

to ensure continuity in the functioning of the Committee. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee will be appointed by the Assistant Secretary for EERE, from among the selected members, and the Committee is expected to meet approximately twice per year, or as necessary. Subcommittees may be formed to address appliance standards. Some Committee members may be appointed as special Government employees, experts in fields relevant to energy efficiency and appliance and commercial equipment standards; or as representatives of industry (including manufacturers and trade associations representing manufacturers, component manufacturers and related suppliers, and retailers), utilities, energy efficiency/environmental advocacy groups and consumers. Special Government employees will be subject to certain ethical restrictions and such members will be required to submit certain information in connection with the appointment process.

*Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations:* Qualified individuals can self-nominate or be nominated by any individual or organization. Nominators should submit (via email to [asrac@ee.doe.gov](mailto:asrac@ee.doe.gov)) on or before April 2, 2012, a description of the nominee's qualifications, including matters enabling the Department to make an informed decision, not limited to, the nominee's education and professional experience. Should more information be needed, DOE staff will contact the nominee, obtain information from the nominee's past affiliations or obtain information from publicly available sources, such as the internet. A selection team will review the nomination packages. This team will be comprised of representatives from several DOE Offices. The selection team will seek balanced viewpoints and consider many criteria, including: (a) Scientific or technical expertise, knowledge, and experience; (b) stakeholder representation; (c) availability and willingness to serve; and (d) skills working in committees, subcommittees and advisory panels. The selection team will make recommendations regarding membership to the Assistant Secretary for EERE. The Assistant Secretary for EERE will submit a list of recommended candidates to the Secretary of Energy for review and selection of Committee members.

Nominations are open to all individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical handicap, marital status, or sexual orientation. To ensure

that recommendations to the Committee take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by DOE, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. Please note, however, that Federally-registered lobbyists and individuals already serving on another Federal advisory committee are ineligible for nomination.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Cymbalsky, Designated Federal Officer, by telephone at (202) 287-1692.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 1, 2012.

**Carol A. Matthews,**  
*Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14308-001]

#### **Carbon Zero, LLC.; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission, Intent To Waive Solicitation of Additional Study Requests, and Intent To Approve of the Use of the Traditional Licensing Process**

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

- a. *Type of Application:* Original Minor License.
- b. *Project No.:* 14308-001.
- c. *Date filed:* February 17, 2012.
- d. *Applicant:* Carbon Zero, LLC.
- e. *Name of Project:* Vermont Tissue Mill Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* On the Walloomsac River, in the Town of Bennington, Bennington County, Vermont. The project would not occupy lands of the United States.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* William F. Scully, Carbon Zero, LLC., P.O. Box 338, North Bennington, VT 05257; (802) 442-0311; [wfscurly@gmail.com](mailto:wfscurly@gmail.com).
- i. *FERC Contact:* Amy K. Chang, (202) 502-2850, or email at [amy.chang@ferc.gov](mailto:amy.chang@ferc.gov).
- j. *Cooperating Agencies:* Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the

instructions for filing such requests described in item l below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. *See*, 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

k. The Commission previously solicited additional study requests on November 7, 2011. No studies were requested; therefore, the Commission is providing notice that it intends to waive solicitation of additional study requests on the application filed on February 17, 2012.

l. Deadline for filing comments on the use of the Traditional Licensing Process and requests for cooperating agency status: 30 days from the issuance of this notice.

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 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.

m. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. *Project Description:* Vermont Tissue Mill Hydroelectric Project would consist of two existing dams separated by a 400-foot-wide island and include: (1) An existing 15-foot-high, 85-foot-long primary dam with a spillway crest elevation of 555.0 feet above mean sea level (msl) topped with reinstalled 4-inch-high flashboards; (2) an existing 6-foot-high, 80-foot-long emergency spillway dam with a crest elevation of 555.5 feet above msl and a proposed 2.5-foot-high, 2.5-foot-wide minimum flow weir equipped with stop logs; (3) an existing 6-foot-high, 8-foot-wide flood gate located on the south abutment of the primary dam; (4) an existing 2,400-foot-long, 6.4-acre impoundment with a normal water surface elevation of 550 feet above msl; (5) an existing intake structure equipped with two 12-foot-high, 16-foot-wide flume openings equipped with stop log slots and new

trashracks connected to two water conveyance channels, one 12-foot-high, 35-foot-long and one 12-foot-high, 85-foot-long; (6) an existing powerhouse with two new Kaplan turbine generating units with a total installed capacity of 360 kilowatts; (7) a new 1.5-foot-diameter valve in the powerhouse that would discharge flows to the tailrace; and (8) a new buried 480-volt, 125-foot-long transmission line connecting the powerhouse to the regional grid. In addition to installing the new turbine generating units and new transmission line listed above, the applicant proposes to renovate and repair the trashracks and tailrace retaining wall, and excavate a new tailrace downstream of the primary dam. The project would be operated in a run-of-river mode and would generate an annual average of approximately 1,454 megawatt-hours.

o. Carbon Zero, LLC prepared an application for an exemption from licensing, which it subsequently revised and refiled on February 17, 2012, as an application for an original minor license with a request to use the Traditional Licensing Process (TLP). Based on the contents of the exemption and license applications, the TLP three-stage consultation process has been completed; therefore, the Commission is providing notice that it intends to approve Carbon Zero's request to use the TLP.

p. 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 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).

Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

q. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the Vermont State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), as required by 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36, CFR, at 800.4.

r. Procedural schedule: The application will be processed according to the following Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Issue Notice of Acceptance Issue Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis. Notice of the availability of the EA.	April 2012. May 2012. Nov. 2012.

Dated: March 2, 2012.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. EG12-16-000, EG12-17-000, EG12-18-000, EG12-19-000, EG12-20-000, EG12-21-000, EG12-22-000, EG12-23-000]

#### **Rocky Ridge Wind Project, LLC, Blackwell Wind, LLC, CPV Cimarron Renewable Energy Company, LLC, Minco Wind Interconnection Services, LLC, Shiloh III Lessee, LLC, California Ridge Wind Energy LLC, Perrin Ranch Wind, LLC, Erie Wind, LLC: Notice of Effectiveness of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status**

Take notice that during the month of February 2012, the status of the above-captioned entities as Exempt Wholesale Generators or Foreign Utility Companies became effective by operation of the Commission's regulations. 18 CFR 366.7(a).

Dated: March 2, 2012.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP11-515-000]

#### **Millennium Pipeline Company, LLC; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed: Minisink Compressor Project**

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Minisink Compressor Project, proposed by Millennium Pipeline Company, LLC (Millennium) in the above-referenced docket. Millennium requests authorization to construct and operate a

natural gas compressor station in Minisink, New York to increase deliveries to its interconnection with Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC at Ramapo, New York, to approximately 675,000 dekatherms per day.

This EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Minisink Compressor Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. Staff concludes that the proposed project, with appropriate mitigation, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Millennium's proposed Minisink Compressor Project consists of two 6,130-horsepower gas-fired compressor units that would be housed within a new building, as well as an access driveway, parking areas, a station control/auxiliary building, intake and exhaust silencers, turbine lube oil coolers, unit blowdown silencers, a filter-separator with a liquids tank, and an emergency electrical power generator. Pipeline facilities required for the project include approximately 545 feet of new 36-inch-diameter suction and discharge pipelines which would connect the compressor station to the existing mainline. A new mainline valve assembly would also be required on the existing pipeline located between the new suction and discharge pipelines.

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 ([www.ferc.gov](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