

FERC-80	Number of respondents	Average number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours *
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1) x (2) x (3)
Annual, estimates—*Note: Total burden hours are averaged and spread over the 6-year collection cycle.	400	1	3	For one 6-year collection cycle, 1,200.

* For annual estimate, 1,200/6 = 200.

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents (spread over the 6-year collection cycle) is \$13,257.11 (200 hours/2,080 hours² per year, times \$137,874³).

The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information including: (1) Reviewing instructions; (2) developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, verifying, processing, maintaining, disclosing and providing information; (3) adjusting the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; (4) training personnel to respond to a collection of information; (5) searching data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information; and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

The estimate of cost for respondents is based upon salaries for professional and clerical support, as well as direct and indirect overhead costs. Direct costs include all costs directly attributable to providing this information, such as administrative costs and the cost for information technology. Indirect or overhead costs are costs incurred by an organization in support of its mission. These costs apply to activities which benefit the whole organization rather than any one particular function or activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the proposed collections of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the

collections of information on those who are to respond, including 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.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12745-002]

Modesto Irrigation District and Turlock Irrigation District; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Competing Applications

June 16, 2010.

On February 1, 2010, Modesto Irrigation District and Turlock Irrigation District filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Red Mountain Bar Pumped Storage Project located on the Tuolumne River, Don Pedro reservoir, in Tuolumne County, California. 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 owners' express permission.

The proposed pumped storage project would consist of the following new and existing facilities:

Alternative A (Single Speed Unit)—(1) An upper reservoir with a total active storage capacity of 34,000 acre-feet and a surface area of 244 acres at maximum normal water surface elevation of 1,570 feet above mean sea level (msl); (2) a one-half-mile-long, 34-foot-diameter tunnel to connect the upper reservoir

with the existing Don Pedro reservoir; (3) a powerhouse with pump/turbines having an installed capacity of approximately 900 megawatts (MW); (4) an intake on the existing Don Pedro reservoir, which would be used as the lower reservoir; and (5) a 47-mile-long, 230-kilovolt transmission line. Alternative A of the proposed project would have an annual generation of 1,573,000 megawatt-hours (MWh).

Alternative B (Variable Speed Unit)—(1) An upper reservoir with a total active storage capacity of 34,000 acre-feet and a surface area of 244 acres at maximum normal water surface elevation of 1,570 feet msl; (2) a 1.1-mile-long, 37-foot-diameter tunnel to connect the upper reservoir with the existing Don Pedro reservoir; (3) a powerhouse with pump/turbines having an installed capacity of approximately 1,000 MW; (4) an intake on the existing Don Pedro reservoir, which would be used as the lower reservoir; and (5) a 47-mile-long, 230-kilovolt transmission line. Alternative B of the proposed project would have an annual generation of 1,747,000 MWh.

Applicant Contact: Donald H. Clarke, Law Offices of GKRSE, 1500 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005; phone: (202) 408-5400.

FERC Contact: Jim Hastreiter, 503-552-2760.

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/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; call toll-free at (866) 208-3676; or, for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. Although the

² Each year, an employee works an estimated 2,080 hours.

³ Estimated average annual cost per employee is \$137,874.

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.

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-12745) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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[Project No. 13794-000]

Thermalito Afterbay Hydro, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Competing Applications

June 16, 2010.

On May 21, 2010, Thermalito Afterbay Hydro, LLC filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Thermalito Afterbay Small Hydroelectric Project, located at the California Department of Resources' Thermalito afterbay dam on the Feather River, in Butte County, California. 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 owners' express permission.

The proposed project would consist of the following:

(1) A total of 5 to 6 generation sets installed at Thermalito afterbay dam and Thermalito afterbay outlet, with a total capacity of about 10 megawatts; (2) a switchyard and about 5 miles of 69 kilovolt (kV) transmission line to connect to PG&E's existing 69-kV transmission line at Thermalito pumping-generating plant; (3) a maintenance crane installed on top of each dam; and (4) a control station within 300 feet of the Thermalito

afterbay dam. The proposed project would have a total average annual generation of 57 gigawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: Magnús Jóhannesson, Thermalito Afterbay Hydro, LLC, 28605 Quailhill Drive, Ranch Palos Verdes, CA 90275; phone: (310) 699-6400.

FERC Contact: Jim Fargo, 202-502-6095.

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/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; 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.

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-13794) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP10-449-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application

June 16, 2010.

Take notice that on June 2, 2010, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124, filed with the

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an application under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the increase in certificated capacity at its Redfield storage field, located in Dallas County, Iowa, and to provide 2.0 Bcf of firm natural gas storage service at market-based rates, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Michael T. Loeffler, Senior Director, Certificates and External Affairs for Northern, 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124, at (402) 398-7103 or Bret Fritch, Senior Regulatory Analyst, at (402) 398-7140.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify Federal and State agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all Federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the