Energy Center Project to be located approximately 1.0 mile southwest of the Town of Bluefield in Tazewell County, Virginia. 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 consist of one of the following two alternatives: **Alternative 1**—(1) a new 3,263-foot-long, 380-foot-high concrete-face rockfill dam for the upper reservoir with a 150-foot-long concrete-lined emergency spillway; (2) a new 1,723-foot-long, 288-foot-high concrete-face rockfill dam for the lower reservoir with a 150-foot-long concrete-lined emergency spillway; (3) a new upper reservoir with a surface area of 112 acres and a storage capacity of 8,175 acre-feet at a surface elevation of 3,830 feet mean sea level (msl); (4) a new lower reservoir with a surface area of 96 acres and a storage capacity of 8,175 acre-feet at a surface elevation of 3,238 feet msl; (5) a new 9.5-mile-long water source conveyance from the proposed water source to the project; (6) a new 5,235-foot-long penstock connecting the upper and lower reservoirs; (7) a new 250-foot-long, 100-foot-wide, 150-foot-high underground reinforced-concrete powerhouse containing two pump-turbine generator units with a total rated capacity of 870 megawatts (MW) and a rated gross hydraulic head of 887 feet; (8) a new switchyard/substation that ties directly into an existing 765-kV transmission line; and (9) appurtenant facilities.

**Alternative 2**—(1) a new 3,263-foot-long, 380-foot-high concrete-face rockfill dam for the upper reservoir with a 150-foot-long concrete-lined emergency spillway; (2) a new 1,680-foot-long, 257-foot-high concrete-face rockfill dam for the lower reservoir with a 150-foot-long concrete-lined emergency spillway; (3) a new upper reservoir with a surface area of 112 acres and a storage capacity of 11,135 acre-feet at a surface elevation of 3,830 feet msl; (4) a new lower reservoir with a surface area of 144 acres and a storage capacity of 11,135 acre-feet at a surface elevation of 2,937 feet msl; (5) a new 10.5-mile-long water source conveyance from the proposed water source to the project; (6) a new 4,965-foot-long penstock connecting the upper and lower reservoirs; (7) a new 350-foot-long, 100-foot-wide, 150-foot-high underground reinforced-concrete powerhouse containing three pump-turbine generator units with a total rated capacity of 870 MW and a rated gross hydraulic head of 887 feet; (8) a new switchyard/substation that ties directly into an existing 765-kV transmission line; and (9) appurtenant facilities.

The proposed project would have an annual generation of 1,302 gigawatt-hours (GWh) and 2,540 GWh for alternatives 1 and 2, respectively. **Applicant Contact:** Michael Regulinski, Dominion Energy Virginia, 120 Tredereg Street, RS–2, Richmond, Virginia 23219; phone: 804–819–2794, and Michael Swiger, Van Ness Feldman, LLP, 1050 Thomas Jefferson Street NW., Washington, DC 20007; phone: 202–298–1891. **FERC Contact:** Woohee Choi; phone: (202) 502–6336.

**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, (866) 208–3372 (voice) or (866) 208–3372 (TTY), or send a fax to (202) 208–2106 with the required accommodations.

All interested persons and staff are permitted to attend. For further information please contact David Faerbeg at (202) 502–8275 or email David.Faerbeg@ferc.gov.


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The United States acquired the Olmsted Powerplant in 1990 through condemnation proceedings in order to secure the water rights associated with the Olmsted Powerplant deemed essential to the Central Utah Project (CUP). The CUP is a participating project of the Colorado River Storage Project. As part of the condemnation proceedings, PacifiCorp continued Olmsted operations until 2015; after which time, the operation of the facility became the responsibility of the Bureau of Reclamation.

The existing Olmsted Powerplant greatly exceeded its operational life, and a replacement facility was needed for the generation of power and preservation of associated non-consumptive water rights. On February 4, 2015, an Implementation Agreement (Agreement) for the Olmsted Powerplant Replacement Project (Project) was signed by Central Utah Water Conservancy District (District), the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, and WAPA (Participants). The Agreement sets forth the responsibilities of the Participants and identifies funding of the Project. The District will construct, operate, maintain, and replace the Olmsted Powerplant and incidental facilities in connection with its CUP operations, including power generation.

WAPA is responsible for marketing the Olmsted energy, which is anticipated to be first available in the summer of 2018. Power production will be incidental to the delivery of water and will only be available when water is present. Therefore, only energy, without capacity, will be available for marketing. It is expected that the annual energy production from the replacement Olmsted Powerplant will average around 27,000,000 kWh per year.

**Response to Comments on the Olmsted Proposed Marketing Criteria**

WAPA received numerous comments on its Proposed 2018 Olmsted Power Marketing Plan during the comment period. WAPA reviewed and considered all comments received, and this section summarizes and responds to the comments received. For brevity, when it was possible to do so without affecting the meaning of the statements, the public comments below were paraphrased.

**Comment:** Can WAPA explain how it determined the marketing area? How were certain Utah counties picked? Is it determined the marketing area? How were certain Utah counties picked? Is it based on the Provo River drainage? Why