

n. Santiam Water Control District proposes to restore operation to the Stayton Project which was operated by Pacific Power until 1992. As proposed, the Stayton Project would consist of: (1) An existing 24-foot-long by 12-foot-high intake structure equipped with 24.6-foot-long by 12-foot-high 3-inch bar spacing trashracks; (2) an existing 40-foot-long V-type spillway weir and integral powerhouse containing a single 600-kilowatt generating unit; (3) an existing 24-foot-long by 12-foot-high outlet structure; (4) an existing 100-foot-long, 2,400-kilovolt transmission line; and (5) appurtenant facilities. The project would have an average annual generation of 4,320 megawatt-hours.

Additional project facilities may include the existing: (1) Power canal head gate structure and fish ladder, and the fish screen and 28-inch-diameter, 600-foot-long juvenile fish bypassed return pipe located on the Stayton Ditch; (2) the tailrace fish barrier; (3) the Spill dam and fish ladder located on the North Channel of the Santiam River just upstream of the power canal head gate structure; and (4) the North Channel of the Santiam River including the Upper and Lower Bennett dams and fish ladders.

o. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

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

p. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the Oregon State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR 800.4.

q. Waiver of Pre-filing Consultation: We intend to use the consultation that has occurred on this project for the previous conduit exemption application supplemented with National Environmental Policy Act scoping as a means to conduct further consultation

with resource agencies and interested entities. Therefore, we intend to waive pre-filing consultation sections 4.38(a)-(g) which requires, among other things, holding a joint meeting, and distributing and consulting on a draft exemption application.

Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions To Intervene, Protests and Comments

August 7, 2007.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application:* Preliminary Permit.

b. *Project No.:* 12807-000.

c. *Date Filed:* July 3, 2007.

d. *Applicant:* BPUS Generation Development, LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Mulqueeney Ranch Pumped Storage Project.

f. *Location:* On property known as Mulqueeney Ranch, near the City of Tracy, in Alameda County, California.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Jeffrey M. Auser, P.E., BPUS Generation Development, LLC., 225 Greenfield Parkway, Suite 201, Liverpool, NY 13088, (315) 413-2821.

i. *FERC Contact:* Patricia W. Gillis at (202) 502-8735.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, protests, and motions to intervene:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

k. All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please include the project number (P-12807-000) on any comments, protests, or motions filed.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the

official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

l. *Description of Project:* The proposed project would consist of: (1) A proposed upper impoundment having a surface area of approximately 40 acres and a normal water surface elevation of 1,600 feet mean sea level; (2) a proposed lower impoundment having a surface area of approximately 75 acres and a normal surface area of 580 feet mean sea level; (3) a proposed waterway connecting the upper impoundment to the lower impoundment; (4) a proposed powerhouse containing two generator units with a total installed capacity of 280-megawatts; (5) a proposed 1-mile-long, 230 or 500-kilovolt transmission line; and (6) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an estimated annual generation of approximately 368-gigawatt-hours. The applicant plans to sell the generated energy to a local utility.

m. *Location of Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission in the Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <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, call toll-free 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. For TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

n. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

o. *Competing Preliminary Permit:* Anyone desiring to file a competing application for preliminary permit for a proposed project must submit the competing application itself, or a notice of intent to file such an application, to the Commission on or before the specified comment date for the particular application (see 18 CFR 4.36). Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing preliminary permit

application no later than 30 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing preliminary permit application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30 and 4.36.

p. Competing Development

Application: Any qualified development applicant desiring to file a competing development application must submit to the Commission, on or before a specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent to file a development application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30 and 4.36.

q. Notice of Intent: A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

r. Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit: A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

s. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene: Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

t. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents: Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS",

"RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", "NOTICE OF INTENT", or "COMPETING APPLICATION", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

u. Agency Comments: Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

v. Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER07-521-000]

New York Independent System Operator, Inc.; Notice of Technical Conference

August 7, 2007.

Take notice that Commission staff will convene a technical conference in the above-referenced proceeding on Tuesday, September 11, 2007, at 10 a.m. (EDT), in conference room 3M-2A/B at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's July 27, 2007 order¹ in this proceeding directed its staff to hold a technical conference to address the issues raised by New York

¹ *New York Independent System Operator, Inc.*, 120 FERC ¶ 61,099 (2007) (July 27 Order).

Independent System Operator, Inc.'s (NYISO) February 5, 2007 compliance filing submitted in response to Order Nos. 681 and 681-A.²

Any parties that plan to participate at this technical conference should contact Morris Margolis at (202) 502-8611 no later than 14 days after the issuance of this notice. Parties with similar interests should designate a single spokesperson to address, on their behalf, NYISO's filing, concerns raised in the July 27 Order, and any alternative proposals. A further notice will provide a detailed agenda.

The technical conference will be transcribed. Those interested in obtaining a copy of the transcript immediately for a fee should contact Ace-Federal Reporters, Inc., at 202-347-3700, or 1-800-336-6646. Two weeks after the technical conference, the transcript will be available for free on the Commission's e-library system.

Commission conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations please send an e-mail to accessibility@ferc.gov or call toll free 1-866-208-3372 (voice) or 202-208-1659 (TTY), or send a Fax to 202-208-2106 with the required accommodations.

For more information about this conference, please contact: Morris Margolis, Office of Energy Markets and Reliability, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8611, morris.margolis@ferc.gov.

Kimberly D. Bose,

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board; Notice of Charter Renewal

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Charter Renewal.

The Charter for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board (ELAB) will be renewed for an additional two-year period, as a necessary committee which is in the

² *Long-Term Firm Transmission Rights in Organized Electricity Markets*, Order No. 681, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,226, order on reh'g and clarification, Order No. 681-A, 117 FERC ¶ 61,201 (2006).