

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, .211, .214, respectively. 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.

o. Filing and Service of Documents: Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (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 commenting, protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis. Any filing made by an intervenor 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 385.2010.

Dated: August 3, 2015.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 8296-060]

#### **Malacha Hydro Limited Partnership and Juniper Ridge Ranches, Inc.; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests**

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

a. *Application Type:* Request to stay requirements of article 409 of project license.

b. *Project No.:* 8296-060.

c. *Date Filed:* January 6, 2015.

d. *Applicants:* Malacha Hydro Limited Partnership and Juniper Ridge Ranches, Inc.

e. *Name of Project:* Muck Valley Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the Pit River in Lassen County, California.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Maria Litos, Director of Asset Management, Pacific Operations, Brookfield Renewable Energy Group, 601 S. Figueroa, Suite 2200, Los Angeles, CA 90017, telephone: 213-995-9905.

i. *FERC Contact:* Jon Cofrancesco, telephone: (202) 502-8951, and email address: [jon.cofrancesco@ferc.gov](mailto:jon.cofrancesco@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests:* September 1, 2015.

All documents may be filed electronically via the Internet. 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>. 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 a copy to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please include the project number (P-8296-060) on any comments or motions filed.

k. *Description of Request:* Article 409 requires Malacha Hydro Limited Partnership and Juniper Ridge Ranches, Inc. (licensees) to upgrade existing access to adjacent public lands managed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), including the construction of trail-head parking facilities, within five years from license issuance. The project license was issued on December 2, 1986. Since license issuance, the licensees have been unable to fulfill this license condition due to an on-going land exchange matter between the BLM and a private landowner, whose land is necessary to provide access to the trailhead parking facilities. The BLM land to be exchanged for the landowner's property is located within the Pit River Canyon Wilderness Study Area. The BLM cannot implement the

land exchange until Congress acts to either designate these lands as wilderness or release the lands. Until Congress acts, BLM cannot complete the land exchange and the licensees cannot construct the required trailhead facilities. For these reasons, the licensees request a stay of five years for article 409 to allow Congress additional time to act on the Pit River Canyon Wilderness Study Area.

l. *Locations of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

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, contact FERC Online Support.

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

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o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents:* All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (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, motions to intervene, or

protests must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). All comments, motions to intervene, or protests should relate to project works which are the subject of the amendment application. 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. If an intervener 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. 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.

Dated: August 3, 2015.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP15-503-000]

#### **Comanche Trail Pipeline, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed San Elizario Crossing Project; Request for Comments on Environmental Issues**

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the San Elizario Crossing Project involving construction and operation of specific border crossing facilities for the export of natural gas by Comanche Trail Pipeline, LLC (Comanche Trail) in El Paso County, Texas. The Commission will use this EA in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public interest.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable

alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the EA. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please send your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before September 2, 2015.

If you sent comments on this project to the Commission before the opening of this docket on May 29, 2015, you will need to file those comments in Docket No. CP15-503-000 to ensure they are considered as part of this proceeding.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives should notify their constituents of this proposed project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

Comanche Trail provided landowners with a fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?". This fact sheet addresses a number of typically-asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is also available for viewing on the FERC Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)).

#### **Public Participation**

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or [efiling@ferc.gov](mailto:efiling@ferc.gov). Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded.

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the *eComment* feature on the Commission's Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to *Documents and Filings*. This is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can file your comments electronically by using the *eFiling* feature on the Commission's Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to *Documents and Filings*. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select "Comment on a Filing" as the filing type; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address. Be sure to reference the project docket number (CP15-503-

000) with your submission: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

#### **Summary of the Proposed Project**

Comanche Trail proposes to construct and operate a new border crossing at the international boundary between the United States and Mexico in El Paso County, Texas. The San Elizario Crossing Project would consist of the construction of approximately 1,086 feet of FERC-jurisdictional 42-inch-diameter pipeline, installed using a horizontal directional drill (HDD) beneath the Rio Grande River near the City of San Elizario in El Paso, Texas. The new pipeline would have a maximum design export capacity of approximately 1.1 billion cubic feet per day, in order to transport natural gas to a new delivery interconnect in the vicinity of the City of San Isidro, in the State of Chihuahua, Mexico.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Non-Jurisdictional Facilities**

The San Elizario Crossing Project has associated facilities that would be constructed in support of the project, but do not fall under the jurisdiction of the FERC. The proposed Comanche Trail intrastate pipeline facilities, consist of 196 miles of new 42-inch-diameter pipeline, multiple receipt and delivery metering stations, and other auxiliary facilities extending from Pecos County, Texas and terminating at the proposed FERC-jurisdictional project facilities in El Paso County. The intrastate facilities would be subject to the jurisdiction of the Texas Railroad Commission and would be non-jurisdictional to the FERC. In the EA, we will provide available descriptions of the non-jurisdictional facilities and include available environmental impact information under our analysis of cumulative impacts.

#### **Land Requirements for Construction**

Construction of the San Elizario Crossing Project pipeline would affect a total of 4.2 acres of land in the United States, which includes temporary workspace for HDD construction, hydrostatic testing of the pipeline, and project access. Following construction, Comanche Trail would retain 1.3 acres as a 50-foot-wide permanent easement for operation of the FERC-jurisdictional pipeline, and the remaining acreage would be restored and revert to former uses.