

proof of the date on which the certifying agency received the request; or (3) evidence of waiver of water quality certification.

q. Any qualified applicant desiring to file a competing application must submit to the Commission, on or before the specified intervention deadline date, a competing development application, or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing development application no later than 120 days after the specified intervention deadline date. Applications for preliminary permits will not be accepted in response to this notice.

A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit a development application. A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

Dated: July 28, 2016.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 14550-001]

**New England Hydropower Company, LLC, Hanover Pond Hydro, LLC; Notice of Transfer of Exemption**

1. By letter filed July 20, 2016, New England Hydropower Company, LLC

informed the Commission that the exemption from licensing for the Hanover Pond Dam Hydroelectric Project No. 14550, originally issued May 19, 2016<sup>1</sup> has been transferred to Hanover Pond Hydro, LLC. The project is located on the Quinnipiac River in New Haven County, Connecticut. The transfer of an exemption does not require Commission approval.

2. Hanover Pond Hydro, LLC is now the exemptee of the Hanover Pond Dam Hydroelectric Project, No. 14550. All correspondence should be forwarded to: Mr. Michael C. Kerr, CEO, Hanover Pond Hydro, LLC, 100 Cummings Center Drive, Suite 428N, Beverly, MA 01915.

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*Secretary.*

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**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CD16-16-000]

**Metropolitan District; Notice of Preliminary Determination of a Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility and Soliciting Comments and Motions To Intervene**

On July 22, 2016, the Metropolitan District filed a notice of intent to construct a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, pursuant to section 30 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), as amended by section 4 of the Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act

of 2013 (HREA). The proposed Barkhamsted Transmission Hydro No. 1 Project would have an installed capacity of 250 kilowatts (kW) and would be located at a 48-inch-diameter gravity pressure raw water supply pipe. The project would be located near the City of New Hartford in Litchfield County, Connecticut.

*Applicant Contact:* Scott Jellison, Metropolitan District, 555 Main Street, Hartford, CT 06142, Phone No. (860) 278-7850, Ext 3522.

*FERC Contact:* Robert Bell, Phone No. (202) 502-6062, email: *robert.bell@ferc.gov*.

*Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility Description:* The proposed project would consist of: (1) A proposed 250-kW turbine replacing the existing booster pump (which is unused) in the Puddletown booster pump station and (2) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an estimated annual generating capacity of 1,475 megawatt-hours.

A qualifying conduit hydropower facility is one that is determined or deemed to meet all of the criteria shown in the table below.

TABLE 1—CRITERIA FOR QUALIFYING CONDUIT HYDROPOWER FACILITY

Statutory provision	Description	Satisfies (Y/N)
FPA 30(a)(3)(A), as amended by HREA ..	The conduit is a tunnel, canal, pipeline, aqueduct, flume, ditch, or similar manmade water conveyance that is operated for the distribution of water for agricultural, municipal, or industrial consumption and not primarily for the generation of electricity.	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(i), as amended by HREA	The facility is constructed, operated, or maintained for the generation of electric power and uses for such generation only the hydroelectric potential of a non-federally owned conduit.	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(ii), as amended by HREA.	The facility has an installed capacity that does not exceed 5 megawatts .....	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(iii), as amended by HREA.	On or before August 9, 2013, the facility is not licensed, or exempted from the licensing requirements of Part I of the FPA.	Y

*Preliminary Determination:* Based upon the above criteria, Commission staff has preliminarily determined that

the proposal satisfies the requirements for a qualifying conduit hydropower facility under 16 U.S.C. 823a, and is

exempted from the licensing requirements of the FPA.

<sup>1</sup> Order Granting Exemption From Licensing (10 MW or Less), 155 FERC ¶ 62,132 (2016).

*Comments and Motions to Intervene:* The deadline for filing comments contesting whether the facility meets the qualifying criteria is 45 days from the issuance date of this notice.

The deadline for filing motions to intervene is 30 days from the issuance date of this notice.

Anyone may submit comments or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210 and 385.214. Any motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular proceeding.

*Filing and Service of Responsive Documents:* All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the “COMMENTS CONTESTING QUALIFICATION FOR A CONDUIT HYDROPOWER FACILITY” or “MOTION TO INTERVENE,” as applicable; (2) state in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) state the name, address, and telephone number of the person filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of sections 385.2001 through 385.2005 of the Commission’s regulations.<sup>1</sup> All comments contesting Commission staff’s preliminary determination that the facility meets the qualifying criteria must set forth their evidentiary basis.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene and comments 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](mailto: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. 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.

*Locations of Notice of Intent:* Copies of the notice of intent can be obtained directly from the applicant or such copies can be viewed and reproduced at the Commission in its Public Reference Room, Room 2A, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp> using the “eLibrary” link. Enter the docket number (e.g., CD16–16–000) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1–866–208–3676 or email [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Dated: July 28, 2016.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**[Docket No. CD16–17–000]**

**Elephant Butte Irrigation District; Notice of Preliminary Determination of a Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility and Soliciting Comments and Motions To Intervene**

On July 26, 2016, Elephant Butte Irrigation District filed a notice of intent

to construct a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, pursuant to section 30 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), as amended by section 4 of the Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2013 (HREA). The proposed Drop 8 Facility would have an installed capacity of 40 kilowatts (kW), and would be located at the existing Drop 8 check structure of Elephant Butte Irrigation District’s Westside Irrigation Canal. The project would be located near La Mesa in Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

*Applicant Contact:* Gary L. Esslinger, Treasurer/Manager, Elephant Butte Irrigation District, 530 S. Melendres, Las Cruces, NM 88005, Phone No. (575) 526–6671.

*FERC Contact:* Christopher Chaney, Phone No. (202) 502–6778, email: [Christopher.Chaney@ferc.gov](mailto:Christopher.Chaney@ferc.gov).

*Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility Description:* The proposed project would consist of: (1) A drywell, approximately 23 feet by 13 feet, within the canal’s right bank; (2) two new turbine/generating units with a total installed capacity of 40 kW; (3) two 24-inch-diameter, 9-foot-long intake pipes; (4) one 48-inch-diameter, 120-foot-long raceway returning water to the Westside Irrigation Canal; and (5) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an estimated annual generating capacity of 230 megawatt-hours.

A qualifying conduit hydropower facility is one that is determined or deemed to meet all of the criteria shown in the table below.

TABLE 1—CRITERIA FOR QUALIFYING CONDUIT HYDROPOWER FACILITY

Statutory Provision	Description	Satisfies (Y/N)
FPA 30(a)(3)(A), as amended by HREA.	The conduit the facility uses is a tunnel, canal, pipeline, aqueduct, flume, ditch, or similar manmade water conveyance that is operated for the distribution of water for agricultural, municipal, or industrial consumption and not primarily for the generation of electricity.	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(i), as amended by HREA.	The facility is constructed, operated, or maintained for the generation of electric power and uses for such generation only the hydroelectric potential of a non-federally owned conduit.	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(ii), as amended by HREA.	The facility has an installed capacity that does not exceed 5 megawatts .....	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(iii), as amended by HREA.	On or before August 9, 2013, the facility is not licensed, or exempted from the licensing requirements of Part I of the FPA.	Y

<sup>1</sup> 18 CFR 385.2001–2005 (2015).