

November 9, 1982<sup>1</sup> located on the Sugar River in Sullivan County, New Hampshire; (2) West Hopkinton Hydro, LLC exemptee for the Hoague-Sprague Project No. 4337, originally issued March 11, 1982<sup>2</sup> located on the Contoocook River in Merrimack County, New Hampshire; and (3) the Sweetwater Hydroelectric, LLC exemptee for the Woodsville Reactivation Project No. 5307, originally issued February 5, 1982<sup>3</sup> located on the Ammonoosuc River in Grafton County, New Hampshire. Transfer of an exemption does not require Commission approval.

2. Green Mountain Power Corporation is now the exemptee of the Lower Valley Project No. 6756; the Hoague-Sprague Project No. 4337; and the Woodsville Reactivation Project No. 5307. All correspondence should be forwarded to: Green Mountain Power Corporation, 163 Acorn Lane, Colchester, VT 05446.

Dated: August 15, 2017.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 6550-004]

#### Bidden Creek Bores Properties, LLC; JBS Rentals, LLC; Notice of Transfer of Exemption

1. By letter filed June 23, 2017, Stephen J. Bores informed the Commission that the exemption from licensing for the Biber-Spellenberg Hydro Project No. 6550, originally issued February 14, 1983<sup>1</sup> has been transferred to JBS Rentals, LLC. The project is located on Bidden Creek in Trinity County, California. The transfer of an exemption does not require Commission approval.

2. JBS Rentals, LLC is now the exemptee of the Biber-Spellenberg Project No. 6550. All correspondence should be forwarded to: Mr. Jeremy

Brown, Owner, P.O. Box 1233, Willow Creek, CA 95573, Phone 530-629-3100.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP17-481-000]

#### Notice of Application: DCP Operating Company, LP

Take notice that on August 2, 2017, DCP Operating Company, LP (DCP), 370 17th Street, Suite 2500, Denver, Colorado 80202, filed in the above referenced docket an application pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations requesting authorization to construct and operate approximately 8.4 miles of 20-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline with a maximum capacity of 253million cubic feet per day (MMcf/d) in Weld County, Colorado (Mewbourn 3 Residue East Pipeline), all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site web 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 the document. For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Tyler Culbertson, Manager, Regulatory Affairs, DCP Operating Company, LP, 370 17th Street, Suite 2500, Denver, Colorado 80202, at (303) 605-2278.

Further, DCP asks for clarification about the applicability of the Part 157, Subpart F blanket certificate program to Mewbourn 3 Residue East Pipeline. DCP also seeks waivers of certain regulatory requirements, including the Commission's interstate natural gas pipeline open access, tariff, posting, accounting, and reporting requirements, like similar residue pipeline owner/operators. DCP wants confirmation that the Commission's assertion of jurisdiction over the Mewbourn 3 Residue East Pipeline in no way jeopardizes the non-jurisdictional status

of DCP's otherwise non-jurisdictional gathering and processing facilities.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules (18 CFR 157.9), within 90 days of this Notice, the Commission staff will either: complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit seven copies of filings made in the proceeding with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to

<sup>1</sup> Notice of Exemption from Licensing, *Claremont Hydro Associates*, 21 FERC 62,216 (1982).

<sup>2</sup> Order Granting Exemption from Licensing of a Small Hydroelectric Project (5 MW or Less), *ECH Hydro Associates*, 18 FERC 62,419 (1982).

<sup>3</sup> Order Granting Exemption from Licensing of a Small Hydroelectric Project of 5 Megawatts or Less and Denying Competing Application for Preliminary Permit, *New England Hydro, Inc. Woodsville Fire District*, 18 FERC 62,158 (1982).

<sup>4</sup> Order Granting Exemption from Licensing of a Small Hydroelectric Project of 5 MW or Less, *Frank M. Biber and Steven Spellenberg*, 22 FERC ¶ 62,182 (1983).

the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commentors will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commentors will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentors will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, 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 7 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on September 5, 2017.

Dated: August 15, 2017.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OA-2010-0757; FRL-9965-65-OA]

### Proposed Information Collection Request; Comment Request; Confidential Financial Disclosure Form for Special Government Employees Serving on Federal Advisory Committees at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (Renewal); EPA ICR No. 2260.05, OMB Control No. 2090-0029

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency is planning to submit an information collection request (ICR), "Confidential Financial Disclosure Form for Special Government

Employees Serving on Federal Advisory Committees at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (Renewal)" (EPA ICR No. 2260.05, OMB Control No. 2090-0029) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. Before doing so, EPA is soliciting public comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below. This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through February 28, 2018. An Agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before October 20, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OA-2010-0757, online using [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (our preferred method), by email to [oei.docket@epa.gov](mailto:oei.docket@epa.gov), or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460.

EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Megan Moreau, Office of Resources, Operations and Management, Federal Advisory Committee Management Division, Mail Code 1601M, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 202-564-5320; fax number: 202-564-8129; email address: [moreau.megan@epa.gov](mailto:moreau.megan@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Supporting documents which explain in detail the information that the EPA will be collecting are available in the public docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or in person at the EPA Docket Center, WJC West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. The telephone number for the Docket Center is 202-566-1744. For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, EPA is soliciting comments and information to enable it to: (i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary

for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (ii) evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval. At that time, EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB.

*Abstract:* The purpose of this information collection request is to assist the EPA in selecting federal advisory committee members who will be appointed as Special Government Employees (SGEs), mostly to the EPA's scientific and technical committees. To select SGE members as efficiently and cost effectively as possible, the Agency needs to evaluate potential conflicts of interest before a candidate is hired as an SGE and appointed as a member to a committee.

Agency officials developed the "Confidential Financial Disclosure Form for Special Government Employees Serving on Federal Advisory Committees at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency," also referred to as Form 3110-48, for greater inclusion of information to discover any potential conflicts of interest as recommended by the Government Accountability Office.

*Form Numbers:* EPA Form 3110-48.

*Respondents/affected entities:* Entities potentially affected by this action are approximately 250 candidates for membership as SGEs on EPA federal advisory committees. SGEs are required to file a confidential financial disclosure report (Form 3110-48) when first appointed to serve on EPA advisory committees, and then annually thereafter. Committee members may also be required to update the confidential form before each meeting while they serve as SGEs.

*Respondent's obligation to respond:* Required in order to serve as a SGE on an EPA federal advisory committee (5 CFR 2634.903).