

10, 2008, DOE issued Order No. EA-191-C, amending EA-191-B to authorize SETC to export under its new name, Semptra Energy Trading LLC (SET), under the same terms contained in Order No. EA-191-B. On October 12, 2010, SET filed an application with DOE for renewal of the export authority contained in Order No. EA-191-C for an additional five-year term.

On November 23, 2010, SET supplemented its application by requesting expedited treatment of their application. In its letter, SET indicated that due to an administrative oversight it had not applied to renew its authorization in sufficient time to allow for normal DOE processing. SET recognized that its authority to export electric energy to Canada had expired and asserted that it has not traded electric energy since expiration of Order No. EA-191-B and that it would not do so until and unless it received renewed authority to export at the conclusion of this proceeding. In response to SET's request for expedited treatment, DOE has shortened the public comment period to 15 days.

The electric energy that SET proposes to export to Canada would be surplus energy purchased from electric utilities, Federal power marketing agencies, and other entities within the United States. The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by SET have previously been authorized by Presidential permits issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended, and are appropriate for open access transmission by third parties.

**Procedural Matters:** Any person desiring to become a party to these proceedings or to be heard by filing comments or protests to this application should file a petition to intervene, comment, or protest at the address provided above in accordance with §§ 385.211 or 385.214 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of each petition and protest should be filed with and received by DOE on or before the date listed above.

Comments on the SET application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket No. EA-191-D. An additional copy is to be filed directly with Ted Chila, Senior Vice President, Semptra Energy Trading LLC, 58 Commerce Road, Stamford, CT 06902. A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to DOE's National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (10 CFR part 1021) and after a determination is made by DOE that the proposed action

will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above, by accessing the program Web site at [http://www.oe.energy.gov/permits\\_pending.htm](http://www.oe.energy.gov/permits_pending.htm), or by e-mailing Odessa.Hopkins at [Odessa.Hopkins@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Odessa.Hopkins@hq.doe.gov).

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**Anthony J. Como,**

*Director, Permitting and Siting, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Request for Comments on Helium-3 Use in the Oil and Natural Gas Well Logging Industry

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Request for Comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Oil and Natural Gas is seeking public comments on the volumes and uses of Helium-3 by the oil and gas well logging industry.

**DATES:** Written comments and information are requested on or before 5 p.m. Eastern time on February 1, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons may submit information by any of the following methods:

*Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

*E-mail:* [Edith.Allison@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Edith.Allison@hq.doe.gov). Include "Helium-3 Request for Comments" in the subject line of the message.

*Postal Mail:* Edith Allison, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy, Office of Oil and Natural Gas, Room 3E-028, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. Please submit one signed paper original.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Edith Allison, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Oil and Natural Gas, [Edith.Allison@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Edith.Allison@hq.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOE Office of Oil and Natural Gas is responsible for allotting 1,000 liters of Helium-3 for use by the well logging industry in Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 and for projecting the FY 2012 Helium-3 needs so that an industry allotment can be set aside for FY 2012. The Office of

Oil and Natural Gas seeks information to improve its understanding of the need for Helium-3 and the diversity of the user community so that it can tailor its allocation process to best support the efficient domestic production of oil and natural gas.

#### *Background:*

Helium-3 is a non-radioactive isotope of Helium that is a byproduct of the decay of Tritium. Its main use is for neutron detection devices used in scientific research, national security and oil and gas well logging. The US helium-3 stockpile, which is held by the DOE, is not adequate to meet the current demand. Therefore, DOE is considering an allotment process.

#### *Allotment Process Considerations:*

In developing its allotment process, DOE seeks information on the uses of Helium-3 by members of the oil and gas well logging industry. DOE seeks information, for example, on whether companies manufacture neutron detectors used by the well logging industry or wireline or Logging-While-Drilling tools incorporating neutron detectors, and whether companies purchase or lease logging tools that contain neutron detectors.

DOE also seeks information on the volumes of Helium-3 anticipated by the oil and gas well logging industry during the 2-year allotment under consideration by DOE. DOE seeks information on estimates of oil and gas required by companies for fiscal years 2011 (October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011) and 2012 (October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012).

DOE also seeks information on the recycling and reclamation of Helium-3 gas. DOE understands that Helium-3 gas can be recycled or reclaimed from many inoperable neutron detectors. DOE seeks information on whether companies plan to reclaim Helium-3 from malfunctioning devices and if so, how much Helium-3 companies anticipate reclaiming.

