

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 14346-000]

Southern Energy, Inc.; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On January 11, 2012, Southern Energy, Inc. filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the Walker Lake Hydroelectric Project (Walker Lake Project or project) to be located on Walker Lake, near Haines, Haines Borough, Alaska. 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 utilize the existing Walker Lake and would consist of the following new features: (1) Two rockfilled dams approximately 15-foot-wide, 250- and 325-foot-long, respectively making usable capacity of Walker Lake to be 4,300 acre-feet at a normal maximum operating elevation of 1,195 feet mean sea level (msl); (2) a concrete spillway and diversion channel for controlled releases to Walker Creek; (3) a freestanding concrete intake and reservoir outlet works at elevation 1,170 feet msl diverting flow from the southeast dam into the penstock; (4) a 24-inch-diameter, 12,000-foot-long penstock, of which approximately 10,000 feet will be buried and 2,000 feet will be aboveground; (5) a powerhouse containing one generating unit rated for one megawatt at 780 feet of net head; (6) a 50-foot-long tailrace connecting the powerhouse with the Little Salmon River; (7) an underground 4-mile-long, 12.5-kilovolt (kV) transmission line extending from the project to a transmission line owned by Inside Passage Electric Cooperative (the point of interconnection); and (8) appurtenant facilities. The estimated annual generation of the Walker Lake Project would be 3,615 megawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: Mr. Darrell Maple, President, Lynn Canal Professional Services, 660 S. Oregon Street, Jacksonville, Oregon, 97530; phone: (541) 261-3764.

FERC Contact: Kelly Wolcott; phone: (202) 502-6480.

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.

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-14346) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: March 15, 2012.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notification of Public Teleconferences of the Science Advisory Board; Environmental Economics Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces public teleconferences of the SAB Environmental Economics Advisory Committee to conduct a review of EPA's

Draft White Paper "Retrospective Study of the Costs of EPA Regulations: An Interim Report" (March 2012).

DATES: The public teleconferences will be held on Thursday, April 19, 2012 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time), Friday, April 20, 2012 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time) and Thursday, July 12, 2012 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time).

ADDRESSES: The teleconferences will be conducted by telephone only.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public who wants further information concerning the meeting may contact Dr. Holly Stallworth, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA Science Advisory Board (1400R), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460; via telephone/voice mail (202) 564-2073; fax (202) 565-2098; or email at stallworth.holly@epa.gov. General information concerning the SAB can be found on the EPA Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App., notice is hereby given that the SAB Environmental Economics Advisory Committee (EEAC) will hold a public teleconferences to review the EPA draft report "Retrospective Study of the Costs of EPA Regulations: An Interim Report" (March 2012). The SAB was established pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 4365 to provide independent scientific and technical advice to the Administrator on the technical basis for Agency positions and regulations. The SAB is a Federal Advisory Committee chartered under FACA. The SAB will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conducts benefit-cost analyses of its rules and regulations. EPA strives to use the best available information to conduct its analyses. Benefit-cost analyses are by definition predictive, relying on *ex ante* or forecasted information. To improve future benefit-cost analyses, it is important to learn how well EPA's estimates compare with actual (*ex post*) costs and, if they differ substantially, to understand why. EPA's National Center for Environmental Economics has launched a series of case studies attempting to assess compliance costs retrospectively that, if successful, could help identify reasons for any systematic differences between *ex ante* and *ex post* cost estimates. The purpose is to identify potential improvements in the way in which *ex ante* analyses are

performed. EPA's draft "Retrospective Study of the Costs of EPA Regulations: An Interim Report" (March 2012) summarizes the work done to date, describes the methodologies employed thus far and discusses the numerous challenges faced in conducting these analyses. The report may be found at the SAB Web site (www.epa.gov/sab) and on the EPA Web site at <http://yosemite.epa.gov/ee/epa/eed.nsf/WebPages/RetroCost.html>). EPA has requested the SAB's review of its approach to assessing ex post costs as detailed in its draft paper.

Technical Contacts: Any questions concerning EPA's White Paper should be directed to Dr. Nathalie Simon, NCEE at (202) 566-2347 or simon.nathalie@epa.gov.

Availability of Meeting Materials: A meeting agenda, charge questions, and other materials for the teleconferences will be placed on the SAB Web site at www.epa.gov/sab.

Procedures for Providing Public Input: Public comment for consideration by EPA's federal advisory committees and panels has a different purpose from public comment provided to EPA program offices. Therefore, the process for submitting comments to a federal advisory committee is different from the process used to submit comments to an EPA program office. Federal advisory committees and panels, including scientific advisory committees, provide independent advice to EPA. Members of the public can submit relevant comments pertaining to the group conducting this advisory activity, EPA's charge, or meeting materials. Input from the public to the SAB will have the most impact if it consists of comments that provide specific scientific or technical information or analysis for the SAB to consider. Members of the public wishing to provide comment should contact the Designated Federal Officer for the relevant advisory committee directly. **Oral Statements:** In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a public teleconference will be limited to five minutes per speaker. To be placed on the public speaker list for the April 19, 2012 meeting, interested parties should notify Dr. Holly Stallworth, DFO, by email no later than April 12, 2012. To be placed on the public speaker list for the July 12, 2012 teleconference, interested parties should notify Dr. Holly Stallworth by July 5, 2012. **Written Statements:** Written statements for the April 19, 2012 teleconference should be received in the SAB Staff Office by April 12, 2012 so that the information may be made available to the SAB Panel for its consideration prior to this meeting.

Written statements for the July 12, 2012 teleconference should be received by July 5, 2012. Written statements should be supplied to the DFO via email (acceptable file format: Adobe Acrobat PDF, MS Word, WordPerfect, MS PowerPoint, or Rich Text files in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format).

Accessibility: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Dr. Stallworth at the phone number or email address noted above, preferably at least ten days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: March 14, 2012.

Vanessa T. Vu,

Director, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Information Collections Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the

PRA that does not display a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

DATES: Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before May 25, 2012. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all PRA comments to the Federal Communications Commission via email to PRA@fcc.gov and Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection, contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418-2918.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OMB Control Number: 3060-xxxx.

Title: Creation of a Low Power Radio Service and Amendment of Service and Eligibility Rules for FM Broadcast Translator Stations, Fourth Report and Order and Third Order on Reconsideration ("Fourth Report and Order"), MM Docket 99-25, MB Docket No. 07-172, RM-11338; Implementation of Application Caps.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: New collection.

Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or tribal government.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 300 respondents; 300 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 2 hours.

Frequency of Response: One-time reporting requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 600 hours.

Total Annual Costs: None.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority for this collection is contained in Sections 154(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: There is no need for confidentiality with this collection of information.

Privacy Impact Assessment(s): No impact(s).

Needs and Uses: On March 19, 2012, the Commission adopted a Fourth Report and Order and Third Order on Reconsideration ("Fourth Report and Order"), FCC 12-29. In the Fourth Report and Order, the Commission adopts the national and market-specific caps proposed in the Third Further Notice, FCC 11-105, and requires parties with more than 50 pending applications and/or more than one pending application in the markets identified in Appendix A of the Fourth