much inefficiency exists in the current process?

Discussion of these topics should highlight any advances made since last year's conference and provide context for any proposals or presentations on best practices, other analyses of current operations with respect to these and related topics, and provide opportunity to discuss existing practices that need improvement.

The technical conference will be held in conference rooms 3M–2, 3M–3, and 3M–4 at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission headquarters, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. All interested participants are invited to attend, and participants with ideas for relevant presentations are invited to nominate themselves to speak at the conference.

Speaker nominations must be submitted on or before April 16, 2014 through the Commission's Web site <sup>2</sup> by providing the proposed speaker's contact information along with a title, abstract, and list of contributing authors for the proposed presentation. Proposed presentations should be closely related to the topics discussed above. Speakers and presentations will be selected to ensure relevant topics and to accommodate time constraints.

Although registration is not required for general attendance by United States citizens, we encourage those planning to attend the conference to register through the Commission's Web site.<sup>3</sup> We will provide nametags for those who register on or before June 19, 2014.

Due to new security procedures, we strongly encourage attendees who are not citizens of the United States to register for the conference by June 2, 2014, in order to avoid any delay associated with being processed by FERC security.

The Commission will accept comments following the conference, with a deadline of July 31, 2014.

There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov*, or call 866 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call 202 502–8659.

A WebEx will be available. Off-site participants interested in listening via teleconference or listening and viewing the presentations through WebEx must

<sup>3</sup> The registration form is located at *https:// www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/real-market-6-*23-14-form.asp. register at *https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/real-market-6-23-14-form.asp*, and do so by 5:00 p.m. EST on June 16, 2014. WebEx and teleconferencing may not be available to those who do not register.

FERC conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations please send an email to *accessibility@ferc.gov* or call toll free (866) 208–3372 (voice) or (202) 502– 8659 (TTY), or send a fax to (202) 208– 2106 with the required accommodations.

For further information about these conferences, please contact:

Sarah McKinley (Logistical Information), Office of External Affairs, (202) 502–8004, Sarah.McKinley@ferc.gov.

Daniel Kheloussi (Technical Information), Office of Energy Policy and Innovation, (202) 502–6391, Daniel.Kheloussi@ferc.gov.

Dated: March 28, 2014.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2485-063]

# FirstLight Hydro Generating Company; Notice of Dispute Resolution Panel Meeting and Technical Conference

On March 28, 2014, Commission staff, in response to the filing of a Notice of Study Dispute by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) on March 13, 2014, convened a single three-person Dispute Resolution Panel (Panel) pursuant to 18 CFR 5.14(d).

The Panel will hold a technical conference at the time and place identified below. The technical conference will address the study dispute regarding the need to quantify the entrainment of American shad eggs and larvae into the Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project (P–2485) as requested by FWS in its study request filed on March 4, 2014.

The purpose of the technical session is for the disputing agency, applicant, and Commission to provide the Panel with additional information necessary to evaluate the disputed study. All local, state, and federal agencies, Indian tribes, and other interested parties are invited to attend the meeting as observers. The Panel may also request information or clarification on written submissions as necessary to understand the matters in dispute. The Panel will limit all input that it receives to the specific study or information in dispute and will focus on the applicability of the study or information to the study criteria stipulated in 18 CFR 5.9(b). If the number of participants wishing to speak creates time constraints, the Panel may, at its discretion, limit the speaking time for each participant.

If you have any questions, please contact Bill Connelly, Dispute Resolution Panel Chair, at *william.connelly@ferc.gov* or (202) 502– 8587.

### **Technical Conference**

Date: Tuesday, April 8, 2014. Time: 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. (EDT). Place: Northfield Mountain Visitor Center, 99 Millers Falls Road (Route 63), Northfield, MA 01360.

Dated: March 31, 2014.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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# DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP14-121-000]

### Strom, Inc.; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order

Take notice that on March 24, 2014, Strom, Inc. pursuant to section 207(a)(2) of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.207 (2013) filed a Petition for Declaratory Order seeking to utilize a new portable LNG liquefication technology ("LNG/ B") to convert Natural Gas purchased from FERC regulated companies. The LNG will be utilized by U.S. corporations and/or exported pursuant to Strom's export applications submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy-Fossil Fuel Section, and in accordance with section 3 of the NGA. Strom contends that since this is a portable system and not a LNG terminal as defined by the NGA and not a facility as defined by law, that no FERC permit is required. Strom contends that any permit should be issued by the State Commission in Florida and/or local jurisdictions. Strom also contends that it is a third party marketer of a product regulated by FERC under the NGA.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The speaker nomination form is located at https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/realmarket-6-23-14-speaker-form.asp.

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.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at *http://www.ferc.gov*. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at *http://www.ferc.gov*, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov*, or call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on April 18, 2014.

Dated: March 27, 2014.

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary. [FR Doc. 2014–07495 Filed 4–3–14; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6717–01–P

# DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14575-000]

## Archon Energy 1, Inc.; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On January 6, 2014, Archon Energy 1, 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 Black Butte Afterbay Hydropower Project (Black Butte Project or project) to be located on Stony Creek, near the city of Orland, Glenn County, California. 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 landdisturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission. The project would be located at the

U.S. Army Corps of Engineering's Black Butte dam and would utilize existing infrastructure and afterbay of the dam. The proposed project would consist of the following: (1) A bypass intake in the afterbay of Black Butte reservoir; (2) two 2,800-foot-long pressurized, reinforced concrete pipes creating approximately 20 feet of head; (3) a powerhouse, containing two low-head, 2.5-megawatt Kaplan turbine-generators; and (4) an undefined interconnection point to the grid within several hundred feet of the proposed powerhouse. The estimated annual generation of the Black Butte Project would be 22,000 megawatthours.

Applicant Contact: Mr. Paul Grist, President, Archon Energy 1, Inc., 101 E. Kennedy Blvd., Suite 2800, Tampa, Florida 33602; phone: (415) 377–2460.

*FERC Contact:* Adam Beeco; phone: (202) 502–8655.

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.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the Commission's eFiling system at 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, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-14575-000.

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–14575) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: March 26, 2014.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

#### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14597-000]

### FFP Project 100, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On March 3, 2014, FFP Project 100, LLC, filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of hydropower at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) C. W. Bill Young Lock and Dam located on the Allegheny River in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. 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 C. W. Bill Young Lock and Dam Hydroelectric Project would consist of the following: (1) A new 150foot-wide, 200-foot-long intake channel; (2) a new 200-foot-long by 200-foot-wide concrete powerhouse containing three generating units each rated at 5.0 megawatts (MW) having a total installed capacity of 15 MW; (3) a new 100-footwide, 300-foot-long tailrace channel; (4) new concrete retaining walls upstream of the intake and downstream of the new powerhouse; (5) a new 40-foot-long by 40-foot-wide substation; (6) a new 69-kilovolt transmission line approximately 6,129 feet long from the new substation to an existing substation; and (7) a new access road 60 feet in length. The estimated annual generation of the proposed project would be 93 gigawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: Daniel Lissner, Free Flow Power Corporation, 239 Causeway Street, Suite 300, Boston, MA 02114; phone: (978) 252–7111.