

pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations, requesting authorization to abandon certain inactive supply pipelines, associated meters, and appurtenances located in the West Delta area in Federal offshore waters and in State waters in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. 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 (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Susan T. Halbach, Senior Counsel, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, 1001 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas 77002, or by calling (713) 420-5751 (telephone) or (713) 420-1601 (fax), [susan.halbach@elpaso.com](mailto:susan.halbach@elpaso.com), Kathy Cash, Principal Analyst, Rates and Regulatory Affairs, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, 1001 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas 77002, or by calling (713) 420-3290 (telephone) or (713) 420-1605 (fax), [kathy.cash@elpaso.com](mailto:kathy.cash@elpaso.com), or to Thomas G. Joyce, Manager, Certificates, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, 1001 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas 77002, or by calling (713) 420-3299 (telephone) or (713) 420-1605 (fax), [tom.joyce@elpaso.com](mailto:tom.joyce@elpaso.com).

Pursuant to Section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding, or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify Federal and State agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all Federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party

to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

Motions to intervene, protests and comments 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 under the "e-Filing" link. The

Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

*Comment Date:* August 26, 2009.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2696-033]

#### Albany Engineering Corporation; and Town of Stuyvesant; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission and Soliciting Additional Study Requests

**DATES:** August 5, 2009.

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

a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.

b. *Project No.:* P-2696-033.

c. *Date filed:* July 31, 2009.

d. *Applicants:* Albany Engineering Corporation and the Town of Stuyvesant.

e. *Name of Project:* Stuyvesant Falls Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The existing project is located on Kinderhook Creek (in the Hudson River drainage basin) in the town of Stuyvesant, Columbia County, New York. The project does not occupy any Federal lands.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. James A. Besha, P.E., President, Albany Engineering Corporation, 5 Washington Square, Albany, New York 12205; (518) 456-7712.

i. *FERC Contact:* Carolyn Templeton at (202) 502-8785 or [carolyn.templeton@ferc.gov](mailto:carolyn.templeton@ferc.gov).

j. *Cooperating agencies:* Federal, State, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item (l) below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. See, 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

k. Pursuant to section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or

person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the application, and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

*l. Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status:* September 29, 2009.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ferconline.asp>) under the "efiling" link. For a simpler method of submitting text only comments, click on "Quick Comment."

*m.* The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

*n.* The Stuyvesant Falls Hydroelectric Project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) A 13-foot-high, 240-foot-long, masonry gravity dam with a Taintor gate and trash sluice near the south abutment; (2) a 46-acre reservoir with a normal pool elevation of 174.3 feet USGS datum; (3) two 7.5-foot-diameter, 2,860-foot-long, riveted-steel pipelines; (4) a 25-foot-diameter surge tank; (5) two 200-foot-long steel penstocks; (6) a powerhouse containing a single 2.8-megawatt generating unit; and (7) other appurtenances.

The following generating equipment is proposed as part of the new license: (1) A minimum flow turbine located in the powerhouse utilizing a rated flow range of 10–65 cubic feet per second (cfs) and rated at 590 horsepower at 97 feet of head directly connected to a 440-kVA generator; and (2) a minimum flow turbine utilizing a rated flow range of 15 cfs and rated at 37 horsepower at 30 feet of head, directly connected to a 35-kVA generator and located at the existing dam and intake, and discharging directly to the current bypass reach immediately below the dam via an equalizing weir.

No new transmission lines are proposed for this project. The following equipment would be procured and installed to replace equipment previously removed from the project: (1) A new step up transformer and 50-foot

generator leads; and (2) a new 34.5-kilovolt (kV) primary circuit breaker, adjacent to the proposed step up transformer and 34.5-kV, 40-foot primary leads to an existing adjacent Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation substation.

*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 last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (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 New York State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by § 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36, CFR, at 800.4.

*q. Procedural schedule:* The application will be processed according to the following Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Issue deficiency letter; September 2009.

Issue acceptance letter; January 2010.

Issue Scoping Document 1 for comments; February 2010.

Request additional information; March 2010.

Issue Scoping Document 2; April 2010.

Notice of application is ready for environmental analysis; April 2010.

Notice of the availability of the draft EA; December 2010.

Notice of the availability of the final EA; April 2011.

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*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project Nos. 2727-085; 2666-032; 2534-091; 2710-053, and 2712-072]

### PPL Maine, LLC; Black Bear Hydro Partners, LLC; Notice of Application for Transfer of License, and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

August 5, 2009.

On July 24, 2009, PPL Maine, LLC (Transferor) and Black Bear Hydro Partners, LLC (Transferee) filed a joint application for transfer of licenses of the Ellsworth Project No. 2727, Medway Project No. 2666, Milford Project No. 2534, Orono Project No. 2710, and the Stillwater Project No. 2712. The Ellsworth Project is located on the Union River near the city of Ellsworth in Hancock County, Maine. The Medway Project is located on the West Branch Penobscot River near the city of Medway in Penobscot County, Maine. The Milford Project is located on the Penobscot River near the city of Old Town in Penobscot County, Maine. The Orono and Stillwater Projects are located on the Stillwater Branch of the Penobscot River near the city of Orono in Penobscot County, Maine.

Applicants seek Commission approval to transfer the licenses for the Ellsworth, Medway, Milford, Orono, and Stillwater Projects from PPL Maine, LLC, to Black Bear Hydro Partners, LLC.

*Applicant Contact: For Transferor:* Jesse A. Dillon, PPL Maine, LLC, c/o PPL Services Corporation, Office of General Counsel, Two North Ninth Street, Allentown, PA 18101, (610) 774-5013.

*For Transferee:* Christine Miller, Esq. Black Bear Hydro Partners, LLC, c/o ArcLight Capital Partners, LLC, 200 Clarendon Street, Boston, MA 02117, (617) 531-6338.

*FERC Contact:* Steven Sachs, (202) 502-8666 or [Steven.Sachs@ferc.gov](mailto:Steven.Sachs@ferc.gov).

*Deadline for filing comments, protests, and motions to intervene:* 30 days from the issuance of this notice. Comments and motions to intervene may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and eight copies should be mailed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. For more information on how to submit