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i. *FERC Contact:* Mr. John Aedo, (415) 369-3335, john.aedo@ferc.gov.

j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protest: January 3, 2011.

All documents may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) or the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and seven copies should be mailed to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Commenters may submit comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments.

Please include the project number (P-1651-059) on any comments, motions, or protests filed.

k. *Description of Request:* Lower Valley Energy Inc. (licensee) is requesting approval to modify and delete various articles of its license for the Swift Creek Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 1651). Specifically, the licensee is requesting approval to delete article 411 from its project license, which requires it to conduct surveys to assess channel stability following regular flow maintenance releases. Further, the licensee is proposing to modify license article 413 which requires it to rework the pools between the upper project diversion and upper powerhouse to instead conduct dredging in the lower project reservoir to improve fish habitat. The licensee is also proposing to modify license article 414 which requires it to coordinate with various entities to reestablish trout stocking at the project and conduct creel surveys to instead construct community fishing piers at the upper and lower reservoirs and a handicap accessible ramp at the lower project reservoir.

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/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits 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, 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:* All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). All comments, motions to intervene, or protests should relate to project works which are the subject of the proposed license amendment. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. If an intervener 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 all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the

Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13878-000]

Kahawai Power 1, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

December 3, 2010.

On November 12, 2010, Kahawai Power 1, LLC filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the Hanalei River Hydroelectric Project (Hanalei River) to be located on the Hanalei River, Pekoa Stream, Kaapahu Stream, and Kaiwa Stream in the vicinity of Hanalei, Hawaii. 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 will consist of the following: (1) A 80-foot-long, 15-foot-high concrete diversion weir and intake structure on the Hanalei River creating a reservoir with a storage capacity of 7.7-acre-feet; (2) a 23,500-foot-long, 3.5-foot-diameter main steel penstock running from the Hanalei diversion weir to the powerhouse; (3) a 35-foot-long, 5-foot-high concrete diversion weir with intake structure located on the Kaiwa Stream creating a reservoir with a storage capacity of less than 0.25 acre-feet; (4) a 1,100-foot-long, 2-foot-diameter steel feeder penstock from the Kaiwa intake structure to the main penstock; (5) a 35-foot-long, 5-foot-high concrete diversion weir with intake structure located on the Kaapahu Stream creating a reservoir with a storage capacity of less than 0.25 acre-feet; (6) a 2,800-foot-long, 2-foot-diameter steel feeder penstock from the Kaapahu intake to the main penstock; (7) a 35-foot-long, 5-foot-high concrete diversion weir with intake structure located on the Pekoa Stream creating a

reservoir with a storage capacity of less than 0.25 acre-feet; (8) a 1,700-foot-long, 2-foot-diameter steel feeder penstock from the Peko intake to the main penstock; (9) a 60-foot-long, 40-foot-wide reinforced concrete powerhouse containing one 3.5-megawatt two-jet turgo turbine; (10) a substation with a 4.16/25-kilovolt (kV) three phase step-up transformer; (11) a one-mile-long, 25kV transmission line; and (12) appurtenant facilities. The estimated annual generation of the Hanalei River project would be 12.25 gigawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: Ramya Swaminathan, Kahawai Power 1, LLC, 33 Commercial Street, Gloucester, MA 01930; phone: (978) 283-2822.

FERC Contact: Kelly Wolcott (202) 502-6480.

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/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and seven 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 Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-13878-000) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP11-16-000]

Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC; Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Miami Mainline Loop Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

December 3, 2010.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Miami Mainline Loop Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC (FGT) in Miami-Dade County, Florida. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues need to be evaluated in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on January 3, 2011.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives are asked to notify their constituents of this planned project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings where compensation would be determined in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" was attached to the project notice FGT provided to landowners. This fact sheet addresses a number of typically-asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to

participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is also available for viewing on the FERC Web site <http://www.ferc.gov>.

Summary of the Proposed Project

FGT proposes to construct and operate 2.98 miles of 24-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline loop¹ in Miami-Dade County, Florida. The project would also include the installation of a pig launcher² at FGT's existing No. 22 Compressor Station in Miami-Dade County. According to FGT, the Miami Mainline Loop Project would provide FGT with the ability to maintain service to its existing customers during scheduled hydrostatic testing of its existing 18-inch mainline.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.³

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would disturb about 20 acres of land for the aboveground facilities and the pipeline. Following construction, about 8 acres would be maintained for permanent operation of the project's facilities; the remaining acreage would be restored and allowed to revert to former uses. About 76 percent of the proposed pipeline route would be constructed by the Horizontal Directional Drilling method to minimize surface disturbance along the proposed route.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us⁴ to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this

¹ A loop is a segment of pipeline that is usually installed adjacent to an existing pipeline and connected to it at both ends. The loop allows more gas to be moved through the system.

² A "pig" is a tool that is inserted into and moves through the pipeline, and is used for cleaning the pipeline, internal inspections, or other purposes. A pig launcher is an aboveground facility where pigs are inserted into the pipeline.

³ The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the *Federal Register*. Copies of appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the link called "eLibrary" or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice.

⁴ "We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Commission's Office of Energy Projects.