

jurisdictional rates of a public utility or natural gas company. Companies seeking this exemption file the FERC-65A. Commission regulations within 18 CFR 366.3 describe the criteria in more specificity.

FERC-65B (Waiver Notification of Holding Company Status)

Entities may file a FERC-65B pursuant to the notification procedures contained in 18 CFR 366.4 to obtain a

waiver from the requirement of providing the Commission with a FERC-65 if they meet the requirements in 18 CFR 366.3(c). Specifically, the Commission waives the requirement of providing it with a FERC 65 for any holding company with respect to one or more of the following: (1) Single-state holding company systems; (2) holding companies that own generating facilities that total 100 MW or less in size and are used fundamentally for their own load

or for sales to affiliated end-users; or (3) investors in independent transmission-only companies. Filings may be made in hardcopy or electronically through the Commission's Web site.

Type of Respondents: Holding company, Public utilities, natural gas companies, service companies.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*¹ The Commission estimates the total Public Reporting Burden for this information collection as:

FERC-65, FERC-65A, AND FERC-65B (IC12-5-000): NOTIFICATION OF HOLDING COMPANY STATUS, EXEMPTION NOTIFICATION, AND WAIVER NOTIFICATION

	Number of respondents (A)	Number of responses per respondent (B)	Total number of responses (A) × (B) = (C)	Average burden hours per response (D)	Estimated total annual burden (hours) (C) × (D)
FERC-65 Notification of Holding Company Status	8	1	8	3	24
FERC-65A Exemption Notification	1	1	1	1	1
FERC-65B Waiver Notification	0	1	0	1	0
Total	² N/A	² N/A	9	² N/A	25

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$1,725.35. [25 hours ÷ 2,080³ hours/year = 0.01202 years * \$143,540/year⁴ = \$1,725.35]

The estimated annual cost of filing the FERC-65, FERC-65A, and FERC-65B per response is \$191.71. [\$1,725.35 ÷ 9 responses = \$191.71/response]

Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden and cost of the collections of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collections of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: April 20, 2012.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12690-005]

Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County, WA; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Ready for Environmental Analysis, Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests, Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Fishway Prescriptions, and Waiving the Timing Requirement for Filing Competing Development Applications

Take notice that the following hydrokinetic pilot project license application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

- a. *Type of Application:* Pilot Project License.
- b. *Project No.:* 12690-005.
- c. *Date Filed:* March 1, 2012.
- d. *Applicant:* Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County, Washington (Snohomish PUD).
- e. *Name of Project:* Admiralty Inlet Pilot Tidal Project.
- f. *Location:* On the east side of Admiralty Inlet in Puget Sound, Washington, about 1 kilometer west of Whidbey Island, entirely within Island

County, Washington. The project would not occupy any federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-828(c).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Steven J. Klein, Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County, Washington, P.O. Box 1107, 2320 California Street, Everett, WA 98206-1107; (425) 783-8473.

i. *FERC Contact:* David Turner (202) 502-6091.

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests, comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and fishway prescriptions:* 30 days from the issuance of this notice; reply comments are due 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

Motions to intervene, protests, comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and fishway prescriptions 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

¹ Burden is defined as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. For further

explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, reference 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

² Not applicable.

³ 2,080 hours = 40 hours/week * 52 weeks (1 year).

⁴ Average annual salary per employee in 2012.

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.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. This application has been accepted for filing and is now ready for environmental analysis (EA).

l. *The Project Description:* The proposed Admiralty Inlet Pilot Tidal Project would consist of: (1) Two 19.7-foot-diameter Open-Centre turbines, supplied by OpenHydro Group Ltd., mounted on completely submerged gravity foundations; (2) two transmission cables which run from the turbines to the cable termination vault; (3) two transmission cables from the cable termination vault to the proposed cable control building; (4) a cable control building housing the power conditioning and monitoring equipment; (5) a transmission cable bringing power from the cable control building to an existing 12.47-kilovolt transmission line; and (6) appurtenant facilities for operation and maintenance. The estimated average annual generation of the project is 216,000 kilowatt-hours.

m. 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. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

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

n. Any one may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR

385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST," "MOTION TO INTERVENE," "COMMENTS," "REPLY COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "FISHWAY PRESCRIPTIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b) except to the extent that this notice establishes deadlines different from those in the regulation. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

o. *Procedural Schedule:*

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

Milestone	Due date
Filing of recommendations, terms and conditions, and fishway prescriptions.	May 23, 2012.
Commission issues Single EA.	July 23, 2012.
Comments on EA	August 22, 2012.

p. Waiver of deadline to file competing applications filed pursuant to a notice of intent (NOI):

Any qualified applicant desiring to file a competing application must submit to the Commission, on or before the specified intervention deadline date, a competing development application or

an NOI to file such an application. Section 4.36(b)(2) of the Commission's regulations, which allows 120 days from the specified intervention deadline date for interested parties to file competing development applications in which timely NOIs have been submitted, is hereby waived. Due to the expedited nature of the pilot project licensing procedures, the submission of a timely NOI will instead allow an interested person to file the competing development application no later than 30 days after the specified intervention deadline date. Applications for preliminary permits will not be accepted in response to this notice.

An NOI must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit a development application. An NOI must be served on the applicant named in this public notice.

Dated: April 23, 2012.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1256-031]

Loup River Public Power District; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Licensing and Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

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

a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.

b. *Project No.:* 1256-031.

c. *Date Filed:* April 16, 2012.

d. *Applicant:* Loup River Public Power District (Loup Power District).

e. *Name of Project:* Loup River Hydroelectric Project (Loup River Project).

f. *Location:* On the Loup River, Loup Canal (a diversion canal off the Loup River), and Platte River in Nance and Platte counties, Nebraska. The project does not occupy federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Neal Suess, President/CEO, Loup Power District, P.O. Box 988, 2404 15th Street,