

estimated annual generation output for the project would be 106.9 gigawatt-hours.

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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. Comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site <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 or toll free at 1-(866) 208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and seven copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-13234) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14295-000]

Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications; Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County, WA

On September 28, 2011, Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County 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 Sunset Falls Hydroelectric Project to be located on the South Fork Skykomish River near Index in Snohomish County, Washington. 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 owner's express permission.

The proposed project will consist of the construction of the following: (1) A 140-foot-wide, 45-foot-high v-screen intake; (2) a 2,000-foot-long, 19-foot-diameter unlined rock penstock; (3) a semi-underground powerhouse with twin 15-megawatt turbines; (4) an 8.5-mile long, 115-kilovolt three-phase overhead transmission line extending from the powerhouse to an existing substation. The estimated annual generation of the Sunset Falls Hydroelectric Project would be 120 gigawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: Mr. Kim D. Moore, Assistant General Manager, Public Utility District No.1 of Snohomish County; 2320 California Street, PO Box 1107, Everett, WA 98201; phone: (425) 783-8606.

FERC Contact: Ian Smith; phone: (202) 502-8943.

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. Comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit

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More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-14295-000) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OARM-2011-0748; FRL-9483-6]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Monthly Progress Reports; Submission of Invoices, and Related Information (Renewal)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit a request to renew an existing approved Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This ICR is scheduled to expire on April 30, 2012. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before December 27, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-

OARM–2011–0748, by one of the following methods:

- <http://www.regulations.gov>: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- *Email*: valentino.thomas@epa.gov
- *Mail*: EPA–HQ–OARM–2011–0748,

OEI Docket, Environmental Protection Agency, *Mailcode*: 2822T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460. Please include a total of three (3) copies.

• *Hand Delivery*: EPA Docket Center–Attention OEI Docket, EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington DC 20004 Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OARM–2011–0748 EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through <http://www.regulations.gov> or email. The <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment.

If you send an email comment directly to EPA without going through <http://www.regulations.gov> your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD–ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas Valentino, PTOD, OAM (3802R), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW.,

Washington, DC 20460; *telephone number*: 202–564–4522; *email address*: valentino.thomas@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

How can I access the docket and/or submit comments?

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OARM–2011–0748, which is available for online viewing at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or in person viewing at the OEI Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. The EPA/DC 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 Reading Room is 202–566–1744, and the telephone number for the OEI Docket is 202–566–1752.

Use <http://www.regulations.gov> to obtain a copy of the draft collection of information, submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the docket ID number identified in this document.

What information is EPA particularly interested in?

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, EPA specifically solicits comments and information to enable it to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. In particular, EPA is requesting comments from very small businesses (those that employ less than 25) on examples of specific additional efforts that EPA could make to reduce the paperwork burden for very small businesses affected by this collection.

What should I consider when I prepare my comments for EPA?

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

1. Explain your views as clearly as possible and provide specific examples.

2. Describe any assumptions that you used.

3. Provide copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.

4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate that you provide.

5. Offer alternative ways to improve the collection activity.

6. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline identified under **DATES**.

7. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket ID number assigned to this action in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation.

What information collection activity or ICR does this apply to?

Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OARM–2011–0748

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are businesses and organizations performing contracts for the EPA where submission of monthly progress reports, invoices and related information is required.

Title: Monthly Progress Reports, Submission of Invoices, and Related Information (Renewal)

ICR numbers: EPA ICR No. 1039.13, OMB Control No. 2030–0005.

ICR status: This ICR is currently scheduled to expire on April 30, 2012. An Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations in title 40 of the CFR, after appearing in the **Federal Register** when approved, are listed in 40 CFR part 9, are displayed either by publication in the **Federal Register** or by other appropriate means, such as on the related collection instrument or form, if applicable. The display of OMB control numbers in certain EPA regulations is consolidated in 40 CFR part 9.