In allotting Helium-3, DOE would expect to give preference to devices for use in the United States. Therefore, DOE seeks information on how much companies' expected Helium-3 will be for devices used outside the United States.

#### *Further Information on Submitting Information:*

According to 10 CFR 1004.11, any person submitting information that he or she believes to be confidential and exempt by law from public disclosure should submit two copies: One copy of the document including all the information believed to be confidential and one copy of the document with the information believed to be confidential

deleted. DOE will make its own determination as to the confidential status of the information and treat it according to its determination.

Factors of interest to DOE when evaluating requests to treat submitted information as confidential include (1) A description of the items; (2) whether and why such items are customarily treated as confidential within the industry; (3) whether the information is generally known by or available from other sources; (4) whether the information has previously been made available to others without obligation concerning its confidentiality; (5) an explanation of the competitive injury to the submitting person which would result from public disclosure; (6) a date upon which such information might lose its confidential nature due to the passage of time; and (7) why disclosure of the information would be contrary to the public interest.

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 30, 2010.

**Christopher A. Smith,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oil and Natural Gas.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13879-000]

#### Kahawai Power 2, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

November 29, 2010.

On November 15, 2010, Kahawai Power 2, LLC filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Makaweli River Water Power Project, located in Kauai County, in the state of Hawaii. 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 developments:

(1) A proposed 6-foot-high and 40-foot-long reinforced concrete weir and intake structure on the Kahana stream that will maintain a normal surface

elevation of 2,200 feet msl; (2) a proposed 8-foot-high and 40-foot-long reinforced concrete weir and intake structure on the Mokuone stream that will maintain a normal surface elevation of 2,200 feet msl; (3) a new 31,000-foot-long, steel penstock; (4) a proposed 1,500-foot-long, 48-inch diameter, underground tunnel to convey water from the Mokuone Diversion to the Mokuone Feeder Penstock; (5) a new 1,750-foot-long, 36-inch diameter steel feeder penstock to collect additional flows from the Mokuone Diversion; (6) a proposed 70-foot-long, 40-foot-wide, reinforced concrete powerhouse; (7) a proposed 90-foot-long, 15-foot-wide tailrace; (8) an anticipated proposed transmission line approximately 4.25 miles in length and a voltage of 69kV; (9) a new gravel roadway approximately 1 mile in length; (10) a proposed average annual generation of 23,900 megawatt-hours.

*Applicant Contact:* Daniel Irvin, CEO, Free Flow Power Corporation, 33 Commercial Street, Gloucester, MA 01930; phone: (978) 252-7631.

*FERC Contact:* Mary Greene, 202-502-8865.

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. 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/ferconline.asp>) under the "eFiling" link. For a simpler method of submitting text only comments, click on "Quick Comment." For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov); call toll-free at (866) 208-3676; or, for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and eight 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-13879) in the docket number field to

access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Competing Preliminary Permit Applications Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, and Motions To Intervene

November 30, 2010.

Project No. 13741-000  
Lock + Hydro Friends Fund XLV  
Project No. 13748-000  
FFP Missouri 9, LLC  
Project No. 13771-000  
Solia 8 Hydroelectric, LLC  
Project No. 13789-000  
Point Marion Hydro, LLC

On May 18, 2010, Lock+ Hydro Friends Fund XLV, FFP Missouri 9, LLC, and Solia 8 Hydroelectric, LLC filed applications, and on May 19, 2010, Point Marion Hydro, LLC filed an application pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of hydropower at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Point Marion Lock and Dam located on the Monongahela River in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. 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.

#### *Descriptions of the proposed Point Marion Lock and Dam Projects:*

Lock+ Hydro Friends Fund XLV's project (Project No. 13741-000) would consist of: (1) Two 57-foot-high, 75-foot-long prefabricated concrete walls attached to the downstream side of the Corps dam which would support one frame module; (2) each frame module would be 109 feet long and weigh 1.16 million pounds and contain 10 generating units with a total combined capacity of 19.0 megawatts (MW); (3) a new switchyard containing a transformer; and (4) a proposed 11,000-foot-long, 36.7-kilovolt (kV) transmission line connecting to an existing substation. The proposed project would have an average annual generation of 83.277 gigawatt-hours