

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 14623–000]

Advanced Hydropower, Inc.; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On May 6, 2014, Advanced Hydropower, Inc. filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of a hydropower project to be located on the Cullasaja River, on lands within the Nantahala National Forest, near the town of Highlands, in Macon County, North Carolina. 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) A 50-foot-wide, 2-foot-high concrete diversion weir; (2) a 50-foot-wide, 2-foot-high coanda effect screened intake structure; (3) a 2,000-foot-long, 36-inch-diameter above ground penstock; (4) a 30-foot-high, 25-foot-long powerhouse containing one crossflow generating unit with a total capacity of 775 kilowatts; (5) a 40-foot-long, 40-foot-wide tailrace; (6) a 60-foot-long, 12.47 kilo-Volt transmission line. The project would have an estimated average annual generation of 3,300 megawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: Mr. Colin M. Gaines, Advanced Hydropower, Inc., 3774 Chessa Lane, Clovis, CA 93619. (772) 532–2104.

FERC Contact: Christiane Casey, christiane.casey@ferc.gov, (202) 502–8577.

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. Comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site <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 or toll free at 1–866–208–3676, or for TTY, (202) 502–8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and five copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the “eLibrary” link of Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P–14623) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: September 22, 2014.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. EL14–102–000]

Kentucky Utilities Company; Notice of Institution of Section 206 Proceeding and Refund Effective Date

On September 23, 2014, the Commission issued an order in Docket No. EL14–102–000, pursuant to section 206 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 824e (2012), instituting an investigation into the justness and reasonableness of the proposed modifications to the Construction Work In Progress (CWIP) costs portion of Kentucky Utilities Company's formula rate wholesale requirements contracts. *Kentucky Utilities Company*, 148 FERC ¶ 61,225 (2014).

The refund effective date in Docket No. EL14–102–000, established pursuant to section 206(b) of the FPA, will be the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: September 23, 2014.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–9916–92–OSWER]

Access to Confidential Business Information by Eastern Research Group, Incorporated

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of access to data.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will authorize its contractor Eastern Research Group, Incorporated (ERG) to access Confidential Business Information (CBI) which has been submitted to EPA under the authority of all sections of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) of 1976, as amended. EPA has issued regulations that outline business confidentiality provisions for the Agency and require all EPA Offices that receive information designated by the submitter, as CBI to abide by these provisions.

DATES: Access to confidential data submitted to EPA will occur no sooner than October 10, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

LaShan Haynes, Document Control Officer, Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery, (5305P), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460, 703–605–0516.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**1. Access to Confidential Business Information**

Under EPA Contract No. EP–W–10–055, ERG, Incorporated will assist the Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery (ORCR), Resource Conservation and Sustainability Division (RCS) in developing the Waste Characterization Report to analyze the composition and amounts of the United States' Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) and other wastes, and how these materials are recycled, combusted, and landfilled. The methodology used in this report is a “top-down” materials flow approach to estimate the size of the waste stream data. This report may typically involve one or more of the following statutes: CAA, CWA, RCRA, TSCA, FIFRA, EPCRA and the SDWA. Some of the data collected voluntarily from industry, may be claimed by industry to contain trade secrets or CBI. In accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Part 2, Subpart B, ORCR has established policies and procedures for handling information collected from industry, under the authority of RCRA, including RCRA

Confidential Business Information Security Manuals.

ERG, Incorporated shall protect from unauthorized disclosure all information designated as confidential and shall abide by all RCRA CBI requirements, including procedures outlined in the RCRA CBI Security Manual.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has issued regulations (40 CFR Part 2, Subpart B) that outline business confidentiality provisions for the Agency and require all EPA Offices that receive information designated by the submitter as CBI to abide by these provisions. ERG, Incorporated will be authorized to have access to RCRA CBI under the EPA "Contractor Requirements for the Control and Security of RCRA Confidential Business Information Security Manual."

EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of information under all sections of RCRA that ERG, Incorporated under the contract may have access to RCRA CBI. Access to RCRA CBI under this contract will take place at ERG's Chantilly, Virginia and Prairie View, Kansas offices, and when necessary, EPA Headquarters only. Contractor personnel at each location will be required to sign non-disclosure agreements and will be briefed on appropriate security procedures before they are permitted access to confidential information.

