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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-14309-000) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: November 23, 2011.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14300-000]

FFP Project 101 LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On October 3, 2011, FFP Project 101 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 hydropower project at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) Oologah Lake Dam, located on the Verdigris River, in Rogers County, Oklahoma. 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: (1) A 75-foot by 50-foot intake structure; (2) a 100-foot-long approach channel; (3) two 12-foot-diameter, 700-foot-long steel penstocks; (4) a powerhouse, located on the north side of the dam, containing two generating units with a total capacity of 20.0 megawatts; (5) a 230-foot-long, 100-foot-wide tailrace; (6) a 4.16/12.5 kilo-Volt (kV) substation; and (7) a 250-foot-long, 12.5 kV transmission line. The proposed project would have an average annual generation of 60.0 gigawatt-hours, and operate run-of-river utilizing surplus water from the Oologah Lake Dam, as directed by the Corps.

Applicant Contact: Ms. Ramya Swaminathan, Free Flow Power Corp., 239 Causeway Street, Suite 300, Boston, MA 02114. (978) 283-2822.

FERC Contact: Michael Spencer, 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 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.

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document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Notice

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission.

DATES: Date and Time: Tuesday, November 29, 2011 at 10 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC

STATUS: This meeting was closed to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Compliance matters pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g.

Audits conducted pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g, 438(b), and Title 26, U.S.C.

Matters concerning participation in civil actions or proceedings or arbitration.

Internal personnel rules and procedures or matters affecting a particular employee.

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PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:

Judith Ingram, Press Officer, Telephone: (202) 694-1220.

Shelley E. Garr,

Deputy Secretary of the Commission.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

[Docket No. 11-21]

Minto Explorations Ltd. v. Pacific and Arctic Railway and Navigation Company; Notice of Filing of Complaint and Assignment

Notice is given that a complaint has been filed with the Federal Maritime Commission (Commission) by Minto Explorations Ltd. (Minto), hereinafter "Complainant," against Pacific and Arctic Railway and Navigation Company ("PARN") or "Respondent". Complainant asserts that it is a Canadian corporation which is a "wholly owned subsidiary of Capstone Mining Corp." Complainant alleges that Respondent is an Alaska corporation which operates as a marine terminal operator.

Complainant alleges that Respondent's "dockage tariff, under which the vessels used by Minto pay a

higher per-foot dockage fee than other vessels” is unlawfully discriminatory. Complainant asserted this claim in the United States District Court for the District of Alaska, which court referred the claim to the Commission upon Respondent’s motion in that court “alleging that the dispute was within the Commission’s primary jurisdiction.” Thus Complainant alleges that Respondent has violated the Shipping Act of 1984 “by unreasonably prejudicing and disadvantaging Minto and unreasonably preferring and advantaging others in violation of 46 U.S.C. 41106(2), and by failing to establish, observe, and enforce just and reasonable regulations and practices relating to or connected with receiving, handling, storing, or delivering property, in violation of 46 U.S.C. 41102. Complainant also presents its state law discrimination claim at the direction of the District Court.

Complainant requests that Respondent be ordered “after due hearing, to answer the charges herein, to cease and desist from the aforesaid violations of the Shipping Act, to establish and put in force such practices as the Commission determines to be lawful and reasonable, and to pay Minto reparations for PARN’s violations of the Act, including the amount of the actual injury, plus interest, costs and attorneys fees, and any other damages to be determined; and that the Commission order any such other relief as it determines proper.” The full text of the complaint can be found in the Commission’s Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.fmc.gov>.

This proceeding has been assigned to the Office of Administrative Law Judges. Hearing in this matter, if any is held, shall commence within the time limitations prescribed in 46 CFR 502.61, and only after consideration has been given by the parties and the presiding officer to the use of alternative forms of dispute resolution. The hearing shall include oral testimony and cross-examination in the discretion of the presiding officer only upon proper showing that there are genuine issues of material fact that cannot be resolved on the basis of sworn statements, affidavits, depositions, or other documents or that the nature of the matter in issue is such that an oral hearing and cross-examination are necessary for the development of an adequate record. Pursuant to the further terms of 46 CFR 502.61, the initial decision of the presiding officer in this proceeding shall be issued by November 23, 2012 and the

final decision of the Commission shall be issued by March 25, 2013.

Karen V. Gregory,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the intention of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approve the proposed information collection project: “Use of Deliberative Methods to Enhance Public Engagement in the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality’s (AHRQ’s) Effective Healthcare (EHC) Program and Comparative Effectiveness Research (CER) Enterprise.” In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521, AHRQ invites the public to comment on this proposed information collection.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by January 30, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to: Doris Lefkowitz, Reports Clearance Officer, AHRQ, by email at doris.lefkowitz@AHRQ.hhs.gov.

Copies of the proposed collection plans, data collection instruments, and specific details on the estimated burden can be obtained from the AHRQ Reports Clearance Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doris Lefkowitz, AHRQ Reports Clearance Officer, (301) 427–1477, or by email at dorislefkowitz@AHRQ.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Project

Use of Deliberative Methods To Enhance Public Engagement in the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality’s (AHRQ’s) Effective Healthcare (EHC) Program and Comparative Effectiveness Research (CER) Enterprise

With this project, AHRQ seeks evidence on the feasibility and usefulness of public deliberation as an approach to obtaining public input on questions related to the conduct and use

of comparative effectiveness research (CER). Although stakeholder engagement has been central to the Effective Healthcare (EHC) program to date, public input has not traditionally been used to inform and guide broad strategies related to the use of evidence to inform decisions. This study would provide a research base to address this gap. This project closely ties to AHRQ’s efforts to improve the rigor of methods, as it will generate methodological evidence through a randomized controlled experiment comparing five distinct methods of public deliberation to find the most effective approaches for involving the general public, including members of AHRQ’s priority populations, in questions related to the research enterprise. Public deliberation is a strategy for engaging lay people in informing decisions when these decisions require consideration of values and ethics in addition to scientific evidence. It includes three core elements:

(1) Convening a group of people (either in person or via online technologies to connect people in remote locations),

(2) Educating the participants on the relevant issue(s) through dissemination of educational materials and/or the use of content experts, and

(3) Having the participants engage in a reason-based discussion, or deliberation, on all sides of the issue(s).

AHRQ wishes to study the effectiveness of public deliberation, because it offers the opportunity to obtain public input on complex topics in an environment that encourages participants to educate themselves about the topic and discuss it in a thoughtful, respectful manner. Information about the topic is intentionally neutral and respectful of the full range of underlying values and experience with healthcare issues in the population. This approach is designed to improve upon the sometimes superficial or “top of mind” responses that are often provided by public opinion surveys. AHRQ views public deliberation as a potential source of higher quality public input on issues fundamental to the Agency’s mission, such as the best and most effective ways to use comparative effectiveness research, than has heretofore been available.

Several distinct deliberative methods have been developed and used previously. They share the three core elements of public deliberation, but differ on key features of implementation such as duration, whether they take place in-person or online, and the use of content experts. Although there is