

of the Scootney Inlet Drop Hydroelectric Project (Scootney Inlet Project or project) to be located on the Potholes East Canal, which is an inlet structure to the Scootney Reservoir, near Othello, Franklin County, Washington. 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) An approximately 200-foot-long, 100-foot-wide canal leading to a 100-foot-wide, 15-foot-high intake structure installed on the Potholes East Canal to divert flow from the canal to the penstock; (2) an 80-foot-long, 12-foot-diameter penstock from the intake structure to the powerhouse; (3) an approximately 20-foot-long, 50-foot-wide powerhouse containing a single S-turbine/generator unit rated at 1.7 megawatts at an average head of 14 feet; (4) a 150-foot-long tailrace returning flows from the powerhouse to the Potholes East Canal; (5) a substation at the powerhouse; (6) a 2,500-foot-long, 13.8-kilovolt transmission line which will connect with an existing distribution line; and (7) appurtenant facilities. The project will be located on federal lands, and would operate as run-of-release using irrigation flows provided by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District. The estimated annual generation of the Scootney Inlet Project would be 5.2 gigawatt-hours.

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Competing Application: This application competes with Project No. 14204-000 filed May 31, 2011, and with Project No. 14231, filed July 18, 2011. A notice was issued for both competing projects on August 10, 2011, and competing applications or notices of intent for competing applications had to be filed on or before October 9, 2011. Grand Coulee Authority filed a notice of intent to file a competing application for a preliminary permit on October 7, 2011.

Deadline for filing comments or motions to intervene: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Comments and motions to intervene 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.

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-14318-000) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1-(866) 208-3372.

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Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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Natural Currents Energy Services, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On July 18, 2011, Natural Currents Energy Services, LLC filed an application, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Cape May Tidal Energy Project, which would be located on the Cape May Canal in Cape May County, New Jersey. The proposed project would not use a dam or impoundment. 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) Installation of 10 to 30 NC Sea Dragon or Red Hawk tidal turbines at a rated capacity of 100 kilowatts, (2) an estimated 700 meters in length of additional transmission infrastructure, and (3) appurtenant facilities. The project is estimated to have an annual minimum generation of 3,504,000 kilowatt-hours with the installation of 10 units.

Applicant Contact: Mr. Roger Bason, Natural Currents Energy Services, LLC, 24 Roxanne Boulevard, Highland, New York 12561, (845) 691-4009.

FERC Contact: Woohee Choi (202) 502-6336.

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.

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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 the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-14232-000) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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