

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 15248–000]

RAMM Power Group, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On November 18, 2021, RAMM Power Group 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 Sacaton Energy Storage Project (Sacaton Project or project) to be located in Pinal County, Arizona. 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 150-megawatt (MW) closed-loop pumped storage project would consist of the following: (1) an existing 1200-foot-deep open pit mine for the lower reservoir, which will have a storage capacity of 1,500 acre-feet at a maximum water surface elevation of 455 feet above mean sea level (msl); (2) an adjacent waste-rock dump for the upper reservoir, which will have a storage capacity of 1,300 acre-feet at a maximum water surface elevation of 1,456 feet msl; (3) a new 28-foot-high, 6,000-foot long upper reservoir dam; (4) a single 200-foot-long, 12-foot-diameter steel penstock connecting the upper and lower reservoirs; (5) a new underground powerhouse with two 75-MW pump/turbine generating units; (6) a single 14-foot-diameter low-pressure draft tube that would extend approximately 2,200 feet from the powerhouse to the lower reservoir; (7) a new 200-megavolt-ampere substation located adjacent to the upper reservoir; and (8) a new 2,500-foot-long, 137-kilovolt transmission line connecting the new substation to the grid interconnection at a transmission line owned by Arizona Public Service. Initial fill water for the project would come from the mine and purchased from existing water rights holders. The proposed project would have an estimated average annual generation of 400,000 megawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: Dr. Michael A. Werner, RAMM Power Group, 14575 S Avenida Cucana, Sahuarita, Arizona 85629; phone: (509) 280–7486.

FERC Contact: Khatoon Melick, (202) 502–8433, khatoon.melick@ferc.gov.

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's Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, environmental justice communities, Tribal members and others, access publicly available information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502–6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

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 <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/eFiling.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. 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, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P–15248–000.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the “eLibrary” link of Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P–15248) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP23–542–000]

Golden Triangle Storage, LLC; Notice of Application and Establishing Intervention Deadline

Take notice that on September 12, 2023, Golden Triangle Storage, LLC (GTS), 919 Milam Street, Suite 2425, Houston, Texas 77002, filed an application under section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and part 157 of the Commission's regulations requesting authorization for its Expansion Project (Project). The Project consists of expanding its existing natural gas storage facility in Jefferson County, Texas, through the construction and operation of two new salt dome storage caverns, additional compression, and other appurtenant facilities. The Project will meet documented market demand for increased storage capacity, enhance operational capabilities at the existing storage facilities, and ensure that GTS will be able to continue to offer safe, reliable storage services for both existing and new customers. Further, GTS requests reaffirmation of its market-based rate authority and related authorizations and waivers, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open for public inspection.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (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. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room. For assistance, contact the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (866) 208–3676 or TTY (202) 502–8659.

Any questions regarding the proposed project should be directed to James F. Bowe, Jr., King & Spalding LLP, 1700 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 900, Washington, DC 20006 by phone at

(202) 626-9601, or by email at jbowe@kslaw.com.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure,¹ within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: complete its environmental review 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 environmental assessment (EA) for this proposal. The filing of an 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.

Water Quality Certification

GTS's application states that a water quality certificate under section 401 of the Clean Water Act is required for the project from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC). The request for certification must be submitted to the certifying agency and to the Commission concurrently. Proof of the certifying agency's receipt date must be filed no later than five (5) days after the request is submitted to the certifying agency.

Public Participation

There are three ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project: you can file comments on the project, you can protest the filing, and you can file a motion to intervene in the proceeding. There is no fee or cost for filing comments or intervening. The deadline for filing a motion to intervene is 5 p.m. eastern time on October 11, 2023. How to file protests, motions to intervene, and comments is explained below.

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assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202)502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

Comments

Any person wishing to comment on the project may do so. Comments may include statements of support or objections, to the project as a whole or specific aspects of the project. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be.

Protests

Pursuant to sections 157.10(a)(4)² and 385.211³ of the Commission's regulations under the NGA, any person⁴ may file a protest to the application. Protests must comply with the requirements specified in section 385.2001⁵ of the Commission's regulations. A protest may also serve as a motion to intervene so long as the protestor states it also seeks to be an intervenor.

To ensure that your comments or protests are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments on or before October 11, 2023.

There are three methods you can use to submit your comments or protests to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the Project docket number CP23-542-000 in your submission.

(1) You may file your comments electronically by using the eComment feature, which is located on the Commission's website at www.ferc.gov under the link to Documents and Filings. Using eComment is an easy method for interested persons to submit brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You may file your comments or protests electronically by using the eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; first select "General" and then select "Comment on a Filing"; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments or protests by mailing them to the following address below. Your written comments must reference the Project docket number (CP23-542-000).

