

- Update on DOE Biomass R&D Activities.
- Presentation from the Biomass R&D Board.
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**Public Participation:** In keeping with procedures, members of the public are welcome to observe the business of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee. To attend the meeting and/or to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Laura McCann (formerly Neal) at 202–586–7766; *E-mail:* [laura.neal@ee.doe.gov](mailto:laura.neal@ee.doe.gov) or T.J. Heibel at (410) 997–7778 ext. 223; *E-mail:* [theibel@bcs-hq.com](mailto:theibel@bcs-hq.com). You must make your request for an oral statement at least 5 business days before the meeting. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chair of the Committee will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. The Chair will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and copying at <http://www.brdisolutions.com/publications/default.aspx#meetings>.

Issued at Washington, DC on October 29, 2009.

**Rachel Samuel,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12576–004]

#### CRD Hydroelectric, LLC; Notice Soliciting Scoping Comments

October 29, 2009.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Original Major License.

b. *Project No.:* P–12576–004.

c. *Date filed:* February 24, 2009.

d. *Applicant:* CRD Hydroelectric, LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Red Rock Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Des Moines River, in Marion County, Iowa. The project would be located at U.S. Army Corps of Engineer facilities.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Douglas A. Spaulding, Nelson Energy LLC, 8441 Wayzata Blvd., Suite 101, Golden Valley, MN 55426; (952) 544–8133.

i. *FERC Contact:* Timothy Konnert, [Timothy.Konnert@ferc.gov](mailto:Timothy.Konnert@ferc.gov), (202) 502–6359.

j. *Deadline for filing scoping comments:* November 30, 2009.

All documents 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/ferconline.asp>) under the “eFiling” link. For a simpler method of submitting text only comments, click on “Quick Comment.” For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov); call toll-free at (866) 208–3676; or, for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and eight copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission’s Rules of Practice require all intervenors 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 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.

k. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

The proposed Red Rock Hydroelectric Project would be located at the existing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Red Rock dam, which was constructed by the Corps in 1969 for flood control. The existing Corps facilities consist of: (1) A 110-foot-high, 6,260-foot-long earth-fill dam with a 241-foot-long gated ogee spillway equipped with five 45-foot-high tainter gates; and (2) a 15,253-acre reservoir with a normal conservation pool water surface

elevation of 742.0 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929.

The proposed project would utilize the head created by the existing Corps dam and consist of: (1) A new 127-foot-long by 19-foot-wide intake structure connected to; (2) three new 19-foot-diameter, 211-foot-long penstocks passing through the left side of the spillway leading to; (3) a new 59-foot-long by 132-foot-wide powerhouse located directly downstream of the existing spillway structure containing three new 12.13-megawatt (MW) generating units with a total generating capacity of 36.4 MW; (4) a new 8.4-mile-long, 69-kilovolt transmission line; and (5) appurtenant facilities. The estimated average annual generation would be 158,000 megawatt-hours.

The project would be operated in run-of-river mode and use flows released by the Corps in accordance with its present operations.

l. A copy of the application is available for review 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 address the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support. A copy is available for inspection and reproduction at the address in Item h above.

m. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. **Scoping Process**

The Commission staff intends to prepare a single Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Red Rock Hydroelectric Project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The EA will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts and reasonable alternatives to the proposed action.

Commission staff does not propose to conduct any on-site scoping meetings at this time. Instead, we are soliciting comments, recommendations, and information, on the Scoping Document (SD) issued on October 29, 2009.

Copies of the SD outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the EA were distributed to the parties on the Commission’s mailing list and the applicant’s distribution list. Copies of the SD may be viewed on the Web 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 1-866-208-3676 or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2407-132]

#### Alabama Power Company; Notice of Application for Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

October 29, 2009.

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

a. *Application Type:* Request for Waiver.

b. *Project No.:* 2407-132.

c. *Date Filed:* October 28, 2009.

d. *Applicant:* Alabama Power Company.

e. *Name of Project:* The Yates and Thurlow Project.

f. *Location of Project:* The Yates and Thurlow Project is located on the Tallapoosa River in Tallapoosa and Elmore Counties, Alabama.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Keith Bryant, Alabama Power Company, 600 N. 18th Street, Birmingham, AL 35203-8180, (205) 257-1403.

i. *FERC Contact:* Henry Woo, (202) 502-8872.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, protests, or motions to intervene:* November 20, 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.

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 at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

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. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

k. *Background and Description of Request:* The Alabama Power Company (APC) is requesting a temporary variance of the reservoir drawdown limits of the Yates and Thurlow Project license. Article 402 of the license requires that the licensee operate the project so that maximum drawdowns do not exceed 1 foot at the Thurlow impoundment below normal pool elevation of 288.7 feet mean sea level. Limits on impoundment elevations may be temporarily modified for short periods for project maintenance purposes upon mutual agreement between the licensee and the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR). APC requests that it be allowed to draw down the Thurlow pool to within one foot of elevation 277.5 feet for a period not to exceed 90 days between December 1, 2009 and March 15, 2010. Included in APC's request was concurrence received from the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

By order issued April 1, 1996, the Commission defined a temporary modification as a few weeks or less. Therefore, the licensee cannot use the provisions of article 402 to authorize the long term suspension of the drawdown limitation. Such a long-term modification would be an amendment of license and must be processed as such.

l. *Locations of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number (P-2407-132) in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should

so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *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.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents:* Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers.

p. *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.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Combined Notice of Filings #1

October 28, 2009.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

*Docket Numbers:* ER97-324-015.

*Applicants:* Detroit Edison Company.

*Description:* Quarterly Report of The Detroit Edison Company for the Third Quarter of 2009 Pursuant to 18 CFR 35.42(d).

*Filed Date:* 10/22/2009.

*Accession Number:* 20091022-5120.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, November 12, 2009.

*Docket Numbers:* ER97-870-016.

*Applicants:* Sunoco Power Marketing, LLC.

*Description:* Sunoco Power Marketing, LLC submits Order 697