Abstract: Appropriate Government surveillance of contractor performance is required to give reasonable assurance that efficient methods and effective cost controls are being used for various cost reimbursable and fixed rate contracts. On a monthly basis, the Agency requires contractors to provide the project officer

with a report detailing (a) what was accomplished on the contract during that period, (b) what remains to be done, and (c) expenditures for the same period of time. Responses to the information collection are mandatory for contractors and are required for the contractors to receive monthly payments.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 25 hours per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements which have subsequently changed; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

EPA estimates that each contractor monthly response will take approximately 25 hours. EPA anticipates approximately 203 total active contracts will be affected, multiplied by 12 submissions per year equals 2,436 submissions per year. Each collection is estimated to cost \$2,213 based on contractor personnel performing individual tasks required for information gathering and submission. The anticipated 2,436 submissions per year are estimated at 60,900 total hours and \$5,391,258 annual cost.

Are there changes in the estimates from the last approval?

There is a decrease of 4,872 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with that identified in the ICR currently approved by, due mainly to improved tracking software and increasing familiarity with EPA reporting requirements.

What is the next step in the process for this ICR?

EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. At that time, EPA will issue another Federal Register notice pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and

the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. If you have any questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Dated: October 19, 2011.

John R. Bashista,

Director, Office of Acquisition Management.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9483-9]

Notification of a Public Teleconference of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee Air Monitoring and Methods Subcommittee

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public teleconference of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) Air Monitoring and Methods Subcommittee (AMMS) to discuss its draft report on EPA's draft Near-Road NO₂ Monitoring Technical Assistance Document.

DATES: A public teleconference will be held on Thursday, November 17, 2011, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Eastern Time).

ADDRESSES: The public teleconference will be conducted by telephone only.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing further information regarding this Notice and public teleconference may contact Mr. Edward Hanlon, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), SAB Staff Office, by telephone/voice mail at (202) 564-2134; by fax at (202) 565-2098 or via email at hanlon.edward@epa.gov. General information concerning the EPA CASAC can be found at the EPA CASAC Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/casac>. Any inquiry regarding EPA's draft Near-Road NO₂ Monitoring Technical Assistance Document should be directed to Mr. Nealson Watkins, EPA Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS), at watkins.nealson@epa.gov or (919) 541-5522.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The CASAC was established pursuant to the Clean Air Act (CAA) Amendments of 1977, codified at 42 U.S.C. 7409D(d)(2), to provide advice, information, and

recommendations to the Administrator on the scientific and technical aspects of issues related to the criteria for air quality standards, research related to air quality, sources of air pollution, and the strategies to attain and maintain air quality standards and to prevent significant deterioration of air quality.

CASAC is a Federal Advisory Committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C., App. 2. Pursuant to FACA and EPA policy, notice is hereby given that the CASAC AMMS will hold a public teleconference to discuss the Subcommittee's draft Near-Road NO₂ Monitoring Technical Assistance Document.

In February 2010, EPA promulgated new minimum monitoring requirements for the nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) monitoring network in support of a newly revised National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for 1-hour NO₂. In the new monitoring requirements, state and local air monitoring agencies are required to install near-road NO₂ monitoring stations in larger urban areas. In August 2010, EPA's Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) requested that CASAC review the initial phase of EPA's Near Road project, and CASAC issued a final report to the EPA Administrator in November 2010 entitled "Review of the 'Near-road Guidance Document—Outline' and 'Near-road Monitoring Pilot Study Objectives and Approach'" (EPA-CASAC-11-001). OAR considered CASAC's recommendations and drafted a technical document entitled "Near-Road NO₂ Monitoring Technical Assistance Document—DRAFT August 11, 2011" to provide guidance to state and local air monitoring agencies on how to successfully implement near-road NO₂ monitors. OAR requested CASAC advice on how to improve this draft guidance, and on September 29, 2011 AMMS held a public teleconference call to discuss review comments on EPA's draft document. Materials from this September 29, 2011 teleconference call are posted on the CASAC Web site at <http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/bf498bd32a1c7fdf85257242006dd6cb/07f0cde2113f6c26852578f5006a7581!OpenDocument&Date=2011-09-29>. The purpose of the November 17, 2011 teleconference call is for the CASAC Panel to discuss its draft review report that was developed based on consensus views reached during the September 29, 2011 teleconference call.

Availability of Meeting Materials: The agenda and materials in support of this teleconference call will be placed on the EPA CASAC Web site at <http://>