

environmental assessment (EA) for the Sawgrass Storage Project, proposed by Sawgrass Storage LLC (Sawgrass) in the above-referenced docket. Sawgrass requests authorization to construct and operate a new natural gas storage facility and related pipeline facilities in a depleted natural gas reservoir located in Lincoln and Union Parishes, Louisiana. The project would provide a working gas storage capacity of 30 billion cubic feet.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Sawgrass Storage Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The proposed Sawgrass Storage Project includes the following facilities:

- five well pads with up to 16 horizontally drilled wells;
- five observation wells;
- approximately 5.2 miles of 20- and 24-inch-diameter gathering pipeline;
- approximately 13.9 miles of 30-inch-diameter mainline pipeline;
- a compressor station with approximately 19,000 horsepower of compression;
- an interconnect with Midcontinent Express Pipeline's interstate pipeline system; and
- appurtenant facilities.

The FERC staff mailed copies of the EA to Federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups; newspapers and libraries in the project area; and parties to this proceeding. In addition, the EA is available for public viewing on the FERC's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the eLibrary link. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at:

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8371.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that the

Commission has the opportunity to consider your comments prior to making its decision on this project, it is important that we receive your comments in Washington, DC on or before December 23, 2011.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to file your comments to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the project docket number (CP11-523-000) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or [efiling@ferc.gov](mailto:efiling@ferc.gov).

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the *eComment* feature on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the link to *Documents and Filings*. This is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can also file your comments electronically using the *eFiling* feature on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the link to *Documents and Filings*. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "*eRegister*." You must select the type of filing you are making. If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select "Comment on a Filing"; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments at the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).<sup>1</sup> Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision. The Commission grants affected landowners and others with environmental concerns intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which no other party can adequately represent. Simply filing environmental comments will not give you intervenor status, but you do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208-FERC, or on the FERC Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the

<sup>1</sup> See the previous discussion on the methods for filing comments.

eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search," and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (i.e., CP11-523). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm>.

Dated: November 23, 2011.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 176-018 & Project No. 176-035 California]

#### City of Escondido Vista Irrigation District; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for conduit exemption from licensing for the Bear Valley Powerhouse Project, to be located on the San Luis Rey River near the city of Escondido, California, and the application for surrender of license for the Escondido Hydroelectric Project, currently located on the San Luis Rey River. The Bear Valley Powerhouse Project is part of the existing Escondido Hydroelectric Project. Commission staff has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) that analyzes the potential environmental effects of the conduit exemption and surrender and concludes that issuing a conduit exemption for the Bear Valley Powerhouse Project and granting the surrender of the Escondido

Hydroelectric Project, with appropriate environmental measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. The EA may also 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 access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at 1-(866) 208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Please contact Carolyn Templeton by telephone at (202) 502-8785 or by email at [carolyn.templeton@ferc.gov](mailto:carolyn.templeton@ferc.gov) if you have any questions.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14325-000]

#### American River Power II, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Competing Applications

On November 10, 2011, American River Power II, LLC (AMP II) filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of a hydropower project located at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) Olmsted Lock & Dam, located on the Ohio River in Ballard County, Kentucky. 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 intake channel; (2) a powerhouse containing three generating unit with a total capacity of 63.0 megawatts; (3) a tailrace; (4) a 52,783-foot-long, 230.0 kilo-volt transmission line. The proposed project would have an average annual generation of 300.0 gigawatt-hours (GWh), and operate run-of-river utilizing surplus water from the Olmsted Lock & Dam, as directed by the Corps.

*Applicant Contact:* Mr. John P. Henry, American River Power II, LLC, 726 Eldridge Avenue, Collingswood, NJ 08107-1708. (856) 240-0707.

*FERC Contact:* Michael Spencer, [michael.spencer@ferc.gov](mailto:michael.spencer@ferc.gov), (202) 502-6093.

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 at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at 1-(866) 208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. 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-14325-000) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14309-000]

#### Apache Hydro LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On October 26, 2011, Apache Hydro 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 a pump storage hydropower project located on Dry Wash, Apache Canyon, in Hudspeth, Culberson, and Reeves Counties, Texas. 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:* (1) A 210-foot-high, 1,610-foot-long earth fill dam; (2) a 20-foot-high, 340-foot-long saddle dam; (3) an upper reservoir with a surface area of 134.0 acres and an 11,726 acre-foot storage capacity; (4) a 170-foot-high, 1,270.0-foot-long earth fill dam creating; (5) a lower reservoir with a surface area of 209.0 acres and an 14,139 acre-foot storage capacity; (6) one 32-foot-diameter, 2,713-foot-long penstock; (7) a bifurcation to four 11-foot-diameter, and 640-foot-long penstocks; (8) a powerhouse/pumping station containing four pump/generating units with a total generating capacity of 1,271 megawatts; (9) a substation; (10) a 208.0-mile-long, 345 kilo-Volt transmission line to an existing substation near Midland, Texas; and (11) existing roads will be upgraded for access to the project. The proposed project would have an average annual generation of 3,683.0 gigawatt-hours (GWh).

*Applicant Contact:* Mr. Vincent Lamarra, Symbiotics LLC, 975 South State Highway 89/91, Logan, UT 84321. (435) 752-2580.

*FERC Contact:* Michael Spencer, [michael.spencer@ferc.gov](mailto:michael.spencer@ferc.gov), (202) 502-6093.

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