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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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### Investing in Innovation Fund

**AGENCY:** Office of Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice announcing the location, dates, and times of pre-application meetings.

#### Overview Information

##### *Investing in Innovation Fund*

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Numbers:* 84.411A (Scale-up grants), 84.411B (Validation grants), and 84.411C (Development grants).

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Deputy Secretary for Innovation and Improvement announces pre-application meetings for the fiscal year (FY) 2011 Investing in Innovation Fund (i3) competition. The Department of Education (Department) published three notices inviting applications for the i3 program in the **Federal Register** on June 3, 2011 (76 FR 32148-32182). These notices include the priorities and selection criteria that the Department will use for the FY 2011 i3 competition. The Department published a separate notice inviting applications for each grant type—Scale-up, Validation, and Development—under the i3 program.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thelma Leenhouts, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4W302, Washington, DC 20202-5960. Telephone: (202) 453-7122; or by e-mail: [i3@ed.gov](mailto:i3@ed.gov).

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay Service, toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department intends to hold pre-application meetings designed to provide technical assistance to interested applicants for all three types of i3 grants (Scale-up, Validation, and Development). The Department will hold two pre-application meetings on June 17, 2011, in Washington, DC, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Eastern Time) and from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time). The Department will also hold one pre-application meeting on June 24, 2011, in San Francisco, California, from

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Pacific Time). The Department will hold another pre-application meeting on June 28, 2011, in Houston, Texas, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Central Time). Each of these four on-site pre-application meetings will also be transmitted live through the Internet as a webinar. Detailed information on the pre-application meetings, including registration information for the on-site meetings and webinars, specific location information for the on-site meetings, and information on how to notify the Department if an attendee will need special accommodations, is available on the i3 Web site at <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/innovation/index.html>.

**Accessible Format:** Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document in an accessible format (e.g., braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc) on request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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*Assistant Deputy Secretary for Innovation and Improvement.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Extension of Scoping Period for the Northern Pass Transmission Line Project Environmental Impact Statement

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Reopening of scoping period.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is reopening the public

scoping period for the Northern Pass Transmission Line Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) (DOE/EIS-0463). In anticipation of additional alternative route information being provided by Northern Pass, DOE is reopening the scoping period. DOE will determine the close of the scoping period once the additional routing information is received from Northern Pass, and DOE will provide at least 45 days for public review and scoping comments on any such routing information.

**DATES:** The reopened public scoping period starts with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** and will remain open until DOE provides further notice of its closing.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the scope of the EIS and requests to be added to the document mailing list should be addressed to: Brian Mills, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE-20), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; by electronic mail to [Brian.Mills@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Brian.Mills@hq.doe.gov); or by facsimile to 202-586-8008. For general information on the DOE NEPA process contact: Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (GC-54), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; by electronic mail at [askNEPA@hq.doe.gov](mailto:askNEPA@hq.doe.gov); by facsimile at 202-586-7031; or by phone at 202-586-4600, or leave a message at 800-472-2756.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on DOE's proposed action, contact Brian Mills by one of the methods listed in **ADDRESSES** above, or at 202-586-8267. For general information on the DOE NEPA process, contact Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom by one of the methods listed in **ADDRESSES** above. For information on the Forest Service's role as a cooperating agency, contact Tiffany Benna by electronic mail at [tbenna@fs.fed.us](mailto:tbenna@fs.fed.us); by phone at 603-536-6241; by facsimile at 603-536-3685; or by mail at 71 White Mountain Drive, Campton, NH 03223. For information on the Army Corps of Engineers' permit process, contact Erika Mark at 978-318-8250; by electronic mail at [Erika.L.Mark@usace.army.mil](mailto:Erika.L.Mark@usace.army.mil); or by mail at 696 Virginia Road, Concord, MA 01742. For information on the EPA role in the EIS, contact Timothy L. Timmermann by electronic mail at [timmermann.timothy@epa.gov](mailto:timmermann.timothy@epa.gov); by phone at 617-918-1025; or by mail at 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100, Boston, MA 02109-3912. Information on the EIS also is available at DOE's Web site for

the proposed action at <http://www.northernpasseis.us>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 11, 2011, DOE announced in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 7828) its intention to prepare an EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts from its proposed action of granting a Presidential Permit to Northern Pass Transmission, LLC, to construct, operate, maintain, and connect a new electric transmission line across the U.S.-Canada border in northern New Hampshire. The EIS will address the potential environmental impacts from the proposed action, no action and the range of reasonable alternatives. The U.S. Forest Service, White Mountain National Forest, the Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 1 are cooperating agencies.

DOE held seven public scoping meetings from March 14 to 20, 2011, in New Hampshire. The public scoping period closed on April 12, 2011. On April 15, 2011, DOE reopened the public scoping period until June 14, 2011, in response to public requests and to ensure that the public had ample opportunity to provide comments (76 FR 21338).

On April 12, 2011, Northern Pass submitted scoping comments stating that it was working to identify additional routing alternatives in the northern portion of the proposed route (the area within approximately 40 miles of the U.S.-Canada border). Northern Pass has not yet provided additional routing alternatives to DOE, but in anticipation of this information, DOE is reopening the public scoping period for an indefinite period. DOE will determine the close of the scoping period once any additional routing information is received from Northern Pass. DOE will announce in the **Federal Register** any additional proposed routing alternatives submitted by Northern Pass, the locations, dates and times of any additional scoping meetings, as well as the end of the scoping period. The scoping period will close no sooner than 45 days after DOE publishes the above notice in the **Federal Register**.

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 9, 2011.

**Anthony J. Como,**

*Director, Permitting and Siting, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2545-148]

#### Avista Corporation; Notice of Application for Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

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

- a. *Application Type:* Amendment of License.
- b. *Project No.:* 2545-148.
- c. *Date Filed:* April 15, 2011.
- d. *Applicant:* Avista Corporation.
- e. *Name of Project:* Spokane River Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the Spokane River in Spokane, Lincoln, and Stevens Counties, Washington, and in Kootenai and Benewah Counties, Idaho.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. John Hamill, Avista Corporation, P.O. Box 3727, Spokane, WA 99220-3727, (509) 495-4611, or Ms. Michele Drake, Avista Corporation, P.O. Box 3727, Spokane, WA 99220-3727, (509) 495-8941.

i. *FERC Contact:* Kelly Houff, (202) 502-6393, [Kelly.Houff@ferc.gov](mailto:Kelly.Houff@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests:* July 8, 2011.

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/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.

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 whose name appears 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. *Description of Application:* The applicant seeks approval to replace the existing turbine/generator Unit Nos. 1 and 2 at the Nine Mile Development, with a combined hydraulic capacity of 2,600 cfs and a combined nameplate capacity of 6.4 MW, with a two new turbine/generator units, having a combined hydraulic capacity of 3,700 cfs and a combined nameplate capacity of 15.6 MW. The replacement of the Units 1 and 2 will increase the total project generation from 137.67 MW to 146.87 MW, and increase total project hydraulic capacity from 23,550 cfs to 24,650 cfs.

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 (P-2545-148) excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

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.

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.

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. A copy of any motion to intervene must