

important that we receive your comments in Washington, DC on or before April 2, 2012.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to file your comments to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the project docket number (CP11–515–000) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert staff available to assist you at (202) 502–8258 or [efiling@ferc.gov](mailto:efiling@ferc.gov).

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature on the Commission's Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to Documents and Filings. This is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can also file your comments electronically using the eFiling feature on the Commission's Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to Documents and Filings. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." You must select the type of filing you are making. If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select "Comment on a Filing"; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address:

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).<sup>1</sup> Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision. The Commission grants affected landowners and others with environmental concerns intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which no other party can adequately represent. Simply filing environmental comments will not give you intervenor status, but you do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208–FERC, or on the FERC Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search," and enter the docket

number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (*i.e.*, CP11–515). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

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Dated: March 2, 2012.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. EL12–41–000; QF11–44–001; QF11–45–001]

#### Rainbow Ranch Wind, LLC, Rainbow West Wind, LLC; Notice of Petition for Enforcement

Take notice that on March 1, 2012, pursuant to section 210(h) of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA), 16 USA 8242–3(h), Rainbow Ranch Wind, LLC (Rainbow Ranch) and Rainbow West Wind, LLC (Rainbow West) (collectively, Petitioners) filed a petition requesting the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) initiate an enforcement action against the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (Idaho PUC) to remedy the rejection of (1) a Firm energy Sales Agreement between Rainbow Ranch and Idaho Power Company (IPC) and (2) a Firm Energy Sales Agreement between Rainbow West and IPC. In the alternative, Petitioners request that the Commission make specific findings with respect to Idaho PUC Order Nos. 32256 and 32300, as would allow Petitioners to pursue enforcement action in a U.S. Federal District Court.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and

Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on March 22, 2012.

Dated: March 2, 2012.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

Secretary.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–9645–2]

### Assessment of Potential Large-Scale Mining on the Bristol Bay Watershed of Alaska: Nomination of Peer Reviewers

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Call for nominations; extension.

**SUMMARY:** On February 24, 2012 EPA announced a two week period for the public to nominate qualified experts to be considered for the external review panel of an anticipated EPA draft report describing impacts associated with potential large-scale mining development in the Nushagak and Kvichak watersheds of Bristol Bay,

<sup>1</sup> See the previous discussion on the methods for filing comments.

Alaska. EPA is extending the nomination period by one week, in response to requests from stakeholders and the public.

**DATES:** The nomination period will be extended by one week and will end March 16, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations of potential members of the Bristol Bay Assessment peer review panel are being accepted and evaluated by an independent EPA contractor. Nominations are being accepted online through an internet Web site, by U.S. Postal mail, or by an overnight/priority mail service. Those interested in submitting nominations online should complete the form found at <http://www.versar.com/epa/bristolbaynominationform.html>. Mailed nominations should be addressed to the EPA contractor, Versar, Inc., 6850 Versar Center, Springfield, VA 22151, should reference Bristol Bay Nomination Form, and should include all nominee information outlined in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section. Mailed submissions must be received by March 16, 2012. Questions concerning the online form should be directed to the EPA contractor, Versar, Inc., at 6850 Versar Center, Springfield, VA 22151; by email [bcolon@versar.com](mailto:bcolon@versar.com) (subject line: Bristol Bay Assessment Nomination Form); or by phone: (703) 642-6727 (ask for Betzy Colon, the Peer Review Coordinator).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information concerning the Bristol Bay Assessment peer review panel nominations, contact Dr. Kate Schofield, Office of Research and Development, The National Center for Environmental Assessment. Telephone: 703-347-8533; or email: [schofield.kate@epa.gov](mailto:schofield.kate@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Alaska's Bristol Bay watershed provides habitat for one of the largest wild salmon populations in the world. In February 2011, EPA began a scientific assessment of the Bristol Bay watershed to understand how large-scale mining activities might affect water quality and habitat. EPA will focus primarily on the Kvichak and Nushagak River drainages, the primary areas in the watershed open to large-scale development.

This assessment was launched in response to concerns from federally recognized tribes and others, who petitioned the agency to evaluate potential impacts of large-scale mining on aquatic resources. The assessment will evaluate the potential for large-scale mining development to have adverse effects on salmon and resident fish populations of the Kvichak and Nushagak River drainages, and if these

effects are likely to affect wildlife and human populations in the region. Additional information describing the assessment, progress to date, and status can be found at: [www.epa.gov/region10/bristolbay](http://www.epa.gov/region10/bristolbay).

**Expertise Sought:** EPA is seeking nominations of experts to serve on the external peer review panel for the Bristol Bay Assessment. Nominees should possess, and demonstrate, background knowledge and experience in one or more of the following areas: (1) Metals (particularly porphyry copper) mining, (2) salmon fisheries biology, (3) surface, subsurface, or watershed hydrology, (4) aquatic ecology, (5) biogeochemistry, (6) seismology, (7) ecotoxicology, (8) wildlife ecology, and/or (9) indigenous Alaskan cultures.

**Selection Criteria:** Selection criteria for members of the external review panel include the following: (1) Demonstrated expertise through relevant peer reviewed publications; (2) professional accomplishments, and recognition by professional societies; (3) demonstrated ability to work constructively and effectively in a committee setting; (4) absence of financial conflicts of interest; (5) no actual conflicts of interest or the appearance of bias; (6) willingness to commit adequate time for the thorough review of the assessment report commencing in late April 2012; and (7) availability to participate in-person in a peer review panel meeting in Anchorage, Alaska during August 2012.

**Nominee Information:** Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified persons to be considered for appointment to the peer review panel. Self-nominations will also be accepted. Nominations may be submitted either online using the following URL: <http://www.versar.com/epa/bristolbaynominationform.html> or by mail to the EPA contractor listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. The following information should be provided on the nomination form/mail-in documentation: (1) Contact information for the person making the nomination; (2) contact information for the nominee; (3) the disciplinary and specific areas of expertise of the nominee; (4) the nominee's curriculum vita; (5) and a biographical sketch of the nominee indicating current position, educational background, past and current research activities, and recent service on other advisory committees or professional organizations. Persons having questions about the nomination procedures should contact the designated contact above.

**Notification of nominees:** EPA's contractor, Versar, Inc., will notify candidates of selection or non-selection. The Contractor may add additional experts to the list of nominees to develop a balanced panel representing the expertise needed to fully evaluate EPA's draft assessment report. After the peer review panel has been finalized, a list of panel members will be posted on the project Web site at [www.epa.gov/region10/bristolbay](http://www.epa.gov/region10/bristolbay). Compensation of non-federal peer review panel members will be provided by EPA's contractor.

**Authority:** Clean Water Act Section 404.

Dated: March 2, 2012.

**Darrel A. Winner,**

*Acting Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[WC Docket No. 09-197; WT Docket No. 10-208; AU Docket No. 12-25; DA 12-271]

### Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation for Participation in Mobility Fund Phase I

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In this document, the Commission's Wireless Telecommunications and Wireline Competition Bureaus describe the process and requirements for applicants seeking Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) Designation from the Commission for participation in Mobility Fund Phase I Auction 901.

**ADDRESSES:** All petitions to be designated an ETC must reference WC Docket No. 09-197. In addition, petitions to be designated for purposes of participation in Auction 901 must reference WT Docket No. 10-208 and AU Docket No. 12-25. The Wireless Telecommunications and Wireline Competition Bureaus strongly encourage interested parties to file petitions electronically, and request that an additional copy of all petitions be submitted electronically to the following address: [auction901@fcc.gov](mailto:auction901@fcc.gov). Petitions may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.

**Electronic Filers:** Petitions may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>.