

all affected landowners (as defined in the Commission's regulations) who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within certain distances of aboveground facilities, and anyone who submits comments on the project. We will update the environmental mailing list as the analysis proceeds to ensure that we send the information related to this environmental review to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project.

If we publish and distribute the EA, copies will be sent to the environmental mailing list for public review and comment. If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the document instead of the CD version or would like to remove your name from the mailing list, please return the attached Information Request (appendix 2).

#### Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an "intervenor" which is an official party to the Commission's proceeding. Intervenor's play a more formal role in the process and are able to file briefs, appear at hearings, and be heard by the courts if they choose to appeal the Commission's final ruling. An intervenor formally participates in the proceeding by filing a request to intervene. Instructions for becoming an intervenor are in the User's Guide under the "e-filing" link on the Commission's Web site.

#### Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208-FERC, or on the FERC Web site at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) using the "eLibrary" link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (i.e., CP13-23-000). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission now offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching

proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to [www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm](http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm).

Finally, public meetings or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at [www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx](http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx) along with other related information.

Dated: December 19, 2012.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14308-001-VT]

#### Carbon Zero, LLC; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for an original license for the Vermont Tissue Mill Hydroelectric Project, to be located on the Walloomsac River, in the town of Bennington, Bennington County, Vermont, and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA).

The EA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. The EA may also 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 documents. For assistance, 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. You may also 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.

Any comments on the EA should be filed within 30 days from the date of

this notice. Comments 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. 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, Washington, DC 20426. Please affix "Vermont Tissue Mill Hydroelectric Project No. 14308-001" to all comments.

For further information, contact Amy Chang at (202) 502-8250.

Dated: December 18, 2012.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14424-000]

#### Tlingit-Haida Regional Electric Authority; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments and Motions To Intervene

On June 12, 2012, Tlingit-Haida Regional Electric Authority (THREA) filed an application, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Walker Lake Hydroelectric 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 consist of: (1) Two rock-filled dams approximately 15-foot-wide, and 250- and 325-foot-long, respectively, creating a usable capacity of Walker Lake of

4,300 acre-feet at a normal maximum operating elevation of 1,195 feet above mean sea level (msl); (2) a concrete spillway and diversion channel for controlled releases to Walker Creek; (3) a concrete intake at elevation 1,170 feet msl diverting flow into the penstock; (4) a 24-inch-diameter, 11,000-foot-long penstock, of which approximately 10,000 feet would be buried and 1,000 feet would be above ground; (5) a powerhouse containing one generating unit with an installed capacity of one megawatt and 780 feet of net head; (6) a 50-foot-long tailrace connecting the powerhouse with the Little Salmon River; (7) a 4-mile-long, 12.5-kilovolt transmission line extending from the project to an interconnection location near the Klehini River Bridge; and (8) appurtenant facilities. The estimated annual generation of the Walker Lake Project would be 3,615 megawatt-hours.

*Applicant Contact:* Mr. Richard George, P.O. Box 40, Angoon, AK, 99820, phone (907) 788-3771.

*FERC Contact:* Matt Buhoff, (202) 502-6824.

*Competing Application:* This application competes with Project No. 14346-000 filed January 11, 2012. Competing applications or a notice of intent to file a competing application had to be filed on or before May 14, 2012. On May 11, 2012, THREA filed a notice of intent to file a competing application; therefore, its competing application had to be filed on or before June 13, 2012.

*Deadline for filing comments and motions to intervene:* 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Comments 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 <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.

More information about this project 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-14424) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3372.

Dated: December 19, 2012.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12119-000]

#### PowerWheel Associates; Notice of Termination of Exemption by Implied Surrender and Soliciting Comments and Motions To Intervene

Take notice that the following hydroelectric proceeding has been initiated by the Commission:

a. *Type of Proceeding:* Termination of Exemption by Implied Surrender.

b. *Project No.:* 12119-000.

c. *Date Initiated:* November 20, 2012.

d. *Exemptee:* PowerWheel Associates.

e. *Name and Location of Project:* The Powerwheel Demonstration Project is located on Semitropic Water Storage District's (SWSD) main intake canal at Station 70+50 in Kern County, California.

f. *Issued Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 6.4 (2011).

g. *Exemptee Contact Information:* Mr. Kenneth R. Broome, PowerWheel Associates, 100 Rocky Creek Road, Woodside, CA 94062; phone (650) 529-1810.

h. *FERC Contact:* Anthony DeLuca, (202) 502-6632.

i. *Deadline for filing comments, protests, and motions to intervene is 30 days from the issuance date of this notice. All documents may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and seven copies should be sent to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. 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. Please include the project number (P-12119-000) on any documents or motions filed.

j. *Description of Project Facilities:* The project consists of an existing concrete-lined canal, a waterwheel, 7 feet in external diameter, 3½ feet in internal diameter and 14½ feet long, that is operated in a "run-of-conduit" mode. It has one 75-kW generating unit installed at the sloping drop structure located at Station 70+50 of the Semitropic Water Storage District's (SWSD) main intake canal.

k. *Description of Proceeding:* The Powerwheel Demonstration Project was constructed by the exemptee in 2003. The project was built for demonstration purposes and not intended to be a permanent hydroelectric facility. In several letters to the Commission in 2010 and 2011, the exemptee requested removal of the project from Commission jurisdiction, and stated that it was previously dismantled and removed from the canal drop. Efforts by Commission staff to contact the exemptee to request a formal application to surrender the exemption have been unanswered.

l. This notice is available for review and reproduction at the Commission in the Public Reference Room, Room 2A, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The filing may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the Docket number (P-2927) in the docket number field to access the notice. 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 toll-free 1-866-208-3676 or email [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *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, 385.211, and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests 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 protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular proceeding.