generation of 74,555 megawatts-hours, which would be sold to a local utility.

Applicant Contact: Mr. Wayne F. Krouse, Managing Partner, Lock + Hydro Friends Fund X, 5090 Richmond Avenue #390, Houston, TX 77056, 877–556–6566 x709.

FERC Contact: John Ramer, (202) 502–8969.

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 paperfiled. 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-13514) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1 - 866 - 208 - 3372.

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### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

#### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13444-000]

McGinnis, Inc.; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

August 7, 2009.

On April 29, 2009, McGinnis, Inc. filed an application, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Willow Island Hydrokinetic Project, to be located on the Ohio River, in Washington County, Ohio and Pleasants County, West Virginia.

The proposed Willow Island Project would be located approximately 500 to 2,200 feet downstream of the U.S. Army

Corps of Engineers Willow Island Lock and Dam. The proposed project would consist of: (1) Ten turbine generators, with a total installed capacity of 350 kilowatts, mounted to a single barge attached to the riverbed; (2) an armored submarine cable to transmit power generated to a metering station and transformer on shore at the southeast side of the Willow Island Dam; (3) a new approximately 500-foot-long, or alternatively a new 1.26-mile-long, 13.2 kilovolt transmission line, which would extend from an existing substation to interconnect with the grid at the existing hydropower facility at the Willow Island Dam; and (4) appurtenant facilities. The Willow Island Project would have an estimated average annual generation of 1533 megawatts-hours, which would be distributed to the power grid or sold directly to industrial, commercial, or municipal users.

Applicant Contact: Mr. Bruce McGinnis, Sr., McGinnis, Inc., P.O. Box 534, 502 Second St. Ext., South Point, Ohio 45680, (740) 377–4391, bmcginnis@mcginnisinc.com.

FERC Contact: John Ramer, (202) 502–8969.

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 paperfiled. 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-13444) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3372.

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### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

# Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12680-003]

Ocean Renewable Power Company, LLC; Notice of Intent To File Hydrokinetic Pilot Project License Application, Filing of Draft Application, Request for Waivers of Integrated Licensing Process Regulations Necessary for Expedited Processing of a Pilot Project License Application, and Soliciting Comments

August 7, 2009.

- a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File an Application for an Original License for a Hydrokinetic Pilot Project.
  - b. Project No.: 12680-003.
  - c. Dated Filed: July 24, 2009.
- d. *Submitted By:* Ocean Renewable Power Company, LLC.
- e. Name of Project: ORPC Eastport Tidal Energy Project.
- f. Location: In Western Passage and Cobscook Bay in Eastport, Maine. The project would not occupy federal lands.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's regulations.
- h. Applicant Contact: Christopher R. Sauer, Ocean Renewable Power Company, 2 Portland Fish Pier, Suite 307, Portland, Maine 04101, (207) 772–7707.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Timothy Konnert (202) 502–6359.
- j. Ocean Renewable Power Company (ORPC) has filed with the Commission: (1) A notice of intent (NOI) to file an application for an original license for a kinetic hydropower pilot project and a draft license application with monitoring plans; (2) a request for waivers of the integrated licensing process regulations necessary for expedited processing of a hydrokinetic pilot project license application; (3) a proposed process plan and schedule; (4) a request to be designated as the nonfederal representative for section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) consultation; and (5) a request to be designated as the non-federal representative for section 106 consultation under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (collectively the pre-filing materials).
- k. With this notice, we are soliciting comments on the pre-filing materials listed in paragraph j above, including the draft pilot license application and monitoring plans. All comments should be sent to the address above in paragraph h. In addition, all comments (original and eight copies) must be filed with the Commission at the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary,

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. All filings with the Commission must include on the first page, the project name (ORPC Eastport Tidal Energy Project) and number (P-12680-003), and bear the heading "Comments on the proposed ORPC Eastport Tidal Energy Project." Any individual or entity interested in submitting comments on the pre-filing materials must do so by September 8, 2009.

