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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[P-13214-001]

Lock 12 Hydro Partners; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, and Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process

December 10, 2010.

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process.

b. *Project No.:* 13214-001.

c. *Dated Filed:* October 12, 2010.

d. *Submitted by:* Lock 12 Hydro Partners.

e. *Name of Project:* Kentucky Lock and Dam 12 Project.

f. *Location:* On the Kentucky River, in Estill County, Kentucky.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 4.6 of the Commission's regulations.

h. *Potential Applicant Contact:* David Brown Kinloch, Soft Energy Associates, Agent for Lock 12 Hydro Partners, 414 South Wenzel Street, Louisville, KY 40204, (502) 589-0975.

i. *FERC Contact:* Sean Murphy at (202) 502-6145; or e-mail at sean.murphy@ferc.gov.

j. Lock 12 Hydro Partners filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on October 12, 2010. Lock 12 Hydro Partners provided public notice of its request on November 15, 2010. In a letter dated December 10, 2010, the Director of the Office of Energy Projects approved Lock 12 Hydro Partners'

request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.

k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with: (a) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations there under at 50 CFR, Part 402; (b) NOAA Fisheries under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.920; and (c) the Kentucky State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by Section 106, National Historical Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. Lock 12 Hydro Partners filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

m. A copy of the PAD 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. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.

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[Project No. 13841-000]

County of DuPage; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

December 10, 2010.

On September 21, 2010, the County of DuPage, Illinois, 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 Elmhurst Quarry Pumped Storage Project (Elmhurst Quarry Project or project) to be located on Salt Creek, near Elmhurst City, DuPage County, Illinois. 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) A surface quarry (upper reservoir) having a total storage capacity of 8,145 acre-feet at a normal maximum operating elevation of 667 feet mean sea level (msl) and a usable capacity of 7,465 acre-feet; (2) an upper inlet/outlet structure equipped with trash racks and one or two slide gates for isolating and dewatering the penstock; (3) an 870-foot-long, 28-foot-diameter penstock consisting of both shaft and tunnel segments and extending between the upper inlet/outlet and the pump/turbines below; (4) an underground mine (lower reservoir) 250 feet below the bottom of the upper reservoir having a total/usable storage capacity of 7,465 acre-feet at normal maximum operation elevation of 210 feet msl; (5) a powerhouse with approximate dimensions of 185 feet long by 80 feet wide by 120 feet high and containing two vertical Francis reversible pump/turbine-motor/generator units rated for 125 megawatts each at 415 feet of net head; (6) a 120-foot-long, 28-foot-diameter tailrace tunnel connecting the pump/turbine draft tubes with the lower inlet/outlet; (7) a lower inlet/outlet structure equipped with one or two slide gates for isolating and dewatering the tailrace tunnel; (8) a substation containing step-up transformers, circuit breakers, and disconnect switches; (9) an underground 2-mile-long, 138-kilovolt (kV) transmission line extending from the project substation to an overhead 138-kV transmission line owned by Commonwealth Edison (the point of interconnection); (10) a switchyard constructed at the point of interconnection; and (11) appurtenant facilities. The estimated annual generation of the Elmhurst Quarry Project would be 708.5 gigawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: Mr. Anthony Charlton, Director, Department of Environmental Concerns, DuPage County Center, 421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, Illinois 60187; phone: (630) 407-6698.

FERC Contact: Sergiu Serban; phone: (202) 502-6211.

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. 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/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. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and seven 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-13841-000) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP11-40-000; CP10-34-000]

East Cheyenne Gas Storage, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the East Cheyenne Gas Storage Project Well Plan Amendment and Request for Comments On Environmental Issues

December 13, 2010.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Well Plan Amendment proposed by

East Cheyenne Gas Storage, LLC (East Cheyenne). The proposed project would amend the East Cheyenne Gas Storage Project, authorized by the Commission on August 2, 2010 under Docket No. CP10-34-000, which consists of construction and operation of facilities in Logan County, Colorado. The proposed amendment primarily involves redeveloping a number of existing oil production wells in the West Peetz and Lewis Creek Fields to gas storage injection/withdrawal (I/W) wells. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project amendment is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project amendment. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues need to be evaluated in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on January 13, 2011.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives are asked to notify their constituents of this planned project amendment and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" was attached to the project notice East Cheyenne provided to landowners. This fact sheet addresses a number of typically-asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is also available for viewing on the FERC Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>).

Summary of the Proposed Project

The authorized East Cheyenne Gas Storage Project consists of construction and operation of a natural gas storage facility in two nearly depleted oil production fields in Logan County, Colorado. Prior to, and concurrent with development of the gas storage fields, East Cheyenne planned to do enhanced oil recovery (EOR) of petroleum reserves remaining in the storage fields. East Cheyenne's activities to date have included the conversion or plugging of existing wells in the West Peetz Field. The East Cheyenne Gas Storage Project is anticipated to have an initial working gas storage capacity of approximately 9.8 billion cubic feet (Bcf), which would increase to approximately 18.9 Bcf between 3 and 5 years after operation begins.

The proposed Well Plan Amendment consists of the following changes to the East Cheyenne Gas Storage Project:

- Conversion of 14 existing vertical oil production wells into natural gas storage I/W wells;
- Relocation of two of the certificated I/W wells, and the development of these wells as vertical wells rather than horizontal wells;
- Relocation of two of the originally certificated monitoring wells and the addition of three monitoring wells, using existing well pads and well bores;
- Reduction of the number of water disposal wells from four to three;
- Construction of additional gathering lines necessary to connect the additional and relocated wells;
- Conversion of 17 originally proposed and certificated temporary access roads to permanent access roads;
- Elimination of the temporary West Peetz Compressor Station; and
- Modification of the equipment to be used in the Process Facility to incorporate certain equipment previously included as part of the temporary West Peetz Compressor Station.

East Cheyenne proposes to amend its project because of recently acquired information about the existing conditions in the J Sands reservoir. As part of its EOR activities, East Cheyenne has reentered and evaluated the adequacy of previously plugged and abandoned wells and at the same time tested the characteristics of the reservoir. In response to new information, East Cheyenne undertook additional consultation and performed additional reservoir modeling. These consultations and modeling efforts suggest that the optimal method of commencing storage development and early storage operations will require an increased number of I/W wells and the conversion of horizontal wells to vertical wells.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.¹

Land Requirements for Construction

The approved East Cheyenne Gas Storage Project involved storing natural gas in nearly depleted reservoirs that underlie an area of approximately 2,360 acres, with an additional 3,400 acres serving as a storage buffer area. The

¹ The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the link called "eLibrary" or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice.