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David P. Boergers,  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Protests, and Motions to Intervene

May 31, 2001.

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

a. *Type of Application*: Preliminary Permit.

b. *Project No.*: 11978-000.

c. *Date filed*: April 20, 2001.

d. *Applicant*: Symbiotics, LLC.

e. *Name and Location of Project*: The Vega Dam Hydroelectric Project would be located on Plateau Creek in Mesa County, Colorado. The project would utilize the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's existing Vega Dam.

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

g. *Applicant Contact*: Mr. Brent L. Smith, Northwest Power Services, Inc., P.O. Box 535, Rigby, ID 83442, (208) 745-8630.

h. *FERC Contact*: James Hunter, (202) 219-2839.

i. *Deadline for filing comments, protests, and motions to intervene*: 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments, protests, and motions to intervene 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 at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

Please include the project number (P-11978-000) on any comments or motions filed.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all interveners filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person in the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervener files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

j. *Description of Project*: The proposed project, using the existing Vega Dam, would consist of: (1) a proposed 300-foot-long, 4-foot-diameter steel penstock; (2) a proposed concrete powerhouse containing one 2.5-megawatt generating unit; (3) a proposed 3-mile-long, 15-kV transmission line; and (4) appurtenant facilities. The project would have an average annual generation of 10.9 GWh.

k. 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) 208-1371. The application may be viewed on <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item g above.

l. *Preliminary Permit*—Anyone desiring to file a competing application for preliminary permit for a proposed project must submit the competing application itself, or a notice of intent to file such an application, to the Commission on or before the specified comment date for the particular application (see 18 CFR 4.36). Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing preliminary permit application no later than 30 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing preliminary permit application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

m. *Preliminary Permit*—Any qualified development applicant desiring to file a competing development application must submit to the Commission, on or before a specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent to file a development application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

n. *Notice of Intent*—A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

o. *Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit*—A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

p. *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 be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

q. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents*—any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION", "COMPETING APPLICATION", "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Hydropower Administration and Compliance, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

r. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. PL01-5-000 and RM99-2-000]

#### Conference on RTO Interregional Coordination; Regional Transmission Organizations; Notice of Technical Conference and Change in Docket Designation

May 31, 2001.

On December 15, 2000, the Electric Power Supply Association, *et al.*, filed a motion requesting the Commission to convene a technical conference to provide guidance on implementation of Function 8 of Order No. 2000—Interregional Coordination, as it applies to Regional Transmission Organizations (RTOs). By notice issued March 28, 2001, in Docket No. RM99-2-000, comments were sought on this motion.

Take notice that a technical conference will be held on June 19, 2001, at 10 a.m., in a room to be designated, at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. All future actions with respect to this conference will be taken under Docket No. PL01-5-000.

The purpose of the conference will be to discuss interregional coordination between RTOs. All interested parties and Staff are permitted to attend. Anyone interested in making a statement at this conference should file a request to speak in Docket No. PL01-5-000 no later than June 8, 2001. Further details about the conference will be provided in a subsequent notice.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6992-2]

### Request for Nominations to the Good Neighbor Environmental Board

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

**ACTION:** Notice of request for nominations to federal advisory committee.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is inviting nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment to fill vacancies on the Good Neighbor Environmental Board, a federal advisory committee whose focus is sustainable development along the U.S.-Mexico border.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO SUBMIT

**NOMINATIONS CONTACT:** Elaine M. Koerner, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (1601A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004; telephone 202-564-1484; fax 202-501-0661; email koerner.elaine@epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Good Neighbor Environmental Board is an independent federal advisory committee charged with advising the President and Congress on environmental and infrastructure practices along the U.S. border with Mexico. It was authorized under Section 6 of the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative Act, 7 U.S.C. 5404. Under Executive Order 12916, the EPA Administrator was delegated authority to administer the activities of the Board.

Good Neighbor has 24 Board members, including 16 non-federal members and 8 members from federal agencies. Federal agency members are appointed by the heads of their agencies. Non-federal members are appointed by the Administrator of EPA for a two year term, with the possibility of reappointment. The Board meets three times a year in different U.S. border communities and produces an annual report to the President and Congress. Between meetings, Board members continue their work through teleconference calls and e-mail.

Currently, there are 3 non-federal vacancies on the Board for which applications are being sought by EPA. The application process is open to all interested parties. To help maintain a balanced and diverse nonpartisan perspective, non-federal Board members continue to be recruited from all four U.S. border states and span all levels of

government as well as the private sector, non-profit groups, and academic institutions. Recruitment is an ongoing process.

At the present time, given the composition of the Board and EPA's continued commitment to diversity and balance, EPA is especially interested in receiving applications from individuals with the following types of skills, expertise, and perspectives: maquiladora businesses, local governments, tribes, grassroots citizens' coalitions, ranching and grazing interests, and energy sector expertise. Those who live and work in border communities, have cross-border experience and networks, offer specific cultural perspectives, and are bilingual also are especially welcome to apply for membership. EPA Administrator Christine Todd Whitman makes the final recruitment decisions.

Nominations for membership must include a resume describing the professional and educational qualifications of the nominee and the nominee's current business address, daytime telephone number, fax, and e-mail address.

Dated: May 29, 2001.

**Elaine M. Koerner,**

*Designated Federal Officer.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6992-3]

### National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92463, EPA gives notice of a meeting of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT). NACEPT provides advice and recommendations to the Administrator of EPA on a broad range of environmental policy and management issues.

NACEPT consists of a representative cross-section of EPA's partners and principle constituents who provide advice and recommendations on policy issues and serve as a sounding board for new strategies that the Agency is developing.

The NACEPT is addressing the identification of emerging issues and