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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Committee: To provide advice on a continuing basis to the Director, Office of Science of the Department of Energy, on the many complex scientific and technical issues that arises in the development and implementation of the Biological and Environmental Research Program.

Tentative Agenda Topics

- Report from the Director, Office of Science
- Report from the Office of Biological and Environmental Research
- News from the Biological Systems Science and Climate and Environmental Sciences Divisions
- Multiple DOE National Laboratories report on their strategic plans and future visions
- Presentations on Microbiome, CESD Computational Requirements, ASR Aerosols, Trait Methods for Land Models
- Next Generation Ecosystem Experiments Tropics presentation
- BERAC member Science Talk
- New Business
- Public Comment

Public Participation: The day and a half meeting is open to the public. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Sharlene Weatherwax at sharlene.weatherwax@science.doe.gov (email) or (301)903-5051 (fax). You must make your request for an oral statement at least five business days before the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 45 days at the BERAC Web site: <http://science.energy.gov/ber/berac/meetings/berac-minutes/>.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 26, 2016.

LaTanya R. Butler,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER16-999-000]

Greenleaf Energy Unit 1 LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of Greenleaf Energy Unit 1 LLC's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is March 16, 2016.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above-referenced proceeding are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by

clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available for electronic 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. or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Dated: February 25, 2016.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL16-40-000]

Hoosier Energy Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Notice of Filing

Take notice that on February 18, 2016, Hoosier Energy Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Hoosier), on behalf of itself and its eighteen participating electric distribution cooperative member-owners (collectively, the Participating Members)¹ pursuant to section 292.402 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 292.402, filed a petition for partial waiver of certain obligations imposed on Hoosier and the Participating Members under sections 292.303(a) and 292.303(b) of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, as amended.²

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

¹ Hoosier's eighteen Participating Member-owners joining in this petition are: Bartholomew County REMC (Columbus, IN); Clark County REMC (Sellersburg, IN); Daviess-Martin County REMC (Loogootee, IN); Decatur County REMC (Greensburg, IN); Dubois REC, Inc. (Jasper, IN); Harrison REMC (Corydon, IN); Henry County REMC (New Castle, IN); Jackson County REMC (Brownstown, IN); Johnson County REMC (Franklin, IN); Orange County REMC (Orleans, IN); RushShelby Energy (Manilla, IN); South Central Indiana REMC (Martinsville, IN); Southeastern Indiana REMC (Osgood, IN); Southern Indiana Power (Tell City, IN); Utilities District of Western Indiana REMC (Bloomfield, IN); Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative (Fairfield, IL); WIN Energy REMC (Vincennes, IN); and Whitewater Valley REMC (Liberty, IN).

² 16 U.S.C. 824a-3.

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 5 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 electronic 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, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 10, 2016.

Dated: February 25, 2016.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14755-000]

Ever Better Hydro Power, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On February 16, 2016, Ever Better Hydro Power, 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 Pittsfield Mill Dam Hydroelectric Project (Pittsfield Project or project) to be located on Suncook River, in the town of Pittsfield, in Merrimack County, New Hampshire. 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 21-foot-high, 470-foot-long concrete and stone dam with a 150-foot-long ogee spillway, two 4.5-foot-wide, 7-foot-high stoplog bays, and two 6.25-foot-wide, 7.66-foot-high outlet gates; (2) an existing 20-acre impoundment with a normal storage capacity of 112 acre-feet at spillway crest elevation of about 474.5 feet national geodetic vertical datum (NGVD '29); (3) an existing gated intake structure and forebay leading to an existing 200-foot-long, 9-foot-diameter steel penstock; (4) an existing brick building housing a 415 kilowatt (kW) turbine-generator, along with a control panel and switchgear; (5) a new 75-foot-long, 13.8-kilovolt (kV) transmission line connecting the generator to Public Service Company of New Hampshire's existing distribution system; and (6) appurtenant facilities. The estimated annual generation of the proposed Pittsfield Project would be about 1,400 megawatt-hours. The existing dam is owned by New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services.

Applicant Contact: Mr. Douglas Troy, 5 Main Street, Pittsfield, NH 03263; phone: (603) 435-3598.

FERC Contact: John Ramer; phone: (202) 502-8969 or email: john.ramer@ferc.gov.

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-14755-000.

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-14755) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: February 25, 2016.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12532-006]

Pine Creek Mine, LLC; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Licensing and Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

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

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

b. *Project No.:* 12532-006.

c. *Date Filed:* February 12, 2016

d. *Applicant:* Pine Creek Mine, LLC

e. *Name of Project:* Pine Creek Mine Tunnel Hydroelectric Project

f. *Location:* The project is located at Pine Creek Mine adjacent to Morgan and Pine Creeks in Inyo County California. The project's mine access tunnel, mine plug, mine water storage cavity, penstock, generator, and most of its primary transmission line would be located under Federal land managed by the United States Forest Service.

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

h. *Applicant Contacts:* Craig N. Rossell, Member, Pine Creek Mine LLC, 228 West Bonita Avenue Claremont, California 91711, (909) 482-1000; Lynn Goodfellow, 9050 Pine Creek Road, Bishop, California 93514 (760) 387-2076.

i. *FERC Contact:* Joseph Hassell, (202) 502-8079 or joseph.hassell@ferc.gov.

j. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

k. *The Project Description:* The proposed Pine Creek Tunnel Hydroelectric Project would include: (1) The existing Pine Creek Mine site, mine