

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Technical Conference

	Docket No.
Review of Generator Interconnection Agreements and Procedures	RM16-12-000.
American Wind Energy Association	RM15-21-000.

Take notice that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will convene a staff-led technical conference in the above-referenced proceedings on Friday, May 13, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (EDT). The conference will be held in the Commission Meeting Room at Commission headquarters, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Commissioners may attend and participate.

The purpose of this conference is to discuss select issues related to a petition for rulemaking submitted by the American Wind Energy Association (Docket No. RM15-21-000). In addition, the conference will explore other generator interconnection issues, including interconnection of energy storage.¹

Discussions at the conference may involve issues raised in proceedings that are currently pending before the Commission. These proceedings include, but are not limited to:

E.ON Climate & Renewables North America LLC, Pioneer Trail Wind Farm, LLC, Settlers Trail Wind Farm, LLC v. Northern Indiana Public Service Company, Docket No. EL14-66-002;

Entergy Arkansas, Inc., Docket No. ER14-671-000;

Internal MISO Generators v. Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., Docket No. EL15-99-000;

Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., Docket No. ER16-675-000;

California Independent System Operator Corporation, Docket No. ER16-693-000;

ISO New England, Inc., Docket No. ER16-946-000;

Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., Docket No. ER16-1120-000; and

Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., Docket No. ER16-1211-000.

Additional information regarding the conference program will be provided in

subsequent supplemental notices of technical conference.

There is no fee for attendance. In-person attendees should allow time to pass through building security procedures before the 9:30 a.m. start time of the technical conference. Pre-registration is encouraged though not required. Attendees may register in advance at the following Web page: <https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/05-13-16-form.asp>.

The conference will be transcribed and webcast. Transcripts will be available immediately for a fee from Ace Reporting (202-347-3700). A link to the webcast of this event will be available in the Commission Calendar of Events at www.ferc.gov. The Capitol Connection provides technical support for the webcasts and offers the option of listening to the conferences via phone-bridge for a fee. For additional information, visit www.CapitolConnection.org or call (703) 993-3100.

Commission conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations please send an email to accessibility@ferc.gov or call toll free 1-866-208-3372 (voice) or 202-208-8659 (TTY), or send a fax to 202-208-2106 with the required accommodations.

For more information about this technical conference, please contact Tony Dobbins at Tony.Dobbins@ferc.gov or (202) 502-6630. For information related to logistics, please contact Sarah McKinley at Sarah.Mckinley@ferc.gov or (202) 502-8368.

Dated: March 29, 2016.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 8221-094]

Alaska Energy Authority; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission or FERC's) regulations, 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 **Federal Register** [FR] 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed Alaska Energy Authority's application for a non-capacity amendment to the license for the Bradley Lake Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 8221), located on the south shore, and near the head of Kachemak Bay, 22.5 miles east, northeast of the city of Homer, Kenai Peninsula Borough, Alaska. The project currently occupies a total of 5,498 acres of federal lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

Staff prepared a draft environmental assessment (DEA), which analyzes the potential environmental effects of constructing and operating a new diversion on the West Fork of Upper Battle Creek that would divert water to Bradley Lake and thereby increase generation at the project. The DEA concludes that authorizing the amendment, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the DEA is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at 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 Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, 202-502-8659.

¹ The comments filed in Docket No. RM15-21-000 will be incorporated into Docket No. RM16-12-000.

You may also register online at 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.

Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice. Comments 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. 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. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-8221-094.

For further information, contact Steven Sachs by telephone at 202-502-8666 or by email at Steven.Sachs@ferc.gov.

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Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14748-000]

Energy Resources USA, Inc.; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments and Motions To Intervene

On December 22, 2015, Energy Resources USA, Inc. (Energy Resources) filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the Cedar Creek Hydroelectric Project (Cedar Creek Project or project) to be located at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Cedar Creek Dam on the Cedar Creek River in Franklin County, Alabama. 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 would consist of the following: (1) A control structure with three 9.5-foot-wide, 25-foot-long spill gates; (2) one 6-foot-diameter, 49-foot-long penstock with a butterfly valve; (3) a bifurcation structure; (4) two 4-foot-diameter, 32-foot-long penstocks; (5) a powerhouse containing two generating units with a total capacity of 1.5 megawatts; (6) a 1000-foot-long, 220-foot-wide tailrace; (7) a substation; and (8) a 4.5-mile-long, 69 kV transmission line. The proposed project would have an estimated average annual generation of 5,500 megawatt-hours, and operate as directed by the Corps.

Applicant Contact: Mr. Ander Gonzalez, Energy Resources USA Inc., 2655 Le Jeune Road, Suite 804, Coral Gables, Florida 33134; Phone: (954) 248-8425; Email: agonzalez@energyresources.es.

FERC Contact: Christiane Casey; phone: (202) 502-8577.

Deadline for filing comments and motions to intervene: 60 days from the issuance of this notice.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments and motions to intervene 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, 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-14748-000.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-14748) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14746-000]

Energy Resources USA, Inc.; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments and Motions To Intervene

On December 22, 2015, Energy Resources USA, Inc. (Energy Resources) filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the Taylorsville Lake Dam Hydroelectric Project (Taylorsville Project or project) to be located at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Taylorsville Lake Dam on the Salt River in Spencer County, Kentucky. 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 would consist of the following: (1) A control structure with one spill gate; (2) one 8-foot-diameter, 120-foot-long penstock with a butterfly valve; (3) a bifurcation structure; (4) two 5.5-foot-diameter, 32-foot-long penstocks; (5) a powerhouse containing two generating units with a total capacity of 3 megawatts; (6) a 90-foot-long, 60-foot-wide tailrace; (7) a substation; and (8) a 2.5-mile-long, 69 kV transmission line. The proposed project would have an estimated average annual generation of 9,500 megawatt-hours, and operate as directed by the Corps.

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