

individuals and entities on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of the scoping document will be available at the scoping meetings, or may be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link. Follow the directions for accessing information in paragraph n. Depending on the extent of comments received, Scoping Document 2 may or may not be issued.

Site Visit

Tidewalker Associates will conduct a site visit of the project at 2 p.m. on Tuesday June 23, 2009. All participants should meet where Old Route 190 terminates at the shore on the Eastport end of the proposed dam location. See Figure 2 of the scoping document for a map. All participants are responsible for their own transportation. Anyone with questions about the site visit should contact Normand Laberge.

Scoping Meeting Objectives

At the scoping meetings, staff will: (1) Initiate scoping of the issues; (2) review and discuss existing conditions and resource management objectives; (3) review and discuss existing information and identify preliminary information and study needs; (4) review and discuss the process plan and schedule for pre-filing activity that incorporates the time frames provided for in Part 5 of the Commission's regulations and, to the extent possible, maximizes coordination of federal, state, and tribal permitting and certification processes; and (5) discuss the appropriateness of any federal or state agency or Indian tribe acting as a cooperating agency for development of an environmental document.

Meeting participants should come prepared to discuss their issues and/or concerns. Please review the PAD in preparation for the scoping meetings. Directions on how to obtain a copy of the PAD and the scoping document are included in item n of this document.

Meeting Procedures

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will become part of the formal record of the Commission proceeding on the project.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. DI09-7-000]

Inside Passage Electric Cooperative; Notice of Declaration of Intention and Soliciting Comments, Protests, and/or Motions To Intervene

May 26, 2009.

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

- a. *Application Type*: Declaration of Intention.
- b. *Docket No.*: DI09-7-000.
- c. *Date Filed*: April 16, 2009.
- d. *Applicant*: Inside Passage Electric Cooperative.
- e. *Name of Project*: Gartina Falls Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location*: The proposed Gartina Falls Hydroelectric Project will be located on Gartina Creek, near the town of Hoonah on Chichagof Island, Alaska, affecting T. 44 S, R. 65 E, secs. 2, 11, 34, and 35, Copper River Meridian.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Section 23(b)(1) of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 817(b).
- h. *Applicant Contact*: Peter A. Bibb, Operations, P.O. Box 210149, 12480 Mendenhall Loop Road, Auke Bay, AK 99821, telephone: (907) 789-3196, ext. 30; Fax: (907) 790-8517; e-mail: <http://www.pbibb@ak.net>.
- i. *FERC Contact*: Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Henry Ecton, (202) 502-8768, or E-mail address: henry.ecton@ferc.gov
- j. *Deadline for filing comments, protests, and/or motions*: June 26, 2009.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments, protests, and/or interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. Any questions, please contact the Secretary's Office. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing link."

Please include the docket number (DI09-7-000) on any comments, protests, and/or motions filed.

k. *Description of Project*: The proposed Gartina Creek Hydropower Project will include: (1) A 15-foot-high, 280-foot-long concrete-and-rock-fill diversion dam; (2) a concrete intake structure and sluiceway, and a 54-inch-diameter, 200-foot-long steel pipe penstock to the powerhouse; (3) a two-level powerhouse, approximately 20-

foot-long and 2-foot-wide, and 25-foot-high; (4) a 4-mile-long transmission line to an interconnection near the Hoonah airport; (5) a tailrace emptying into Gartina Creek; and (6) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project will not be connected to an interstate grid, and will not occupy any tribal or federal lands.

When a Declaration of Intention is filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Federal Power Act requires the Commission to investigate and determine if the interests of interstate or foreign commerce would be affected by the project. The Commission also determines whether or not the project: (1) Would be located on a navigable waterway; (2) would occupy or affect public lands or reservations of the United States; (3) would utilize surplus water or water power from a government dam; or (4) if applicable, has involved or would involve any construction subsequent to 1935 that may have increased or would increase the project's head or generating capacity, or have otherwise significantly modified the project's pre-1935 design or operation.

l. *Locations of the Application*: Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208-3372, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

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

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents*—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTESTS", AND/OR "MOTIONS TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Docket Number of

the particular application to which the filing refers. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

p. *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.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. P-12495-002]

Cascade Creek, LLC; Notice of Scoping Meeting and Site Visit and Soliciting Scoping Comments for an Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment Using the Alternative Licensing Process; Notice of Intent To Prepare Environmental Impact Statement

May 26, 2009.

a. *Type of Application:* Alternative Licensing Process.

b. *Project No.:* 12495-002.

c. *Applicant:* Cascade Creek, LLC.

d. *Name of Project:* Cascade Creek Hydroelectric Project.

e. *Location:* On Swan Lake and Cascade Creek, approximately 15 miles northeast of Petersburg, Alaska. The project would occupy lands of the Tongass National Forest.

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

g. *Applicant Contact:* Chris Spens, Project Manager, Cascade Creek LLC, 3633 Alderwood Ave., Bellingham, WA 98225; 360-738-9999, e-mail: cspens@thomasbayhydro.com.

h. *FERC Contact:* David Turner, at (202) 502-6091.

i. *Deadline for filing scoping comments:* July 20, 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.

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 on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor 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.

Scoping comments 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 "e-filing" link. For a simpler method of submitting text only comments, click on "Quick Comment."

j. The project would consist of: (1) Swan Lake, with a high-flood lake surface elevation of 1,520 feet and surface area of 579 acres at the high-flood elevation; (2) a 9-foot-diameter lake siphon on Swan Lake, housed in a 46-foot-long, 34-foot-wide, and 25-foot-high concrete intake control structure that would also provide for a helicopter landing area; (3) approximately 3 miles of predominately-unlined rock tunnel; (4) a 600-foot-long, 9-foot-diameter buried steel penstock; (5) a 120-foot-long, 60-foot-wide powerhouse with three 23-MW vertical-shaft pelton-type turbines; (6) two housing units for construction workers; (7) a 400-foot-long, 40-foot-wide tailrace connecting the powerhouse to Thomas Bay; (8) new dock and/or road facilities; (9) a transmission line beginning at the powerhouse and extending via a combination of overhead and underwater lines to the existing Scow Bay substation in Petersburg; and (10) appurtenant facilities.

k. Scoping Process

Cascade Creek, LLC (Cascade Creek) is using the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) alternative licensing process (ALP). Under the ALP, Cascade Creek will prepare an Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment (APEA) and license application for the Cascade Creek Hydroelectric Project.

Although Cascade Creek's intent is to prepare an EA, the Commission will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project. This meeting will satisfy the NEPA scoping requirements.

The purpose of this notice is to inform you of the opportunity to participate in the upcoming scoping meetings identified below, and to solicit your scoping comments.

Scoping Meetings

Cascade Creek and the Commission staff will hold two scoping meetings, one in the daytime and one in the evening, to help us identify the scope of issues to be addressed in the APEA.

The daytime scoping meeting will focus on resource agency concerns, while the evening scoping meeting is primarily for public input. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist the staff in identifying the environmental issues that should be analyzed in the APEA. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

Daytime Meeting: Thursday, June 18, 2009, 9 a.m., Tides Inn, 307 North 1st St., Petersburg, AK 99833.

Evening Meeting: Thursday, June 18, 2009, 7 p.m., Tides Inn, 307 North 1st St., Petersburg, AK 99833.

To help focus discussions, Scoping Document 1 was mailed May 22, 2009, outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the APEA to the parties on the mailing list. Copies of the SD1 also will be available at the scoping meetings. SD1 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 or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

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.

Based on all written comments received, a Scoping Document 2 (SD2) may be issued. SD2 will include a revised list of issues, based on the scoping sessions.

Objectives

At the scoping meetings, the staff will: (1) Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the APEA; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantifiable data, on the resources at issue; (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the APEA, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views; (4) determine