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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EF13-4-000]

#### Western Area Power Administration; Notice of Filing

Take notice that on April 4, 2013, the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Energy submitted its Rate Order No. WAPA-157 concerning rate adjustment for the Pacific Northwest-Pacific Southwest Intertie Project, for confirmation and approval on a final basis, effective May 1, 2013, and ending April 30, 2018.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

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Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on May 6, 2013.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. TS13-2-000]

#### Minnesota Municipal Power Agency; Notice of Filing

Take notice that on April 18, 2013, Minnesota Municipal Power Agency filed its request for exemption from Part 358 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Regulations requiring compliance with the Commission's Standards of Conduct requirements set forth in Order 889,<sup>1</sup> as revised by Order Nos. 2001,<sup>2</sup> 690,<sup>3</sup> and 717,<sup>4</sup> by public utilities owning transmission facilities.

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<sup>1</sup> *Open Access Same-Time Information System and Standards of Conduct*, Order No. 889, 61 FR 21,737, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,035 (1996), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 889-A, 62 FR 12,484, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,049 (1997) (Order No. 889-A), *reh'g denied*, Order No. 889-B, 81 FERC ¶ 61,253 (1997), *aff'd* in relevant part sub nom. *Transmission Access Policy Study Group v. FERC*, 225 F.3d 667 (D.C. Cir. 2000).

<sup>2</sup> *Standards of Conduct for Transmission Providers*, Order No. 2004, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,155 (2003), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 2004-A, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,161, *order on reh'g*, Order No. 2004-B, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,166, *order on reh'g*, Order No. 2004-C, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,172 (2004), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 2004-D, 110 FERC ¶ 61,320 (2005), *vacated and remanded as it applies to natural gas pipelines sub nom. National Fuel Gas Supply Corp. v. FERC*, 468 F.3d 831 (D.C. Cir. 2006).

<sup>3</sup> *Standards of Conduct for Transmission Providers*, Order No. 690, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,237, *order on clarification*, Order No. 690-A, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,243 (2007).

<sup>4</sup> *Standards of Conduct for Transmission Providers*, Order No. 717, 73 FR 63,796, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,280 (2008), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 717-A, 129 FERC ¶ 61,043, *order on reh'g*, Order No. 717-B, 129 FERC ¶ 61,123 (2009), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 717-C, 131 FERC ¶ 61,045 (2010), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 717-D, 135 FERC ¶ 61,017 (2011).

comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 3730-004]

#### Henwood Associates, Inc.; Salmon Creek Hydroelectric Company; Notice of Transfer of Exemption

1. By letter filed April 18, 2013, Henwood Associates, Inc. and Salmon Creek Hydroelectric Company informed the Commission that the exemption from licensing for the Salmon Creek Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 3730, originally issued August 10, 1981,<sup>1</sup> has been transferred to Salmon Creek Hydroelectric Company. The project is located on Salmon and Sardine Creeks in Sierra County, California. The transfer of an exemption does not require Commission approval.

2. Mr. Mark Henwood, Salmon Creek Hydroelectric Company, located at 7311 Greenhaven Drive, Suite 275, Sacramento, CA 95831, is now the

<sup>1</sup> 16 FERC ¶ 62,209, Order Granting Exemption from Licensing of a Small Hydroelectric Project of 5 Megawatts or Less and Dismissing Application for Preliminary Permit.

exemptee of the Salmon Creek Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 3730.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9807-2]

### Draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems in the Middle Rio Grande Watershed in New Mexico (NMR04A000)

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed permit issuance and notice of public meetings, and public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** EPA Region 6 Water Quality Protection Division, today is proposing for public comment the issuance of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permit for storm water discharges from municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) located in the Middle Rio Grande Watershed in the State of New Mexico. This proposed permit offers discharge authorization to regulated MS4s within the boundaries of the Bureau of the Census-designated 2000 and 2010 Albuquerque Urbanized Areas and any other MS4s in the watershed designated by the Director as needing a MS4 permit. This permit is intended to replace both the individual NPDES Permit NMS000101 issued on January 31, 2012, and the expired general permits NMR040000 and NMR040001 for dischargers in this watershed area. The Director is also providing notice of public meetings and a public hearing to be held regarding today's proposed general permit.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted in writing to EPA on or before July 1, 2013.

