To ensure timeliness of comments for the official record, the Panel encourages that individuals and interested groups consider submitting written statements instead of addressing the Panel.

Dated: March 7, 2012.

#### Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense. [FR Doc. 2012–5943 Filed 3–12–12; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 5001–06–P

#### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

#### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education. **ACTION:** Comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Education (the Department), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the reporting burden on the public and helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13). **DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 14, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to *ICDocketMgr@ed.gov* or mailed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202–4537. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that Federal agencies provide interested parties an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management, publishes this notice containing proposed information

collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: March 7, 2012.

# Stephanie Valentine,

Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management.

# Office of Communications and Outreach

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title of Collection:* Application for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program.

OMB Control Number: 1860-0504.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 2,600.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 41,600.

*Abstract:* The United States Presidential Scholars Program is a national recognition program to honor outstanding graduating high school seniors. Candidates are invited to apply based on academic achievements on the SAT or ACT assessments, or on artistic merits based on participation in a national talent search. This program was established by Presidential Executive Orders 11155 and 12158.

Copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from http://edicsweb.ed.gov, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 04813. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-401–0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection and OMB Control Number when making your request.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877– 8339. [FR Doc. 2012–6081 Filed 3–12–12; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4000–01–P

### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

## Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14368-000]

Catamount Metropolitan District; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission, Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Ready for Environmental Analysis, and Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests, Comments, Final Terms and Conditions, Recommendations, and Prescriptions

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

a. *Type of Filing:* Exemption from Licensing.

b. *Project No.:* P–14368–000.

c. Dated Filed: March 1, 2012.

d. *Submitted By:* Catamount Metropolitan District (The District).

e. *Name of Project:* Catamount

Hydroelectric Project.

f. Project description: The District is proposing to replace an aging stoplog gate at the Lake Catamount dam with a concrete wall containing a 6-ft by 6-ft sluice gate that can be used for the rapid release of water and installing a 695kilowatt hydroelectric generator. Proposed facilities include a new multilevel intake constructed within the existing stoplog channel, a penstock, a powerhouse, and a 1.2-mile-long buried transmission line from the powerhouse to the existing electric power line. The applicant estimates the project will to produce approximately 2,911 megawatthours of renewable energy annually.

g. *Location:* The proposed project would be located on the Yampa River, approximately five miles south of the town of Steamboat Springs in Routt County, Colorado. The proposed project would not occupy any federal lands.

h. *Filed Pursuant to:* Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, 16 U.S.C. 2705, 2708.

i. *Applicant Contact:* Gates Gooding, Catamount Metropolitan District, 1340 Blue Sage Drive, P.O. Box 772378, Steamboat Springs, CO 880477.

j. FERC Contact: Shana Murray at (202) 502–8333; or email at shana.murray@ferc.gov.

k. A copy of the license application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site (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 (P–13871). For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at *FERCONlineSupport@ferc.gov* or toll free at 1–866–208–3676, of for TTY, (202) 502–8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph (h).

Register online at *http:// www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ esubscription.asp* to be notified via email of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

 Î. This application has been accepted for filing and is now ready for environmental analysis.

m. *Cooperating agencies:* Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions in item (n) below.

n. Deadline for filing motions to *intervene and comments:* Due to the small size and particular location of this project as well as the applicant's close coordination with the federal and state agencies in the preparation of the application, the 60-day timeframe in 18 CFR 4.34(b) for filing motions to intervene and protests, comments, terms and conditions, recommendations, and prescriptions is shortened. Instead, motions to intervene and protests, comments, terms and conditions, recommendations, and prescriptions will be due 30 days from the issuance date of this notice. All reply comments must be filed with the Commission within 45 days from the date of this notice.

All documents 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 "e-Filing 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; call tollfree 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.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors 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.

o. Any qualified applicant desiring to file a competing application must submit to the Commission, on or before the specified intervention deadline date, a competing development application, or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing development application no later than 120 days after the specified intervention deadline date. Applications for preliminary permits will not be accepted in response to this notice.

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 a development application. A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

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.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION," "COMPETING APPLICATION," "COMMENTS," or "REPLY COMMENTS," (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified

in the particular application. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

p. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the COLORADO STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER (SHPO), as required by 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR pt. 800.4.

q. Procedural Schedule and final amendments: We intend to accept the consultation that has occurred on this project during the pre-filing period as satisfying our requirements for the standard 3-stage consultation process under 18 CFR 4.38 and for National Environmental Policy Act scoping. Based on a review of the application, resource agency consultation letters, and comments filed to date, Commission staff intends to prepare a single environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed project.

Dated: March 6, 2012.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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# **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

## Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP12-78-000]

## UGI Storage Company; Notice of Application

Take notice that on February 29, 2012, UGI Storage Company (UGI Storage), having its principal place of business at 5665 Leesport Avenue, Reading, PA 19605, filed an application in Docket No. CP12-78-000 pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity requesting authorization to (1) acquire and operate certain pipeline facilities from UGI Central Penn Gas, Inc. and (2) lease a portion of the facilities back to UGI Central Penn Gas, Inc. for approximately five years. Specifically, UGI Storage requests authorization to acquire a pipeline segment that originates near the town of Mansfield in Richmond Township, Tioga County, Pennsylvania and terminates at an interconnection with the existing system of UGI Storage