² 18 CFR 157.10(a)(4).

³ 18 CFR 385.211.

⁴ Persons include individuals, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and other entities. 18 CFR 385.102(d).

⁵ 18 CFR 385.2001.

To file via USPS: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

To file via any other courier: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments (options 1 and 2 above) and has eFiling staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.

Persons who comment on the environmental review of this project will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, and will receive notification when the environmental documents (EA or EIS) are issued for this project and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process.

The Commission considers all comments received about the project in determining the appropriate action to be taken. However, the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. To become a party, you must intervene in the proceeding. For instructions on how to intervene, see below.

Interventions

Any person, which includes individuals, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and other entities,⁶ has the option to file a motion to intervene in this proceeding. Only intervenors have the right to request rehearing of Commission orders issued in this proceeding and to subsequently challenge the Commission's orders in the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal.

To intervene, you must submit a motion to intervene to the Commission in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure⁷ and the regulations under the NGA⁸ by the intervention deadline for the project, which is October 11, 2023. As described further in Rule 214, your motion to intervene must state, to the extent known, your position regarding the proceeding, as well as your interest in the proceeding. For an individual, this could include your status as a landowner, ratepayer, resident of an impacted community, or recreationist. You do not need to have property directly impacted by the project in order to intervene. For more information about motions to intervene, refer to the FERC website at <https://>

⁶ 18 CFR 385.102(d).

⁷ 18 CFR 385.214.

⁸ 18 CFR 157.10.

¹ 18 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) 157.9.

www.ferc.gov/resources/guides/how-to-intervene.asp.

There are two ways to submit your motion to intervene. In both instances, please reference the Project docket number CP23–542–000 in your submission.

(1) You may file your motion to intervene by using the Commission's eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; first select "General" and then select "Intervention." The eFiling feature includes a document-less intervention option; for more information, visit <https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/document-less-intervention.pdf>; or

(2) You can file a paper copy of your motion to intervene, along with three copies, by mailing the documents to the address below. Your motion to intervene must reference the Project docket number CP23–542–000.

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To file via any other courier: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

The Commission encourages electronic filing of motions to intervene (option 1 above) and has eFiling staff available to assist you at (202) 502–8258 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.

Protests and motions to intervene must be served on the applicant either by mail or email at: James F. Bowe, Jr., King & Spalding LLP, 1700 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 900, Washington, DC 20006, or at jbowe@kslaw.com. Any subsequent submissions by an intervenor must be served on the applicant and all other parties to the proceeding. Contact information for parties can be downloaded from the service list at the eService link on FERC Online. Service can be via email with a link to the document.

All timely, unopposed⁹ motions to intervene are automatically granted by operation of Rule 214(c)(1).¹⁰ Motions to intervene that are filed after the intervention deadline are untimely, and may be denied. Any late-filed motion to intervene must show good cause for being late and must explain why the

time limitation should be waived and provide justification by reference to factors set forth in Rule 214(d) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations.¹¹ A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies (paper or electronic) of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties.

Tracking the Proceeding

Throughout the proceeding, additional information about the project will be available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208–FERC, or on the FERC website at www.ferc.gov using the "eLibrary" link as described above. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. For more information and to register, go to www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp.

Intervention Deadline: 5 p.m. eastern time on October 11, 2023.

Dated: September 20, 2023.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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[Project No. 2701–061]

Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P.; Notice of Revised Procedural Schedule for Final Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Project Relicense

On February 26, 2021, Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P. filed an application for a new major license to continue to operate and maintain the 39.75-megawatt (MW) West Canada Creek Hydroelectric Project No. 2701 (West Canada Creek Project). On June 27, 2022, Commission staff issued a notice of intent to prepare a draft and final Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the effects of relicensing the West Canada Creek Project. The notice

of intent included a schedule for preparing a draft and final EA.

On September 6, 2023, Commission staff issued the draft EA. By this notice, Commission staff is updating the procedural schedule for completing a final EA. The revised schedule is shown below. Further revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Issue Final EA	March 2024.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Laurie Bauer at (202) 502–6519, or by email at laurie.bauer@ferc.gov.

Dated: September 21, 2023.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Deputy Secretary.

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[Project No. 6240–000]

Watson Associates L.P.; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

The license for the Watson Dam Project No. 6240 was issued for a period ending August 31, 2023.

Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year-to-year an annual license to the then licensee(s) under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of section 15 of the FPA, then, based on section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

⁹ The applicant has 15 days from the submittal of a motion to intervene to file a written objection to the intervention.

¹⁰ 18 CFR 385.214(c)(1).

¹¹ 18 CFR 385.214(b)(3) and (d).