DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Town of Carbondale, Colorado; Notice of Preliminary Determination of a Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility and Soliciting Comments and Motions To Intervene

On March 9, 2017, the Town of Carbondale, Colorado, filed a notice of intent to construct a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, pursuant to section 30 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), as amended by section 4 of the Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2013 (HREA). The proposed Town of Carbondale Nettle Creek WTP Hydro Project would have an installed capacity of 28 kilowatts (kW), and would be located along an existing raw water pipeline adjacent to the applicant’s water treatment plant. The project would be located near the Town of Carbondale in Pitkin County, Colorado.

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FERC Contact: Christopher Chaney, Phone No. (202) 502–6778, email: Christopher.Chaney@ferc.gov.

Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility Description: The proposed project would consist of: (1) An new pressure reduction valve vault containing one turbine/generating unit with an installed capacity of 28 kW; (2) a short, 10-inch-diameter penstock teeing off the existing raw water pipeline; (3) a short, 10-inch-diameter discharge pipe returning water to the existing raw water pipeline; and (4) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an estimated annual generating capacity of 190,000 kilowatt-hours.

A qualifying conduit hydropower facility is one that is determined or deemed to meet all of the criteria shown in the table below.

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<td>FPA 30(a)(3)(A), as amended by HREA</td>
<td>The conduit the facility uses is a tunnel, canal, pipeline, aqueduct, flume, ditch, or similar manmade water conveyance that is operated for the distribution of water for agricultural, municipal, or industrial consumption and not primarily for the generation of electricity.</td>
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<td>FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(i), as amended by HREA</td>
<td>The facility is constructed, operated, or maintained for the generation of electric power and uses for such generation only the hydroelectric potential of a non-federally owned conduit.</td>
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<td>FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(ii), as amended by HREA</td>
<td>The facility has an installed capacity that does not exceed 5 megawatts.</td>
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Table 1—Criteria for Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility
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<td>FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(iii), as amended by HREA.</td>
<td>On or before August 9, 2013, the facility is not licensed, or exempted from the licensing requirements of Part I of the FPA.</td>
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**Preliminary Determination:** The proposed addition of the hydroelectric project along the existing raw water pipeline will not alter its primary purpose. Therefore, based upon the above criteria, Commission staff preliminarily determines that the proposal satisfies the requirements for a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, which is not required to be licensed or exempted from licensing.

**Comments and Motions To Intervene:** Deadline for filing comments contesting whether the facility meets the qualifying criteria is 45 days from the issuance date of this notice. Deadline for filing motions to intervene is 30 days from the issuance date of this notice.

 Anyone may submit comments or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210 and 385.214. Any motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular proceeding.

**Filing and Service of Responsive Documents:** All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the “COMMENTS CONTESTING QUALIFICATION FOR A CONDUIT HYDROPOWER FACILITY” or “MOTION TO INTERVENE,” as applicable; (2) state in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) state the name, address, and telephone number of the person filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of sections 385.2001 through 385.2005 of the Commission’s regulations.1 All comments contesting Commission staff’s preliminary determination that the facility meets the qualifying criteria must set forth their evidentiary basis.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene and comments 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, (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. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

**Locations of Notice of Intent:** Copies of the notice of intent can be obtained directly from the applicant or such copies can be viewed and reproduced at the Commission in its Public Reference Room, Room 2A, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The filing may also be viewed on the web at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp using the “eLibrary” link. Enter the docket number (i.e., CD17–8) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1–866–208–3676 or email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.


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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**


**Board of Scientific Counselors Homeland Security Subcommittee; Notification of Public Teleconference and Public Comment**

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

**ACTION:** Notification of public meeting and public comment.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92–463, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency hereby provides notice that the Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Homeland Security Subcommittee (HSS) will host a public teleconference. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All times noted are Eastern Time and are approximate. The primary discussions will focus on finalizing the draft report on the effective and efficient tools, strategies and methods to characterize and assess exposure and decontamination following a biological contamination incident. There will be a public comment period at 11:15 a.m. For information on registering to participate on the call or to provide public comment, please see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below. Due to unforeseen administrative circumstances, EPA is announcing this meeting with less than fifteen calendar days’ notice.

**DATES:** The BOSC HSS meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All times noted are Eastern Time and are approximate.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions or correspondence concerning the meeting should be directed to Tom Tracy, Designated Federal Officer, Environmental Protection Agency, by mail at 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., (MC 8104 R), Washington, DC 20460; by telephone at 202–564–6518; fax at 202–565–2911; or via email at tracy.tom@epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Charter of the BOSC states that the advisory committee shall provide independent advice to the Administrator on technical and management aspects of the ORD’s research program. Additional information about the BOSC is available at: http://www2.epa.gov/bosc.

Registration: In order to participate in the meeting, you must register at the following site: https://us-epa-2017-bosc-hs-subcommittee-teleconference.eventbrite.com. Once you have completed the online registration, you will be contacted and provided with the meeting information. Registration will close on March 27, 2017.

**Oral Statements:** Members of the public who wish to provide oral comment during the meeting must preregister. Individuals or groups making remarks during the public comment period will be limited to five