Dated: September 4, 2014.

Barnes Johnson,

Director, Office of Resource Conservation & Recovery.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9917-31-Region-1]

Notice of Availability of Draft NPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges From Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems in Massachusetts

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of availability of draft NPDES general permit.

SUMMARY: The Director of the Office of Ecosystem Protection, Environmental Protection Agency—Region 1 (EPA), is providing this Notice of Availability of a draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permit for stormwater discharges from small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) to certain waters of the

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The draft NPDES general permit establishes Notice of Intent (NOI) requirements, prohibitions, and management practices for stormwater discharges from small MS4s. EPA has substantially modified the previous two draft general permits released on February 4, 2010 and March 18, 2010 and is issuing a new draft general permit for all eligible MS4s in Massachusetts.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 29, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments by one of the following methods:

- *Email:* Tedder.Newton@epa.gov
- *Mail:* Newton Tedder, US EPA—Region 1, 5 Post Office Square—Suite 100, Mail Code—OEP06-4, Boston, MA 02109-3912.

No facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted.

The draft permit is based on an administrative record available for public review at EPA—Region 1, Office of Ecosystem Protection, 5 Post Office Square—Suite 100, Boston, Massachusetts 02109-3912. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying requests. The fact sheet for the draft permit sets forth principal facts and the significant factual, legal, methodological and policy questions considered in the development of the draft permit and is available upon request. A brief summary is provided as **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Additional information concerning the draft permit may be obtained between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday excluding legal holidays from: Newton Tedder, Office of Ecosystem Protection, Environmental Protection Agency, 5 Post Office Square—Suite 100, Boston, MA 02109-3912; telephone: 617-918-1038; email: Tedder.Newton@epa.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Comment Information

Public Hearing Information: EPA will hold a public hearing in accordance with 40 CFR 124.12 and will provide interested parties with the opportunity to provide written and/or oral comments for the official draft permit record. The public hearing will be held Wednesday, November 19, 2014 from at 1:00 p.m. at the following location: Leominster Public Library (Community Room), 30 West Street, Leominster, Massachusetts 01453. An Alternate date in case of cancellation due to inclement weather or other emergency is Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at the same location.

The public comment process and the public hearing will be conducted in

accordance with 40 CFR 124, EPA's Procedures for Decision making. EPA will consider and respond to all significant comments before taking final action. The general permit shall be effective on the date specified in the **Federal Register** publication of the Notice of Availability of the final general permit. The final general permit will expire five years from the effective date.

All persons, including applicants, who believe any condition of the draft permit is inappropriate must raise all reasonably ascertainable issues and submit all reasonably available arguments supporting their position by the close of the public comment period, either by submitting written comments to the EPA New England Regional Office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this **Federal Register**, or by submitting written or oral comments at the public hearing. Any supporting materials which are submitted shall be included in full and may not be incorporated by reference, unless they are already part of the administrative record in this proceeding, or consist of State or Federal statutes and regulations, EPA documents of general applicability, or other generally available reference materials.

Background of Proposed Permit

EPA is proposing to reissue three draft NPDES general permits for the discharge of stormwater from small MS4s to certain waters within the commonwealth of Massachusetts. The three permits are:

MAR041000—Traditional cities and towns

MAR042000—Non-traditional state, federal, county and other publicly owned systems

MAR043000—Non-traditional transportation systems

While these are technically distinct permits, for convenience we have grouped them together in a single document and have provided a single fact sheet for all three of them, and this document refers to the draft general "permit" in the singular. The draft general permit, appendices, and fact sheet are available at: http://www.epa.gov/region1/npdes/stormwater/MS4_MA.html.

The conditions in the draft permit are established pursuant to Clean Water Act (CWA) section 402(p)(3)(iii) to ensure that pollutant discharges from small MS4s are reduced to the Maximum Extent Practicable (MEP), protect water quality, and satisfy the appropriate requirements of the CWA. The regulations at 40 CFR 122.26(b)(16)