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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-13272) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13102-000]

#### Birch Power Company; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On December 1, 2011, Birch Power Company 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) Demopolis Lock and Dam, located on the Tombigbee River in Marengo County, Alabama. 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 100-foot-wide, 175-foot-long forebay channel; (2) a powerhouse, located on the north end of the dam, containing two generating units with a total capacity of 42.0 megawatts; (3) a 1,750-foot-long, 140-foot-wide tailrace; (4) a 1.8-mile-long, 115.0 kilo-volt transmission line. The proposed project would have an average annual generation of 191.6 gigawatt-hours (GWh), and operate run-of-river utilizing surplus water from the Demopolis Lock & Dam, as directed by the Corps.

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#### Notice of Commission Staff Attendance

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission hereby gives notice that members of the Commission's staff may attend the following meeting related to the transmission planning activities of the Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (SPP): Strategic Planning Committee Task Force on Order No. 1000 Meeting, February 10, 2012, 9-3 p.m., Local Time.

The above-referenced meeting will be held at: AEP Offices, 1201 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas 75201.

The above-referenced meeting is open to stakeholders.

Further information may be found at [www.spp.org](http://www.spp.org).

The discussions at the meetings described above may address matters at issue in the following proceedings:

- Docket No. ER09-35-001, *Tallgrass Transmission, LLC*
- Docket No. ER09-36-001, *Prairie Wind Transmission, LLC*
- Docket No. ER09-36-002, *Prairie Wind Transmission, LLC*
- Docket No. ER09-548-001, *ITC Great Plains, LLC*
- Docket No. ER11-4105-000, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
- Docket No. EL11-34-001, *Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.*
- Docket No. ER11-3967-002, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
- Docket No. ER11-3967-003, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*

For more information, contact Luciano Lima, Office of Energy Market Regulation, Federal Energy Regulatory