

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14797-000]

California Department of Water Resources; 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.: 14797-000.

c. Date Filed: August 1, 2016.

d. Submitted By: California Department of Water Resources.

e. Name of Project: Devil Canyon Project.¹

f. Location: The project is located along the East Branch of the California Aqueduct, in San Bernardino County, California. The project occupies 220.98 acres of United States lands administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, as part of the San Bernardino National Forest.

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

h. Potential Applicant Contact: Ted Craddock, Chief, Hydropower License Planning and Compliance Office, California Department of Water Resources, P.O. Box 942836, Sacramento, CA 94236-0001; (916) 557-4555; email—Ted.Craddock@water.ca.gov.

i. FERC Contact: John Mudre at (202) 502-8902; or email at john.mudre@ferc.gov.

j. California Department of Water Resources filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on August 1, 2016. California Department of Water Resources provided public notice of its request on July 29 and August 1, 2016. In a letter dated September 30, 2016, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved California Department of Water Resources' request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.

k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, part 402. We are also initiating consultation with the California State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. With this notice, we are designating California Department of Water Resources as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and consultation pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

m. California Department of Water Resources 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. 14797. 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 January 31, 2020.

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.

Dated: September 30, 2016.

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.

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Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

Table with 2 columns: Project Name and Project No. Rows include FFP Missouri 16, LLC (13753-002), FFP Missouri 15, LLC (13762-002), Solia 8 Hydroelectric, LLC (13771-002), FFP Missouri 13, LLC (13763-002), Solia 5 Hydroelectric, LLC (13766-002), and Solia 4 Hydroelectric, LLC (13767-002).

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission or FERC) regulations, 18 Code of Federal Regulations Part 380, Office of Energy Projects staff has reviewed applications for original licenses for the Opekiska Lock and Dam Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 13753-002), Morgantown Lock and Dam Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 13762-002), Point Marion Lock and Dam Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 13771-002), Grays Landing

Lock and Dam Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 13763-002), Maxwell Locks and Dam Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 13766-002), and Monongahela Locks and Dam 4 (also known as Charleroi Locks and Dam) Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 13767-002) on the Monongahela River. These projects are referred to collectively as the Monongahela River Projects.

The projects would all be located at existing locks and dams owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the Monongahela River. The Opekiska Lock

and Dam Hydroelectric Project would be located upstream of Fairmont, West Virginia, in Monongalia County at river mile (RM) 115.4. The Morgantown Lock and Dam Hydroelectric Project would be located downstream of Morgantown, West Virginia, in Monongalia County at RM 102. The Point Marion Lock and Dam Hydroelectric Project would be located near Point Marion, Pennsylvania, in Fayette County at RM 90.8. The Grays Landing Lock and Dam Hydroelectric Project would be located southwest of Masontown, Pennsylvania,

¹ The proposed Devil Canyon Project is currently licensed as part of the South SWP Project (P-2426).

in Greene and Fayette Counties at RM 82. The Maxwell Locks and Dam Hydroelectric Project would be located downstream of Brownsville, Pennsylvania, in Washington County at RM 61.2. The Monongahela Locks and Dam 4 Hydroelectric Project would be located near Charleroi, Pennsylvania, in Washington County at RM 41.5. The projects would collectively occupy 19.9 acres of federal land.

Staff has prepared a multi-project environmental assessment (EA) that analyzes the potential environmental effects of the six projects and concludes that constructing and operating the projects, with appropriate environmental protection measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA 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 for one of the proposed projects (e.g., P-13753), 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.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to these or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, 202-502-8659. 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: "Opekiska Lock and Dam Hydroelectric Project No. 13753-002, Morgantown Lock and Dam Hydroelectric Project No. 13762-002, Point Marion Lock and Dam Hydroelectric Project No. 13771-002, Grays Landing Lock and Dam Hydroelectric Project No. 13763-002, Maxwell Locks and Dam Hydroelectric Project No. 13766-002, and/or Monongahela Locks and Dam 4

Hydroelectric Project No. 13767-002," as appropriate.

For further information, contact Nicholas Ettema at (202) 502-6565 or by email at nicholas.ettema@ferc.gov.

Dated: September 30, 2016.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. AD16-25-000]

Utilization In the Organized Markets of Electric Storage Resources as Transmission Assets Compensated Through Transmission Rates, for Grid Support Services Compensated in Other Ways, and for Multiple Services; Notice of Technical Conference

Take notice that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will convene a technical conference on November 9, 2016, at the Commission's offices at 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426 beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. (Eastern Time). Commission staff will lead the conference, and Commissioners may attend.

Electric storage resources¹ are able to provide services to multiple entities (i.e., Regional Transmission Organizations/Independent System Operators (RTO/ISO), the distribution utilities, or other markets). In addition, these storage resources may fit into one or more of the traditional asset functions of generation, transmission, and distribution. The Commission wants to explore the circumstances under which it may be appropriate for electric storage resources to provide multiple services, whether the RTO/ISO tariffs need to include provisions to accommodate these business models, and how the Commission may ensure just and reasonable compensation for these resources in the RTO/ISO markets.² The subject of the conference will be the

¹ For purposes of this conference, Commission staff defines an electric storage resource as a facility that can receive electric energy from the grid and store it for later injection of electricity back to the grid. This includes all types of electric storage technologies, regardless of their size and storage medium, or whether they are interconnected to the transmission system, distribution system, or behind a customer meter.

² On April 11, 2016, Commission staff issued, in Docket No. AD16-20-000, data requests and a request for comments seeking information about the rules in RTO/ISO markets that affect the participation of electric storage resources.

utilization of electric storage resources as transmission assets compensated through transmission rates, for grid support services that are compensated in other ways, and for multiple services. The discussion will include issues related to (1) potential models for cost recovery for electric storage resources utilized as transmission assets, while also selling energy, capacity or ancillary services at wholesale; (2) potential models to enable an electric storage resource to provide a compensated grid support service (like a generator providing ancillary services under a reliability must-run contract) rather than being compensated for providing transmission service; and (3) practical considerations for electric storage resources providing multiple services at once (i.e., providing both wholesale service(s) and retail and/or end-use service(s)). Further details of the conference will be specified in a supplemental notice.

Those wishing to participate in this conference should submit a nomination form online by 5:00 p.m. on October 14, 2016 at: <https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/11-09-16-speaker-form.asp>.

All interested persons may attend the conference, and registration is not required. However, in-person attendees are encouraged to register on-line at: <https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/11-09-16-form.asp>.

This conference will be transcribed and webcasted. Transcripts will be available immediately for a fee from Ace Reporting Company at (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.

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For information about the technical conference, please contact Rahim Amerkhail at (202) 502-8266, rahim.amerkhail@ferc.gov. For logistic information, please contact Sarah McKinley at (202) 502-8368, sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov.