

4. Presentation by Dr. Jared Moore, Independent Energy Researcher, Meridian Energy Policy on The Increasing Competitiveness of CCUS Generation Under Deep Decarbonization
5. Presentation by Dr. Robert Williams, Sr. Research Scientist & Associated Faculty, Princeton Environmental Institute, Princeton University on CO2 Capture Technology Cost Buydown in EOR Applications with Alternative Financing Mechanisms
6. Council Business:
 - a. Finance report by Finance Committee Chair Greg Workman
 - b. Coal Policy Committee report by Coal Policy Committee Chair Fred Palmer
 - c. Communications Committee report by Communications Committee Chair Holly Krutka
 - d. NCC Business Report by NCC Executive Vice President & COO Janet Gellici
7. Other business
8. Adjourn

Visiting NETL requires compliance with site safety and security requirements. Please see <http://www.netl.doe.gov/about/visiting-netl> for full details. Due to security requirements, attendees are requested to register in advance for the meeting at: <https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=137597&>.

Transportation to NETL will be provided for meeting registrants from the Crowne Plaza Pittsburgh South hotel (164 Fort Couch Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15241). Bus departs hotel at 7:30 a.m. and 7:55 a.m. Return transportation will be provided at 1:15 p.m. following lunch and at 3:15 p.m. following a tour of NETL's facilities.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. If you would like to file a written statement with the Council, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any item on the agenda, you should contact Dr. Robert J. Wright, 202-586-0429 or robert.wright@hq.doe.gov (email). You must make your request for an oral statement at least 5 business days before the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include oral statements on the scheduled agenda. The Chairperson of the Council will lead the meeting in a manner that facilitates the orderly conduct of business. Oral statements are limited to 10-minutes per organization and per person.

Minutes: A link to the transcript of the meeting will be posted on the NCC Web site at: <http://www.nationalcoalcouncil.org/>.

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LaTanya R. Butler,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Oak Ridge Reservation

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Oak Ridge Reservation. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, October 14, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Department of Energy Information Center, Office of Science and Technical Information, 1 Science.gov Way, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melyssa P. Noe, Federal Coordinator, Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office, P.O. Box 2001, EM-90, Oak Ridge, TN 37831. Phone (865) 241-3315; Fax (865) 576-0956 or email: melyssa.noe@orem.doe.gov or check the Web site at <http://energy.gov/ore/services/community-engagement/oak-ridge-site-specific-advisory-board>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE-EM and site management in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda

- Welcome and Announcements
- Comments from the Deputy Designated Federal Officer
- Comments from the DOE, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, and Environmental Protection Agency Liaisons
- Public Comment Period
- Presentation—Progress Made at East Tennessee Technology Park
- Additions/Approval of Agenda
- Motions/Approval of September 9, 2015 Meeting Minutes
- Status of Recommendations with DOE
- Committee Reports
- Federal Coordinator Report

• Adjourn

Public Participation: The EM SSAB, Oak Ridge, welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Melyssa P. Noe at least seven days in advance of the meeting at the phone number listed above. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to the agenda item should contact Melyssa P. Noe at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make public comments will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: Minutes will be available by writing or calling Melyssa P. Noe at the address and phone number listed above. Minutes will also be available at the following Web site: <http://energy.gov/ore/services/community-engagement/oak-ridge-site-specific-advisory-board>.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14706-000]

Empire State Hydro 303, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On August 26, 2015, Empire State Hydro 303, LLC, 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 Rock Bottom Dam Hydroelectric Project (project) to be located on the Susquehanna River, near the city of Binghamton, Broome County, New York. 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) An existing 9-foot-high, 460-foot-long gravity dam; (2) a proposed concrete powerhouse approximately 100 feet long by 40 feet wide housing eight low-head, horizontal bulb turbines having a total installed capacity of 1,992 kilowatts; (3) a proposed concrete tailrace wall extending approximately 100 feet downstream; (4) a proposed 500-foot-long, 12,700-volt transmission line interconnecting with the local utility; and (5) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an average annual generation of about 10 megawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: Mr. Mark Boumansour, Gravity Renewables, Inc., 1401 Walnut Street, Suite 220, Boulder, CO 80302; phone: (303) 440-3378.

FERC Contact: Timothy Looney; phone: (202) 502-6096.

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 at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). 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 docket number P-14706-000.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-14706) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: September 10, 2015.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2197-108]

Alcoa Power Generating, Inc.; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

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

a. *Type of Application:* Request for a Temporary Variance from Minimum Flow and Reservoir Level Requirements—Article 33.

b. *Project No.:* 2197-108.

c. *Date Filed:* September 4, 2015.

d. *Applicant:* Alcoa Power Generating, Inc. (licensee).

e. *Name of Project:* Yadkin Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* Davidson, Davie, Montgomery, Rowan, and Stanly counties, North Carolina.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mark Gross, Vice President of Hydro Operations, (704) 422-5774, or mark.gross@alcoa.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Alicia Burtner, (202) 502-8038, or alicia.burtner@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, protests, and recommendations is 30 days from the issuance date of this notice by the Commission.*

All documents may be filed electronically via the Internet. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and seven copies should be mailed to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. 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.

Please include the project number (P-2197-108) on any comments, motions, or recommendations filed.

k. *Description of Request:* The licensee requests a temporary variance from the requirements of license Article 33, which mandates the implementation of the Reservoir Operating Guides. The requirements, as amended in 1968, pertain to minimum flows and reservoir levels at the four project developments. The licensee is required to maintain a minimum 900 cubic feet per second (cfs) daily average flow and a 1,400 cfs weekly average minimum flow. Article 33 also stipulates a rule curve relating reservoir levels of the upstream High Rock reservoir to the downstream Badin (Narrows) reservoir level seasonally. The licensee indicates that, as a result of ongoing drought conditions throughout the watershed, it consulted with its Drought Management Team to determine alternative operating procedures to conserve water. The licensee requests that the weekly minimum flow requirement be reduced to a 1,200 cfs average, and it outlines additional modifications to daily and weekly minimum flows based on conditions, updated mid-month.

l. *Locations of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's 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/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. 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 this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or email 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.

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

n. *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, .211, .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