**Proposed Documents:** The proposed general permit and fact sheet which sets forth principal facts and the significant factual, legal, and policy questions considered in the development of the proposed general permit, may be obtained via the Internet at <http://epa.gov/region6/water/npdes/sw/ms4/index.htm>.

To obtain hard copies of these documents or any other information in the administrative record, please contact Ms. Diane Smith using the contact information provided below.

### How do I comment on this proposal?

**Comment Submittals:** Submit your comments, by one of the following methods:

- **Email:** [smith.diane@epa.gov](mailto:smith.diane@epa.gov).
- **Mail:** Ms. Diane Smith, U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733.

**Administrative Record:** The proposed general permit and other related documents in the administrative record are on file and may be inspected any time between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays, at the addresses listed for submission of comments. It is recommended that you write or call to the contact above for an appointment, so the record(s) will be available at your convenience.

**Public Meetings and Public Hearing:** EPA will be holding two informal public meetings and one public hearing in the Albuquerque metropolitan area. The public meetings will include a presentation on the proposed general permit and a question and answer session. Written, but not oral, comments for the official permit record will be accepted at the public meetings. Written and oral comments for the official permit record will be accepted at the public hearing. Public notice of these meetings and the public hearing was provided in the Albuquerque Journal on Saturday, April 13, 2013.

**Meeting and Hearing:** EXPO New Mexico, African American Performing Art Center (AAPAC) Auditorium, 300 San Pedro Dr. NE., Albuquerque, NM 87108.

Time: Public Meeting from 6:00 p.m.; Public Hearing from 7:30 p.m.

Date: May 14, 2013.

**Meeting Only:** USDA Building, First Floor Conference Room, 6200 Jefferson St. NE., Albuquerque, NM 87109.

Time: Public Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Date: May 15, 2013.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Diane Smith, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733. Telephone: (214) 655-2145. Email address: [smith.diane@epa.gov](mailto:smith.diane@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *A. General Information*—This permit authorizes stormwater discharges to waters of the United States from MS4s within the Middle Rio Grande Watershed provided the MS4 is located fully or partially within the corporate boundary of the City of Albuquerque; is located fully or partially within an urbanized area as determined by the 2000 and 2010 Decennial Census; is designated as a regulated MS4 pursuant to 40 CFR

122.32; or this permit may also authorize an operator of a MS4 covered by this permit for discharges from areas of a regulated small MS4 located outside an Urbanized Areas or areas designated by the Director provided the permittee complies with all permit conditions in all areas covered under the permit. Maps of 2010 Census urbanized areas are available online at: <http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/urbanmaps.cfm>.

### B. Statutory and Regulatory History—

The overall intent of the permit conditions is to support the statutory goals of Section 101 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) to restore and maintain the chemical, physical and biological integrity for the Nation's waters. The 1987 Water Quality Act (WQA) amended the CWA by adding section 402(p) which requires that NPDES permits be issued for various categories of storm water discharges. Section 402(p)(2) requires permits for five categories of storm water discharges, commonly referred to as Phase I of the NPDES Storm Water Program. Included in Phase I are discharges from large municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) (systems serving a population of 250,000 or more). Phase I regulations published November 16, 1990 (55 FR 47990) addressed discharges from large MS4s including city of Albuquerque MS4, which includes all MS4s located within the corporate boundary of the city of Albuquerque.

Section 402(p)(6) of the CWA requires permitting for certain additional storm water discharges (Phase II of the storm water program) to protect water quality. EPA promulgated final Phase II storm water regulations on December 8, 1999 (64 FR 68722). These regulations set forth the additional categories of discharges to be permitted and the requirements of the program. The additional discharges to be permitted included small MS4s located in Urbanized Areas designated by the Bureau of the Census and those designated by the Director on a case-by-case basis to protect water quality. This proposed permit would combine coverage for both Phase I and Phase II regulated MS4s in the Albuquerque area into a single general permit.

The discharge control conditions established by this permit are based on Section 402(p)(3)(B) of the Act which mandates that a permit for discharges from both Phase I and II MS4s must effectively prohibit the discharge of non-stormwater to the MS4 and require controls to reduce pollutants in discharges from the MS4 to the maximum extent practicable (MEP) including management practices,