

balances of the Loans offered by such Lender multiplied by the percentage which the Lender's FFELP Loan volume originated in the 2007–2008 academic year bears to the FFELP Loan volume originated in the 2007–2008 academic year by all Lenders that submitted qualifying offers to sell Loans in the same week.” is deleted and replaced with the following:

If the amount needed to purchase all Eligible Loans in qualifying offers in a given week exceeds \$500 million, the Department will determine the total outstanding principal amount of Stafford and PLUS loans made for the 2007–2008 academic year that are held by all Lenders that submit qualifying offers to sell loans for that week, and the percentage of that total amount held by each of those Lenders. The Department will then multiply \$500 million by each Lender's percentage of that total. To purchase Eligible Loans offered for sale by a Lender, the Department will spend the resulting amount determined for that Lender, or such lesser amount as needed to purchase all Eligible Loans offered for sale by that Lender.

3. The first sentence of section 5B(iii)(4) of the Master Loan Sale Agreement on page 73282 of the December 2 Notice is revised by adding, after the words “to provide Loan Documents” the words “described in section 3Q(xi), (xii), and (xiii)”.

*Applicable Program Regulations:* 34 CFR part 682.

*Program Authority:* 20 U.S.C. 1087i–1.

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(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 84.032 Federal Family Education Loan Program)

Dated: December 11, 2008.

**Kent Talbert,**

*Acting Under Secretary for Education.*

Dated: December 12, 2008.

**Karthik Ramanathan,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13305–000]

#### Whitestone Power and Communications; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

December 11, 2008.

On October 20, 2008, Whitestone Power and Communications filed an application, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Microturbine Hydrokinetic River-In-Stream Energy Conversion Power Project, located in the Tanana River, within the Unorganized Borough, near Delta Junction, Alaska. The project uses no dam or impoundment.

The proposed project would consist of: (1) 1 hydrokinetic turbine generating unit, with a total installed capacity of 25 kilowatts, (2) a proposed 3000-foot-long, 12.47-kilovolt transmission line, and (3) appurtenant facilities. The project is estimated to have an annual generation of 65 megawatt-hours, which would be used by the applicant.

*Applicant Contact:* Mr. Steven Selvaggio, Whitestone Community Association, Whitestone Power and Communications, PO Box 1630, Delta Junction, Alaska 99737, phone: (907) 895–4938.

*FERC Contact:* Kelly T. Houff (202) 502–6393.

*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. 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 under the “e-Filing” link. If unable to be filed

electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and eight copies should be mailed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. For more information on how to submit these types of filings please go to the Commission's Web site located at <http://www.ferc.gov/filing-comments.asp>. More information about this project 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–13305) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1–866–208–3372.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER09–352–000]

#### West Valley Holdings, LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

December 11, 2008.

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of West Valley Holdings, LLC's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR Part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR Part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is December 30, 2008.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic

service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St. NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above-referenced proceeding are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

Secretary.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8754-1]

### Office of Research and Development; Ambient Air Monitoring Reference and Equivalent Methods: Designation of a New Reference Method

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of the designation of a new reference method for monitoring ambient air quality.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has designated, in accordance with 40 CFR Part 53, a new reference method for measuring mass concentrations of coarse particulate matter (PM<sub>10-2.5</sub>) in the ambient air.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Surender Kaushik, Human Exposure and Atmospheric Sciences Division (MD-D205-03), National Exposure Research Laboratory, U.S. EPA, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711. Phone: (919) 541-5691, e-mail: [Kaushik.Surender@epa.gov](mailto:Kaushik.Surender@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with regulations at 40 CFR

Part 53, the EPA evaluates various methods for monitoring the concentrations of those ambient air pollutants for which EPA has established National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQSs) as set forth in 40 CFR Part 50. Monitoring methods that are determined to meet specific requirements for adequacy are designated by the EPA as either reference methods or equivalent methods (as applicable), thereby permitting their use under 40 CFR Part 58 by States and other agencies for determining attainment of the NAAQSs.

The EPA hereby announces the designation of a new reference method for measuring mass concentrations of coarse particulate matter (PM<sub>10-2.5</sub>) in the ambient air. This designation is made under the provisions of 40 CFR Part 53, as amended on December 18, 2006 (71 FR 61271).

The new reference method for PM<sub>10-2.5</sub> is a manual method that utilizes a pair of FRM samplers that has already been designated as PM<sub>2.5</sub> (RFPS-0498-116) and PM<sub>10c</sub> (RFPS-1298-125), and the requirements specified in Appendix O of 40 CFR Part 50. The newly designated PM<sub>10-2.5</sub> reference method is identified as follows:

RFPS-1208-173, "BGI Incorporated Model PQ200 PM<sub>10-2.5</sub> sampler pair for the determination of coarse particulate matter as PM<sub>10-2.5</sub> consisting of a pair of BGI Model PQ200 samplers, with one configured for sampling PM<sub>2.5</sub> (RFPS-0498-116) and the other configured for sampling PM<sub>10c</sub> (RFPS-1298-125) with the PM<sub>2.5</sub> separator replaced with a BGI WINS Eliminator and operated in accordance with the Model PQ200 Instruction manual supplement Appendix O.

An application for a reference method determination for the candidate method was received by the EPA on July 31, 2008. The sampler pair is commercially available from the applicant, BGI Incorporated, 58 Guinan Street, Waltham, MA 02451, USA (<http://www.bgiusa.com>).

After reviewing the information submitted by the applicant in the application, EPA has determined, in accordance with CFR Parts 53 (as amended on October 17, 2006), that this method should be designated as a reference method. The information submitted by the applicant in the application will be kept on file, either at EPA's National Exposure Research Laboratory, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711 or in an approved archive storage facility, and will be available for inspection (with advance notice) to the extent consistent with 40 CFR Part 2 (EPA's regulations

implementing the Freedom of Information Act).

As a designated reference method, this method is acceptable for use by states and other air monitoring agencies under the requirements of 40 CFR Part 58, Ambient Air Quality Surveillance. For such purposes, the method must be used in strict accordance with the operation or instruction manual associated with the method and subject to any specifications and limitations (e.g., configuration or operational settings) specified in the applicable designation method description (see the identifications of the method above).

Use of the method should also be in general accordance with the guidance and recommendations of applicable sections of the "Quality Assurance Handbook for Air Pollution Measurement Systems, Volume I," EPA/600/R-94/038a and "Quality Assurance Handbook for Air Pollution Measurement Systems, Volume II, Part 1," EPA-454/R-98-004 (available at <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/amtic/qabook.html>). Vendor modifications of a designated reference method used for purposes of Part 58 are permitted only with prior approval of the EPA, as provided in Part 53. Provisions concerning modification of such methods by users are specified under Section 2.8 (Modifications of Methods by Users) of Appendix C to 40 CFR Part 58.

In general, a method designation applies to any sampler or analyzer which is identical to the sampler or analyzer described in the application for designation. In some cases, similar samplers or analyzers manufactured prior to the designation may be upgraded or converted (e.g., by minor modification or by substitution of the approved operation or instruction manual) so as to be identical to the designated method and thus achieve designated status. The manufacturer should be consulted to determine the feasibility of such upgrading or conversion.

Part 53 requires that sellers of designated reference or equivalent method analyzers or samplers comply with certain conditions. These conditions are specified in 40 CFR 53.9 and are summarized below:

(a) A copy of the approved operation or instruction manual must accompany the sampler or analyzer when it is delivered to the ultimate purchaser.

(b) The sampler or analyzer must not generate any unreasonable hazard to operators or to the environment.

(c) The sampler or analyzer must function within the limits of the applicable performance specifications