The proposed project would consist of the following: (1) A 9.5-foot-high, 40-foot-wide weir on Russell Creek; (2) a 19,500-foot-long, 60-inch-diameter steel penstock; (3) a 50-foot-long by 40-foot-wide concrete powerhouse containing one pelton turbine rated at 11 megawatts; (4) a 160-foot-long, 72-inch-diameter tailrace discharging into Whitewater Creek; (5) an underground 2.25-mile-long, 12,000 kilovolt-ampere transmission line extending from the project to an outside transmission line (the point of interconnection); (6) an access road along side of the penstock; and (7) appurtenant facilities. The estimated annual generation of the Whitewater Creek Project would be 95.04 gigawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: David Harmon, P.E., 2532 Santiam Highway, Albany, Oregon, 97322; phone: (541) 405–5236; email: dave@wwgreenenergy.com.

FERC Contact: Sergiu Serban; phone: (202) 502–6211; email: sergiu.serban@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. 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.

Additional Notice:


Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2766–010]

The City of Holyoke Gas & Electric Department; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, and Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process

a. Type of Filing: Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request To Use the Traditional Licensing Process.

b. Project No.: 2766–010.

c. Date Filed: February 29, 2016.

d. Submitted By: City of Holyoke Gas & Electric Department.

e. Name of Project: Albion Mill (D Wheel) Hydroelectric Project.

f. Location: Between the first and second level canals on the Holyoke Canal System adjacent to the Connecticut River, in the city of Holyoke in Hampden County, Massachusetts. The project does not occupy federal land.

g. Filed Pursuant to: 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission’s regulations.

h. Potential Applicant Contact: Paul Ducheney, Superintendent, Holyoke Gas & Electric, 99 Suffolk Street, Holyoke, MA 01040; (413) 536–9340; email—ducheney@hged.com.

i. FERC Contact: Matt Buhyoff at (202) 502–6824; or email at matt.buhyoff@ferc.gov.

j. Holyoke Gas and Electric filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on February 29, 2016. Holyoke Gas and Electric provided public notice of its request on February 26, 2016. In a letter dated April 29, 2016, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved Holyoke Gas and Electric’s request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.

k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, part 402; and NOAA Fisheries under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.920. We are also initiating consultation with the

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Project No. 14383–006]

Whitewater Green Energy, LLC; Notice of Successive Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On January 22, 2016, the Whitewater Green Energy, LLC filed an application for a preliminary permit under section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act proposing to study the feasibility of the proposed Whitewater Hydroelectric Project No. 14383–006, to be located on Russel and Whitewater Creeks, near the town of Idanha, in Marion and Linn Counties, Oregon. The project would be located entirely on U.S. Forest Service lands.
Massachusetts State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historical Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

1. With this notice, we are designating Holyoke Gas and Electric as the Commission’s non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

m. Holyoke Gas & Electric filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission’s regulations.

n. A copy of the PAD is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission’s Web site (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 Online Support at FERCONLineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.

o. The licensee states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a new license for Project No. 2766. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.8, 16.9, and 16.10, each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by February 28, 2019.

p. Register online at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp to be notified via email of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.


Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
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[Docket No. CD16–11–000]
St. Charles Mesa Water District; Notice of Preliminary Determination of a Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility and Soliciting Comments and Motions To Intervene

On April 26, 2016, the St. Charles Mesa Water District (SCMWD) filed a notice of intent to construct a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, pursuant to section 30 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), as amended by section 4 of the Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2013 (HREA). The proposed Hydro-Electric Station at the SCMWD Treatment Plant Project would have an installed capacity of 40 kilowatts (kW), and would be located adjacent to the outlet of an existing raw water supply pipeline at the SCMWD’s existing raw water storage reservoir. The project would be located near Pueblo, in Pueblo County, Colorado.

Applicant Contact: David Simpson, District Manager, 1397 Aspen Road, Pueblo, CO 81006, Phone No. (719) 542–4380.

FERC Contact: Christopher Chaney, Phone No. (202) 502–6778, email: Christopher.Chaney@ferc.gov.

Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility Description: The proposed project would consist of: (1) A new powerhouse, approximately 20 feet by 62 feet, along an existing 18-inch-diameter raw water supply pipeline; (2) three turbine/generating units, two units with installed capacities of 10 kW each and one unit with an installed capacity of 20 kW, for a total installed capacity of 40 kW, and a potential future fourth unit with an installed capacity of 20 kW; (3) three short intake pipes with diameters of 8 inches, 10 inches, and 12 inches, and a potential future 12-inch-diameter intake pipe; (4) three short discharge pipes with diameters of 8 inches, 10 inches, and 12 inches, and a potential future 12-inch-diameter discharge pipe; and (5) appurtenant facilities.

The proposed project would have a total installed capacity of 40 kW.

A qualifying conduit hydropower facility is one that is determined or deemed to meet all of the criteria shown in the table below.

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<th>Statutory provision</th>
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<td>FPA 30(a)(3)(A), as amended by HREA</td>
<td>The conduit the facility uses is a tunnel, canal, pipeline, aqueduct, flume, ditch, or similar manmade water conveyance that is operated for the distribution of water for agricultural, municipal, or industrial consumption and not primarily for the generation of electricity.</td>
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<td>FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(i), as amended by HREA</td>
<td>The facility is constructed, operated, or maintained for the generation of electric power and uses for such generation only the hydroelectric potential of a non-federally owned conduit.</td>
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<td>FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(ii), as amended by HREA</td>
<td>The facility has an installed capacity that does not exceed 5 megawatts.</td>
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<td>FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(iii), as amended by HREA</td>
<td>On or before August 9, 2013, the facility is not licensed, or exempted from the licensing requirements of Part I of the FPA.</td>
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Preliminary Determination: The proposed addition of the hydroelectric project along the existing raw water supply pipeline will not alter its primary purpose of supplying water to the water treatment plant’s storage reservoir. Therefore, based upon the above criteria, Commission staff preliminarily determines that the proposal satisfies the requirements for a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, which is not required to be licensed or exempted from licensing.

Comments and Motions To Intervene: Deadline for filing comments contesting whether the facility meets the qualifying criteria is 45 days from the issuance date of this notice.

Deadline for filing motions to intervene is 30 days from the issuance date of this notice.

Anyone may submit comments or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210 and 385.214. Any motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified date.