**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP18–21–000]

**WBI Energy Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization**

Take notice that on November 30, 2017, WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. (WBI Energy), 1250 West Century Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota filed a prior notice application pursuant to sections 157.205, 157.210 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (Commission) regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and WBI Energy’s blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82–482–000. WBI Energy requests authorization to construct and operate Spring Creek Expansion Project. The filing may also be viewed on the web 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, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (866) 208–3676 or TTY, (202) 502–8659.

Specifically, WBI Energy proposes to: (1) construct approximately 12 miles of 24-inch diameter steel pipeline to provide an additional connection to Northern Border Pipeline Company and add facilities at its Cherry Creek Valve Setting; (2) expand its Spring Creek Meter Station; and (3) expand its Wild Basin Meter Station in McKenzie County, North Dakota.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Lori Myerchin, Manager, Regulatory Affairs, WBI Energy Transmission, Inc., 1250 West Century Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota 58503, (701) 530–1563 or by email at lori.myerchin@wbienergy.com

Any person or the Commission’s staff may, within 60 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission’s Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205), a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission’s rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission’s public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding, or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff’s issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission’s public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff’s FEIS or EA.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters 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 commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties.
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 5891–009]

Deschutes Valley Water District; Notice of Revised Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests, Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Fishway Prescriptions

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

a. Application Type: Revised Amendment Application.

b. Project No.: 5891–009.

c. Date Filed: October 31, 2017.

d. Applicant: Deschutes Valley Water District (licensee).

e. Name of Project: Opal Springs Hydroelectric Project.

f. Location: The project is located on the Crooked River in Jefferson County, Oregon.

 g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)–825(r).

 h. Applicant Contact: Edson Pugh, General Manager, Deschutes Valley Water District, 881 SW Culver Highway, Madras, Oregon 97741; telephone (541) 475–3849; email edson@dvwd.org.

 i. FERC Contact: Jennifer Ambler; telephone: (202) 502–8586; email address: jennifer.ambler@ferc.gov.

 j. Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests, comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and fishway prescriptions is 30 days from the issuance date of this notice by the Commission.

All documents may be filed electronically via the internet. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission’s website at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene, protests, comments, recommendations, terms and conditions and fishway prescriptions 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.

The first page of any filing should include docket number P–5891–009.

k. Description of Request: On October 8, 2015, the licensee filed an application to amend its license and install fish passage facilities at the project. Public notice of the application was issued November 5, 2015. That application was placed in abeyance on December 21, 2016. The licensee’s October 31, 2017 filing of its revised amendment application lifts the abeyance. Therefore, Commission staff notices the licensee’s revised amendment application.

The licensee proposes to construct upstream fish passage facilities on the east bank of the dam and to modify the existing spillway to improve downstream fish passage. To accommodate the proposed modifications, the licensee would raise the project’s normal maximum reservoir elevation by 3 feet and would replace the current floodway structure with a fixed wooden floodway section along with one inflatable weir to attain the proposed higher reservoir elevation. The licensee states that the amendment is necessary to facilitate the reintroduction of steelhead trout and Chinook salmon. Revisions to the licensee’s original application include a reduction in the proposed normal maximum pool elevation increase from 6 feet to 3 feet, a modified forebay elevation range for fish ladder operation, a single fish ladder exit, and the use of one gate for downstream fish passage.

l. Location of the Application: A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission’s Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502–8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission’s website at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. 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, call 1–866–208–3676 or email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502–8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission’s mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene: Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission’s Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application. The revised application remains a part of the original proceeding; therefore, interveners to the original proceeding need not refile intervention motions.

o. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents: All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title PROTEST, MOTION TO INTERVENE, COMMENTS, RECOMMENDATIONS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS, or FISHWAY PRESCRIPTIONS; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions should relate to the proposed amendment application and fish passage operation.