Comments may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (http:// www.ferc.gov) under the "e-filing" link.

l. With this notice, we are approving ORPC's request to be designated as the non-federal representative for section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and its request to initiate consultation under section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act; and recommending that it begin informal consultation with: (a) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service as required by section 7 of ESA; and (b) the New York State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, NHPA, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

m. This notice does not constitute the Commission's approval of ORPC's request to use the Pilot Project Licensing Procedures. Upon its review of the project's overall characteristics relative to the pilot project criteria, the draft license application contents, and any comments filed, the Commission will determine whether there is adequate information to conclude the pre-filing process.

n. The proposed ORPC Eastport Tidal Energy Project would consist of: (1) A single 1-megawatt (MW) hydrokinetic device in Cobscook Bay during Phase 1; (2) four additional 1–MW hydrokinetic devices in Western Passage during Phase 2; (3) underwater bundled cables from each device that would interconnect with a control room and station located on shore, one at Western Passage and one at Cobscook Bay; (4) a transmission line connecting the shore stations to the Eastport electrical grid; and (5) appurtenant facilities for operating and maintaining the project. The estimated annual generation of the proposed project during Phase 1 is 2,760 megawatt-hours (MWh) and 15,000 MWh during Phase 2.

o. A copy of the draft license application and all pre-filing materials are available for review at the

Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site (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, contact FERC Online Support at FERCONlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, of for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.

p. Pre-filing process schedule. The pre-filing process will be conducted pursuant to the following tentative schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Date
Comments on pre-fil- ing materials due.	September 8, 2009.
Issuance of meeting notice (if needed).	September 23, 2009.
Public meeting/tech- nical conference (if needed).	October 23, 2009.
Issuance of notice concluding pre-filing process and ILP waiver request de- termination.	October 8, 2009 (if no meeting is needed) November 9, 2009 (if meeting is need- ed).

q. Register online at http://ferc.gov/ esubscribenow.htm to be notified via email of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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Deputy Secretary.

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### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

## **Federal Energy Regulatory** Commission

[Project No. 516-459]

# South Carolina Electric & Gas Company; Notice of Settlement Agreement and Soliciting Comments

August 7, 2009.

Take notice that the following Settlement Agreement (Settlement) has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. Type of Application: Settlement Agreement.

- b. Project No.: P-516-459.
- c. Date filed: July 31, 2009.
- d. Applicant: South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SC Electric & Gas).
- e. Name of Project: Saluda Hydroelectric Project.

- f. Location: On the Saluda River in Richland, Lexington, Saluda, and Newberry counties, South Carolina. The project does not occupy any federal lands.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Rule 602 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.602.
- h. Applicant Contact: Mr. James M. Landreth, Vice President, Fossil/Hydro Operations South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, 111 Research Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29203; or Mr. William R. Argentieri, Manager-Civil Engineering, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, 111 Research Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29203, (803) 217-9162.
- i. FERC Contact: Lee Emery at (202) 502–8379, or e-mail at lee.emery@ferc.gov.
- j. Deadline for Filing Comments: The deadline for filing comments on the Settlement Agreement is 53 days from the date of this notice (September 29, 2009). The deadline for filing reply comments is 98 days from the date of this notice (November 13, 2009). 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.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all participants filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if a participant 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.

Comments may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions of the Commission's Web site (http:// www.ferc.gov) under the "e-filing" link. For a simpler method of submitting text only comments, click on "Quick Comment.'

k. SC Electric & Gas filed a comprehensive settlement agreement (Agreement) on behalf of itself, American Rivers, American Whitewater, Capitol City Lake Murray Country, Catawba Indian Nation, City of Columbia Fire and Rescue, City of Columbia Parks and Recreation, Coastal Conservation League, Lake Murray Association, Lake Murray Docks, Lake Murray Homeowners Coalition, Lake Murray Power Squadron, Lake Watch, Lake Murray Chamber of Commerce, Midlands Striper Club, Riverbanks Zoo