

FERC-725: CERTIFICATION OF THE ERO⁴; PROCEDURES FOR ELECTRIC RELIABILITY STANDARDS—Continued

Type of respondent	Type of reporting requirement ⁴	Number of respondents (A)	Number of responses per respondent (B) ⁵	Total number of responses (A) × (B) = (C)	Average burden hours per response (D)	Estimated total annual burden (C) × (D)
Registered Entities	Standards Development.	.....	1	8	^a 4,142	33,134
	Other Reporting ...	8	1	8	1,040	8,320
	Stakeholder Survey.	.....	0.33	537	4	2,148
	Reliability Compliance.	1,627	1	1,627	^a 483	786,342
Subtotals:						
ERO	N/A ⁷					168,503
Regional						593,120
Registered						788,490
Total .....	.....	1,636	N/A ⁷	N/A ⁷	N/A ⁷	1,550,113

^a Rounded.

The Commission derived the figures above using NERC's Business Plan and Budget Submissions, NERC's Compliance, Enforcement and Monitoring Plans, NERC's Performance Assessments, other information on NERC's Web site (<http://www.nerc.com/>), and internal FERC staff estimates. See the appendix for more details regarding the burden estimates.⁸

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$115,655,020 (\$15,128,199 + \$46,121,011 + \$54,405,810).

ERO Cost: 168,503 hours @ \$89.78/hr = \$15,128,199.

Regional Entity Cost: 593,120 hours @ \$77.76/hr = \$46,121,011.

Registered Entity Cost: 788,490 hours @ \$69/hr = \$54,405,810.

The hourly cost figures are loaded (i.e. includes salary and other personnel costs). The Commission used NERC's 2012 Business Plan and internal FERC salary estimates for these cost figures.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collection of information is 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 collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection;

⁴In all instances below where the number of responses per respondent is "1" the Commission acknowledges that actual number of responses varies and cannot be estimated clearly.

⁷N/A = not applicable.

⁸The appendix will not be published in the *Federal Register*. The appendix is available in FERC's eLibrary system under the notice issuance in Docket No. IC12-11-000.

and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: June 27, 2012.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14395-000]

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

On April 24, 2012, 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 Fisher's Island Tidal Energy Project, which would be located on the Long Island Sound in Suffolk County, New York. 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 50 NC Sea Dragon

tidal turbines at a rated capacity of 100 kilowatts, (2) an estimated 12.6 kilometers in length of additional transmission infrastructure, and (3) appurtenant facilities. Initial estimated production would be a minimum of 17,520 megawatt hours per year with the installation of 50 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. 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 the Commission’s Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-14395) 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

[Docket No. DI12-5-000]

National Currents Energy Services, LLC; Notice of Declaration of Intention and Petition for Relief, and Soliciting Comments, Protests, and/or Motions To Intervene

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

a. *Application Type:* Declaration of Intention.

b. *Docket No.:* DI12-5-000.

c. *Date Filed:* March 29, 2012.

d. *Applicant:* National Currents Energy Services, LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Wards Island Tidal Energy Project.

f. *Location:* The proposed Wards Island Tidal Energy Project will be located off the south shore of Wards Island, in the Hell Gate Waterway near the junction of the Harlem River, East River, and Long Island Sound in the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, NY.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR part 24, section 24.1.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Roger Bason, President, National Currents Energy Services, LLC, 24 Roxanne Blvd., Highland, NY 12528; telephone: (845) 691-4008; email: www.rbason@naturalcurrents.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Henry Ecton, (202) 502-8768, or Email address: henry.ecton@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, protests, and/or motions:* July 27, 2012.

Comments, protests, 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 under the “eFiling” link. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and eight copies should be mailed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. For more information on how to submit these types of filings, please go to the Commission’s Web site located at <http://www.ferc.gov/filing-comments.asp>. Please include the docket number (DI12-5-000) on any comments, protests, and/or motions filed.

k. *Description of Project:* The proposed Wards Island Tidal Energy Project would consist of: (1) A 15-meter-long, 1.6-meter-diameter vessel mounted 150-kW Natural Currents Sea Dragon Tidal Turbine; (2) a vessel-based deployment Principal Project Works or Structural Support system; (3) six 40-foot-long steel support pilings; (4) a 50-meter-long subsea transmission line connecting to an electrical cabinet owned by the City of New York; and (5) appurtenant facilities.

l. *Petition for Declaration of Intention:* National Currents Energy Services, LLC asks that it be allowed, for a limited time, to deploy, test, and demonstrate the durability of the technology without obtaining a license under part I of the Federal Power Act. The project purpose is for scientific research, public education, and training. The experimental hydrokinetic turbine generator will be tested to determine its durability. The power produced by the project will be used for off-grid demonstration of innovative uses.

m. *Locations of the Application:* Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the Web 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. You may also 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, call 1-866-208-3676 or email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov; for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

n. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission’s mailing list should

so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

o. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene*—Anyone 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.

p. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents*—All filings must bear in all capital letters the title “COMMENTS”, “PROTESTS”, AND/OR “MOTIONS TO INTERVENE”, as applicable, and the Docket Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. A copy of any Motion to Intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

q. *Agency Comments*—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency’s comments must also be sent to the Applicant’s representatives.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

Docket Numbers: ER10-1894-004; ER10-1901-005; ER10-1882-001; ER10-3025-001; ER10-3036-001; ER10-3039-001; ER10-3042-001.

Applicants: Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, Upper Peninsula Power Company, Integrys Energy Services, Inc., Wisconsin River Power Company, Quest Energy, LLC, WPS Power Development, LLC, Combined Locks Energy Center, LLC.