

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentator, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send an original and two copies of your letter to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas Branch 3.
- Reference Docket No. CP07-108-000.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before May 18, 2007.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of any comments or interventions or protests to this proceeding. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link and the link to the User's Guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create a free account which can be created on-line.

We may mail the EA for comment. If you are interested in receiving it, please return the Information Request (Appendix 3). If you do not return the Information Request, you will be taken off the mailing list.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding, or "intervenor". To become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214). Intervenor has the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision. Motions to Intervene should be electronically submitted using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons without Internet access should send an original and 14 copies of their motion to the Secretary of the Commission at the address indicated previously. Persons filing Motions to Intervene on or before the comment deadline indicated above must send a

copy of the motion to the Applicant. All filings, including late interventions, submitted after the comment deadline must be served on the Applicant and all other intervenors identified on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. Persons on the service list with email addresses may be served electronically; others must be served a hard copy of the filing.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

Environmental Mailing List

An effort is being made to send this notice to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project. This includes all landowners who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within distances defined in the Commission's regulations of certain aboveground facilities. By this notice we are also asking governmental agencies, especially those in Appendix 2, to express their interest in becoming cooperating agencies for the preparation of the EA.

Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208-FERC or on the FERC Internet Web site (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202)502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission now 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. Go to <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm>.

Finally, public meetings or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx> along with other related information.

Philis J. Posey,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Protests, and Motions To Intervene

April 16, 2007.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Preliminary Permit.

b. *Project No.:* 12784-000.

c. *Date filed:* March 8, 2007.

d. *Applicant:* Mt. Hope Waterpower Project LP.

e. *Name and Location of Project:* The Mount Hope Pumped Storage Project would use water from the Mt. Hope Mine and would be built in the vicinity of Rockaway Township in Morris County, New Jersey.

f. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

g. *Applicant contact:* Mr. Sam Ramiz, Mt. Hope Waterpower Project LP, 627 Mt. Hope Road, Wharton, NJ 07885-2837, (201) 361-1072.

h. *FERC Contact:* Tom Papsidero, (202) 502-6002.

i. *Deadline for filing comments, protests, and motions to intervene:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper; see 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. Please include the project number (P-12784-000) on any comments or motions filed.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person in the official service list

for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

j. *Description of Existing Facilities and Proposed Project:* The proposed pumped storage project would be comprised of four developments, each with a powerhouse and an upper and lower reservoir. The proposed project would be constructed in four stages as follows:

(1) *Stage 1 of the project would consist of the following features:* (a) A new upper reservoir on a 60 acre site excavated through quarrying operation and having a surface area of 45 acres to be constructed on an upland site, a 60 acre tract west of Mount Hope Lake. The upper reservoir would provide total storage of 3,400 to 4,100 acre-feet. During operation, the normal maximum water surface elevation in the upper reservoir would be 900 feet msl. The upper reservoir would be filled with water pumped out of the Mount Hope Mine Complex. The Mt. Hope inactive mine would provide access to the lower reservoir located at 1,000 feet below the ground surface comprised of underground caverns; (b) a reinforced concrete intake/outtake structure capable of discharging 1,500 cubic feet per second (cfs); (c) a 10-foot-diameter, 1,300-foot-long reinforced concrete vertical intake shaft; (d) a 300-foot-long, 8-foot-diameter concrete-lined steel underground penstock; (e) a powerhouse machine hall approximately 1,300 feet below ground level containing one reversible pump turbine with a total installed generating capacity of 250 megawatts (MW); (f) a transformer hall; (g) a lower reservoir; (h) a ventilation shaft and ventilation building at the northern end of the lower reservoir; and (i) various ancillary access shafts and tunnels.

(2) *Stage 2 of the project would consist of the following features:* (a) The lower reservoir utilized in Stage 1, located 1,000 feet below the ground surface, would serve as the upper reservoir in Stage 2, and would have a total storage capacity of 4,900 to 5,800 acre-feet. During operation, the normal maximum water surface elevation in the upper reservoir would be 900 feet below the ground surface, and the normal minimum water surface elevation would be 1,000 feet below the ground surface. The upper reservoir would be partially filled with water pumped out of the Mount Hope Mine Complex; (b) the Mt. Hope inactive mine would provide access to the lower reservoir, comprised

of underground caverns, located 1,700 feet below the ground surface; (c) a reinforced concrete intake/outtake structure capable of discharging 1,500 cfs; (d) a 10-foot-diameter, 1,000-foot-long reinforced concrete vertical intake structure; (e) a 300-foot-long, 8-foot-diameter concrete-lined underground penstock; (f) a powerhouse machine hall approximately 2,000 feet below ground level containing one reversible pump turbine with a total installed generating capacity of 250 MW; (g) a transformer hall; (h) a lower reservoir; (i) a ventilation shaft and ventilation building at the northern end of the lower reservoir; and (j) various ancillary access shafts and tunnels.

