DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
[Project No. 14744–004]
City of Wadsworth, Ohio; Notice of Teleconference

a. Project Name and Number: R.C. Byrd Hydroelectric Project No. 12796.

b. Date and Time of Meeting: Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time).

c. FERC Contact: Andy Bernick, andrew.bernick@ferc.gov or (202) 502–8660.

d. Purpose of Meeting: Commission staff will hold a teleconference to discuss: (1) The Indiana Bat and Northern Long Eared Bat Conservation Plan and Mussel Monitoring and Conservation Plan for the R.C. Byrd Hydroelectric Project, filed in draft form on June 23, 2015, by American Municipal Power, Inc. (or AMP, agent for the City of Wadsworth, Ohio); (2) the report entitled “Examining the Effect of Potential Water Velocities on Mussel Populations at R.C. Byrd Lock and Dam on the Ohio River (ORM 279.2)” prepared for AMP and filed on February 10, 2016; and (3) the current status of resolving the remaining information needs noted in U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Ohio Ecological Services Field Office and West Virginia Field Office comments on the draft plans filed August 26, 2015.

e. All local, state, and federal agencies, Indian tribes, and other interested parties are invited to participate by phone. Please call Andy Bernick at (202) 502–8660 by Thursday, April 21, 2016, to RSVP and to receive specific instructions on how to participate.

Dated: March 29, 2016.
Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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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 Nolin Lake Dam Hydroelectric Project (Nolin Project or project) to be located at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ Nolin Lake Dam on the Nolin River in Edmonson 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 three 9.5-foot-wide, 25-foot-long spill gates; (2) one 10-foot-diameter, 65-foot-long penstock with a butterfly valve; (3) a bifurcation structure; (4) two 6.5-foot-diameter, 32-foot-long penstocks; (5) a powerhouse containing two generating units with a total capacity of 7 megawatts; (6) a 1000-foot-long, 220-foot-wide tailrace; (7) a substation; and (8) a 3-mile-long, 69 kV transmission line. The proposed project would have an estimated average annual generation of 26,900 megawatt-hours, and operate as directed by the Corps.

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