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Dated: October 6, 2015.

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

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14694-000; Project No. 14711-000]

#### **Lock+™ Hydro Friends Fund XI, LLC; Energy Resources USA Inc.; Notice of Competing Preliminary Permit Applications Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications**

On July 20, 2015, and September 2, 2015 Lock+™ Hydro Friends Fund XI, LLC (Hydro Friends Fund) and Energy Resources USA Inc. (Energy Resources) respectively, filed preliminary permit applications pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act proposing to study the feasibility of a hydropower project, to be located at the existing Mississippi River Lock and Dam No. 25 on the Mississippi River, near the city of Winfield in Lincoln County, Missouri and Calhoun County, Illinois. Mississippi River Lock and Dam No. 25 is owned by the United States government and operated by the United States Army Corps of Engineers. 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 owner's express permission.

Hydro Friends Fund's proposed project would consist of: (1) Three new 450-foot-wide by 25-foot-deep modular hydropower systems, each containing ten new 1-megawatt (MW) turbine-generator units, having a total combined generating capacity of 30 megawatts; (2) a new 200-foot-long by 450-foot-wide tailrace; (3) a new 7-mile-long, 69-kilovolt transmission line; (4) a new 25-foot by 50-foot switchyard; and (5) appurtenant facilities. The project would have an estimated annual generation of 170,000 megawatt-hours.

*Applicant Contact:* Mr. Wayne Krouse, P.O. Box 43796, Birmingham,

AL 35243; (877) 556-6566, extension 709.

Energy Resources' proposed project would consist of: (1) A new 770-foot-long by 300-foot-wide intake area; (2) a new 90-foot by 220-foot reinforced concrete powerhouse; (3) four 3-MW turbine-generators, having a total combined generating capacity of 12-MW; (4) a new 1,000-foot-long by 220-foot-wide tailrace area; (5) a new 40-foot by 35-foot substation; (6) a new 50-foot-wide by 60-foot-long substation; (7) a new 7.69-mile-long, 115-kilovolt transmission line; and (8) appurtenant facilities. The project would have an estimated annual generation of 101.9 gigawatt-hours.

*Applicant Contact:* Mr. Ander Gonzalez, 2655 Le June Road, Suite 804, Coral Gables, FL 33134; +34 93 252 3840.

*FERC Contact:* Tyrone A. Williams, (202) 502-6331.

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](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. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-14694-000 or P-14711-000.

More information about this project, including a copy of either 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-14694 or P-14711) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: October 7, 2015.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL16-1-000]

#### **Heartland Consumers Power District; Notice of Petition for Waiver**

Take notice that on October 5, 2015, Heartland Consumers Power District, on behalf of itself and its customers (Petitioner) filed a petition for waiver of certain of the

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations implementing section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (U.S.C. 824a-3). Specifically, Petitioner seek waiver of their obligation under 18 CFR 292.303(a) to purchase power directly from Qualifying Facilities, as more fully explained in the petition.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in 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. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Petitioner.

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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call

(866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

*Comments:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on October 26, 2015.

Dated: October 5, 2015.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER16-10-000]

#### NRG Chalk Point CT LLC; Supplemental Notice that Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of NRG Chalk Point CT LLC's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is October 27, 2015.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above-referenced proceeding are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available for electronic 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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PF15-27-000]

#### Venture Global Plaquemines LNG, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Planned Plaquemines LNG Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Meeting

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Plaquemines LNG Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Venture Global Plaquemines LNG, LLC (Plaquemines LNG) in Plaquemines Parish and Jefferson Parish, Louisiana. The Commission will use this EIS 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<sup>1</sup> 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 EIS. 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 November 4, 2015.

If you sent comments on this project to the Commission before the opening of this docket on July 2, 2015, you will need to file those comments in Docket No. PF15-27-000 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 planned project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, a pipeline company representative may contact you about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the planned facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the Commission approves the project, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings where compensation would be determined in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" is available for viewing on the FERC Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)). 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.

#### Public Participation

For your convenience, there are four methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. The Commission will provide equal consideration to all comments received, whether filed in written form or provided verbally. 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;

<sup>1</sup> "We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Commission's Office of Energy Projects.