

two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, and will be notified of any 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. However, the non-party commenters, will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or 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 in lieu of paper using the eFiling link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 3 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Dated: September 9, 2019.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14980-000]

#### Lock+™ Hydro Friends Fund XXVIII, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On March 6, 2019, Lock+™ Hydro Friends Fund XXVIII, 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 Nockamixon Dam Hydropower Project to be located at the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Nockamixon Dam on Tohickon Creek in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. 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 the following: (1) A new 30-foot-long, 30-foot-wide, 160-foot-high Large Frame

Module; (2) two turbine-generator units with a total rated capacity of 0.8 megawatt; (3) a new 4-foot-long, 4-foot-wide, 3-foot-high pad-mounted transformer; (4) a new 300-foot-long, 13-kilovolt transmission line connecting the new transformer to an existing distribution line; and (5) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an annual generation of 3,500 megawatt-hours.

*Applicant Contact:* Wayne Krouse, Lock+™ Hydro Friends Fund XXVIII, LLC, P.O. Box 43796, Birmingham, AL 35243; phone: 877-556-6566 ext. 709.

*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](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-14980-000.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-14980) 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

[Docket No. AD19-19-000]

#### Notice of Workshop; Grid-Enhancing Technologies

Take notice that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will convene a staff-led workshop in the above-referenced proceeding on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 5-6, 2019 from approximately 8:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time. The conference will be held at Commission headquarters, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. Commissioners may attend and participate.

The purpose of this workshop is to discuss grid-enhancing technologies that increase the capacity, efficiency, or reliability of transmission facilities. Panelists and staff will discuss how grid-enhancing technologies are currently used in transmission planning and operations, the challenges to their deployment and implementation, and what the Commission can do regarding those challenges, including incentivizing or requiring the adoption of grid-enhancing technologies by utilities and RTOs/ISOs. These technologies include, but are not limited to: (1) Power flow control and transmission switching equipment; (2) storage technologies, and (3) advanced line rating management technologies. Participants at this workshop will include representatives from utilities, RTOs/ISOs, technology vendors, researchers, and other interested parties. Further details and a formal agenda will be issued prior to the conference.

The workshop will be open for the public to attend. Advance registration is not required to attend, but is encouraged. Attendees may register at the following web page: <http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/11-06-19-form.asp>. In-person attendees should allow time to pass through building security procedures before the start time of the workshop.

Those wishing to participate as a panel member in this conference should submit a nomination form online by 5:00 p.m. on September 20, 2019 at: <http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/11-06-19-speaker-form.asp>. At this web page, please provide an abstract of the issue(s) you propose to address. Due to time constraints, we may not be able to accommodate all those interested in being panelists. There will also be opportunity for audience participation.

The workshop will be transcribed and webcast. Transcripts will be available for a fee from Ace Reporting (202-347-3700). A link to the webcast of this event will be available in the Commission Calendar of Events at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov). The Capitol Connection provides technical support for the webcasts and offers the option of listening to the workshop via phone-bridge for a fee. For additional information, visit [www.CapitolConnection.org](http://www.CapitolConnection.org) or call (703) 993-3100.

Commission conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations, please send an email to [accessibility@ferc.gov](mailto:accessibility@ferc.gov) or call toll free 1-866-208-3372 (voice) or 202-208-8659 (TTY), or send a fax to 202-208-2106 with the required accommodations.

For more information about this workshop, please contact Samin Peirovi at [Samin.Peirovi@ferc.gov](mailto:Samin.Peirovi@ferc.gov) or (202) 502-8080. For information related to logistics, please contact Sarah McKinley at [Sarah.Mckinley@ferc.gov](mailto:Sarah.Mckinley@ferc.gov) or (202) 502-8368.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OW-2019-0463; FRL 9999-83-OW]

### Notice of Intent To Develop a Policy on the Determination of a Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) and Hypoxia as an Event of National Significance in Freshwater Systems

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is requesting public comment to inform the development of an Agency policy for determining if a harmful algal bloom (HAB) or hypoxia event in freshwater is an “event of national significance.” Recent amendments to the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act (HABHRCA), provide the EPA with the statutory authority to make such a determination in the case of a freshwater HAB or hypoxia event. Public comments are intended to inform the development of a policy for the EPA

to make such determinations, specifically for events in freshwater. A federal determination that such an occurrence is an event of national significance enables mobilization of federal resources to assess and mitigate its detrimental effects, subject to the availability of appropriations. The EPA requests input on what the Agency should specifically consider for determining a “HAB or Hypoxia event of national significance” in freshwater, and related factors in order to inform development of a draft EPA policy. On July 25, 2019, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a separate notice to solicit comments on HAB or hypoxia events of national significance in marine and coastal waters.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before October 31, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-0463 to the *Federal eRulemaking Portal*: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or withdrawn. The 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 accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.*, on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commentingepa-dockets>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Lesley V. D’Anglada, Health and Ecological Criteria Division, Office of Water (Mail Code 4304T), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 566-1125; email address: [danglada.lesley@epa.gov](mailto:danglada.lesley@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## I. General Information

*How can I get copies of this document and other related information?*

1. *Docket.* The EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-0463. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or in hard copy at the Water Docket in the EPA Docket Center, (EPA/DC) EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the Water Docket is (202) 566-2426.

2. *Electronic Access.* You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically from the Government Printing Office under the “**Federal Register**” listings FDsys (<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/browse/collection.action?collectionCode=FR>).

## II. What are harmful algal blooms (HABs) and hypoxia and why is the EPA concerned about them?

Harmful algal blooms (HABs) are caused by certain types of photosynthetic organisms that under certain conditions form large accumulations of algae that can adversely affect human health and the environment and can cause local economic losses. In freshwater, cyanobacteria are the major HABs-forming taxon. Cyanobacteria are microorganisms that can produce harmful *cyanotoxins* that, if ingested in sufficient amounts, can kill fish, shellfish, livestock, wildlife, and adversely impact human health. Algal blooms, both those that produce cyanotoxins and those that do not, can also harm aquatic environments by depleting oxygen needed to sustain freshwater aquatic life. HABs can negatively impact drinking water systems, recreation, commercial and recreational fishing, property values and public health. Recent notable drinking water cyanotoxin-related events include the 2018 HAB event in Detroit Lake, Oregon, that resulted in do not drink advisories in the City of Salem, and the 2014 HAB event on Lake Erie that resulted in do not drink advisories in the City of Toledo. In 2016, a cyanobacteria bloom in Lake Okeechobee traveled into St. Lucie Estuary, resulting in the largest cyanobacterial bloom reported in the state of Florida in ten years. The bloom