

| FERC-725F (NUC-001-04)  | Number of respondents   | Annual number of responses per respondent | Total Number of responses | Average burden hrs. & cost per response (\$ (rounded) | Total annual burden hrs. & total annual cost (\$ (rounded) | Cost per respondent (\$ (rounded) |
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|   | (1)   | (2)                                       | (1) * (2) = (3)           | (4)   | (3) * (4) = (5)  | (5) ÷ (1)                         |
| New or Modifications to Existing Agreements (Reporting).      | 57 nuclear plants + 114 transmission entities <sup>12</sup> . | 2   | 342                       | 66.67 hrs.; \$5,694 .....                             | 22,801 hrs.; \$1,947,433 ....                              | \$11,388                          |
| New or Modifications to Existing Agreements (Record Keeping). | 57 nuclear plants + 114 transmission entities.                | 2   | 342                       | 6.67 hrs.; \$232 .....                                | 2,281 hrs.; \$79,356 .....                                 | 464.07                            |
| Total .....   | .....   | .....                                     | <sup>13</sup> 342         | .....   | 25,082 hrs.; <sup>14</sup> \$2,026,789.                    |                                   |

*Comments:* Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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

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<sup>12</sup> This figure of 120 transmission entities is based on the assumption that each agreement will be between 1 nuclear plant and 2 transmission entities (57 × 2 = 114). However, there is some double counting in this figure because some transmission entities may be party to multiple agreements with multiple nuclear plants. The double counting does not affect the burden estimate, and the correct number of unique respondents will be reported to OMB.

<sup>13</sup> The 171 respondents affected by the reporting requirements are also affected by the recordkeeping requirements.

<sup>14</sup> The reporting requirements have not changed. The decrease in the number of respondents is due to: (a) Normal fluctuations in industry (e.g., companies merging and splitting, and coming into and going out of business), and (b) no new agreements being issued due to the lack of new nuclear plants being developed.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**[Project No. 15090-000]**

**Energy Recycling Company, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications**

On February 8, 2021, Energy Recycling Company, LLC, filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Bigstone Pumped Storage Project (Bigstone Project or project) to be located near the City of Milbank, Grant County, South Dakota. 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 project is a closed loop pumped storage project that would consist of the following: (1) A 55-foot-high, 120-acre-area circular upper reservoir constructed as a concrete-lined rockfill embankment with a total storage capacity of approximately 3,500 acre-feet operating between a maximum water surface elevation of 1,145 feet mean sea level (msl) and a minimum water surface elevation of 1,095 feet msl; (2) a reinforced concrete “morning glory” type upper intake of circular configuration with a maximum outside diameter of approximately 100-feet and an inside diameter of 18-feet; (3) a 2,800-foot-long, 16-foot-diameter vertical penstock excavated in granitic bedrock and steel-lined extending between the upper intake and the pump/turbines below; (4) an underground eight concentric circular tunnels lower reservoir with diameters from 5,400 feet to 4,200 feet excavated

in granitic bedrock, located 2,500 feet below the ground surface elevation of 1,095 feet msl, with a usable storage capacity approximately the same as the upper reservoir and operational water elevations between minus 1,410 feet msl and minus 1,452.5 feet msl; (5) a 200-foot-long, 70-foot-wide, 130-foot-high powerhouse located 300 feet below the lower reservoir containing two reversible Francis pump/turbine-motor/generator units rated for 333 megawatts each; (6) a 240-foot-long, 50-foot-wide, 40-foot-high underground transformer gallery; (7) a 200-foot-square above ground substation; (8) a 1.5-mile-long, 345-kilovolt (kV) transmission line extending from the substation to an existing 345-kV transmission line owned by others; and (9) appurtenant facilities. There would be no federal land within the proposed project boundary. The estimated annual generation of the Bigstone Project would be 1,450 gigawatt-hours.

*Applicant Contact:* Mr. Douglas Spaulding, P.E., Nelson Energy, 8441 Wayzata Blvd., Suite 101, Golden Valley, MN 55426; phone: (952) 544-8133.

*FERC Contact:* Sergiu Serban; phone: (202) 502-6211.

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, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-15090-000.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the “eLibrary” link of Commission’s website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-15090) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15105-000]

#### **Solia 9 Hydroelectric, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications**

On March 1, 2021, Solia 9 Hydroelectric, LLC filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Llano County Pumped Storage Project No. 15105-000 (Llano County Project, or project), a closed-loop pumped storage project to be located in Llano County, Texas. 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 pumped storage project would consist of the following: (1) A 3,500 acre-foot upper reservoir with a maximum water surface elevation of 2,400 feet mean sea level (msl); (2) a

3,500 acre-foot lower, underground, reservoir composed of eight, 115,000-foot-long, concentric tunnels varying in diameter from 4,200 feet to 5,400 feet, with a maximum water surface elevation of -1,425 feet msl; (3) a pumping plant and water supply conduit connecting the upper reservoir to the Llano River; (4) a 2,800-foot-long, 16-foot-diameter underground, steel-lined penstock equipped with a bifurcation structure connecting the upper reservoir to the powerhouse; (5) a 200-foot-long, 70-foot-wide, 130-foot-high underground powerhouse containing two, 333-megawatt (MW) reversible pump-turbine units for a combined capacity of 666 MW; (6) a 500-foot-long, 345-kilovolt interconnection line leading from the powerhouse to an existing transmission line; (7) a 200-foot-long, 200-foot-wide substation; and (8) appurtenant facilities. The estimated annual generation of the Llano Project would be 1,450 gigawatt-hours.

*Applicant Contact:* Douglas Spaulding, 8441 Wayzata Blvd., Suite 101, Golden Valley, Minnesota 55426; phone: (952) 544-8133; email: [doug@nelsonenergy.us](mailto:doug@nelsonenergy.us).

*FERC Contact:* Navreet Deo; phone: (202) 502-6304; email: [navreet.deo@ferc.gov](mailto:navreet.deo@ferc.gov).

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.

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More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the “eLibrary” link of Commission’s website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-15105) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-ORD-2020-0183; FRL-10022-91-ORD]

### **Availability of the Systematic Review Protocol for the Vanadium and Compounds (Oral Exposure) IRIS Assessment**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing a 30-day public comment period associated with release of the Systematic Review Protocol for the Vanadium and Compounds (Oral Exposure) IRIS Assessment. This document communicates the rationale for conducting the oral assessment of vanadium and compounds, describes screening criteria to identify relevant literature, outlines the approach for evaluating study quality, and describes the methods for dose-response analysis.

**DATES:** The 30-day public comment period begins April 26, 2021 and ends May 26, 2021. Comments must be received on or before May 26, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** The Systematic Review Protocol for the Vanadium and Compounds (Oral Exposure) IRIS Assessment will be available via the internet on the IRIS website at <https://www.epa.gov/iris> and in the public docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>, Docket ID: EPA-HQ-ORD-2020-0183.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on the docket, contact the ORD Docket at the EPA Headquarters Docket Center; email: [Docket\\_ORD@epa.gov](mailto:Docket_ORD@epa.gov).

For technical information on the protocol, contact Mr. Dahnish Shams, Center for Public Health & Environmental Assessment; telephone (202) 564-2758, email: [shams.dahnish@epa.gov](mailto:shams.dahnish@epa.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **I. Background Information on the IRIS Program and Systematic Review Protocols**

EPA’s IRIS Program is a human health assessment program that evaluates quantitative and qualitative information