(3) *Stage 3 of the project would consist of the following features:* (a) An upper reservoir which would consist of the lower reservoir used in Stage 2, located 1,700 feet below the ground surface. The upper reservoir would be partially filled with water pumped out of the Mount Hope Mine and would have a total storage capacity of 4,250 to 4,900 acre-feet. The upper reservoir would have a maximum water surface elevation of 1,600 feet below the ground surface, and the normal minimum water surface elevation would be 1,700 feet below the ground surface; (b) the Mt. Hope inactive mine would provide access to the lower reservoir, comprised of underground caverns, located 2,500 feet below the ground surface; (c) a reinforced concrete intake/outtake structure capable of discharging 1,500 cfs; (d) a 10-foot-diameter, 1,100-foot-long reinforced concrete vertical intake shaft; (e) a 300-foot-long, 8-foot-diameter concrete-lined underground penstock; (f) a powerhouse machine hall approximately 2,800 feet below ground level containing a reversible pump turbine with a total installed generating capacity of 250 MW; (g) a transformer hall; (h) a lower reservoir; (i) a ventilation shaft and ventilation building at the northern end of the lower reservoir; and (j) various ancillary access shafts and tunnels.

(4) *Stage 4 of the project would consist of the following features:* (a) An upper reservoir which would consist of the lower reservoir of Stage 2, located 1,700 feet below the ground surface. The upper reservoir would be filled to its full capacity with water pumped out of the Mount Hope Mine Complex and would provide total storage capacity of 4,250 to 4,900 acre-feet. During operation, the normal maximum water surface elevation in the upper reservoir would be 1,600 feet below the ground surface, and the normal minimum water surface elevation would be 1,700 feet below the ground surface; (b) the Mt.

Hope inactive mine would provide access to the lower reservoir located at 2,500 feet below the ground surface and comprised of underground caverns; (c) a reinforced concrete intake/outtake structure capable of discharging 1,500 cfs; (d) a 10-foot-diameter, 1,100 foot-long reinforced concrete vertical intake shaft; (e) a 300-foot-long, 8-foot-diameter concrete-lined underground penstock; (f) a powerhouse machine hall approximately 2,800 feet below ground level containing a reversible pump turbine with a total installed generating capacity of 250 MW; (g) a transformer hall; (h) a lower reservoir; (i) a ventilation shaft and ventilation building at the northern end of the lower reservoir; and (j) various ancillary access shafts and tunnels.

The rated capacity of the turbines and generators is one gigawatt. Upon completion of the four stages, the proposed project would generate a maximum of 2,080 gigawatt-hours annually. The proposed project would also include two parallel 10.60 mile-long, 500-kV transmission lines interconnecting with the proposed Jefferson Substation, located approximately 5.3 miles north-northwest of Mr. Hope Lake. The transmission line right-of-way would parallel an existing transmission line owned by Public Services Electric and Gas Company for 4.3 miles and would traverse mostly undeveloped forest lands, two lakes and five streams. The primary transmission line of the proposed project would be located in part on federal land. Specifically, the transmission line would traverse a portion of the northern and eastern edge of the U.S. Army's Picatinny Arsenal for a total of approximately 2.4 miles.

k. *Location of Applications:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site 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, call toll-free 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. For TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item g above.

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

m. *Competing Preliminary Permit—* Anyone desiring to file a competing application for preliminary permit for a

proposed project must submit the competing application itself, or a notice of intent to file such an application, to the Commission on or before the specified comment date for the particular application (see 18 CFR 4.36). Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing preliminary permit application no later than 30 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing preliminary permit application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

n. **Competing Development Application**—Any qualified development applicant desiring to file a competing development application must submit to the Commission, on or before a specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent to file a development application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

o. **Notice of Intent**—A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

p. **Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit**—A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

q. **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.

r. **Filing and Service of Responsive Documents**—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION", "COMPETING APPLICATION", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Hydropower Administration and Compliance, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

s. **Agency Comments**—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Philis J. Posey,

Deputy Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; EPA's In-Use Vehicle Testing Programs; EPA ICR No. 0222.08, OMB Control No. 2060-0086

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 September 30, 2007. 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 June 19, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2007-0286, by one of the following methods:

- www.regulations.gov: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- *Fax:* (202) 566-1741

- *Mail:* EPA-HQ-OAR-2007-0286, Environmental Protection Agency, Mailcode: 6102T, Docket1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

- *Hand Delivery:* Docket Center, (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. 20460. 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-OAR-2007-0286. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at 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 www.regulations.gov or e-mail. The 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 e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through www.regulations.gov your e-mail 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,