvenile Fish Facility, and would consist of the following new features: (1) A 7-foot-diameter, 55-foot-long steel penstock connecting with the Juvenile Fish Facility's existing screened excess water pipe; (2) a 71.2-foot-long, 26.2-foot-wide, 16.4-foot-high concrete and steel powerhouse; (3) a 4.2-megawatt turbine generator; (4) a 10.6-foot-diameter, 31.8-foot-long steel draft tube returning flows to the Columbia River; (5) either a 1,400-foot-long, 13.8-kilovolt (kV) transmission line interconnecting with the existing John Day Dam transformer, or an approximately 120-foot-long, 4.16-kV or 13.8-kV transmission line interconnecting with the existing Bonneville Power Administration substation; and (6) appurtenant facilities. The estimated annual generation of the Sherman Project would be 33 gigawatt-hours.

*Applicant Contact:* Mr. Mark Steinley, Rivertec Partners, LLC, 521 Thorn Street, No. 331, Sewickley, Pennsylvania 15143; phone: (480) 435-0846.

*FERC Contact:* Sean O'Neill; phone: (202) 502-6462.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 Days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the Commission's eFiling system 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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of 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-14752-000.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-14752) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14550-001-CT]

#### New England Hydropower Company, LLC; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47879), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for exemption from licensing for the Hanover Pond Dam Hydroelectric Project, to be located on the Quinipiac River, in the city of