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**k. Description of Application:** Alabama Power Company seeks approval to replace turbine units 1 and 4 at the Lay Development, and turbine unit 2 at the Bouldin Development of the Coosa River Project. Specifically, at the Lay Development the licensee proposes to complete turbine refurbishment of the two turbines, stator coil replacement, wicket gate system rehabilitation, greaseless gate stem bushings installation, turbine and generator bearing refurbishment, and related component upgrades. For the Bouldin Development, the licensee proposes complete turbine refurbishment, stator coil replacement, wicket gate system rehabilitation or replacement, greaseless gate stem bushings installation, turbine and generator bearing refurbishment, and related component upgrades. The turbine unit modifications are expected to increase the turbine rating for each unit by approximately 4 megawatts (MW), as well as increase efficiency and annual generation. However, since the units are generator-limited, the installed capacity at the Lay and Bouldin developments will not change. The unit replacements at the Lay Development would provide approximately 13.6 percent increase in energy output, and the current full gate flow of 5,770 cubic feet per second (cfs) is expected to remain the same, plus or minus 15 percent. The unit replacement at the Bouldin Development would provide approximately 5 percent increase in energy output, and the current full gate flow of 9,600 cfs is expected to remain the same, plus or minus 15 percent.

l. A copy of the application 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 (P-2146-135) excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

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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.

Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS," "PROTEST," or "MOTION TO INTERVENE," as applicable, and the Project 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.

**o. 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.

Dated: February 27, 2012.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14327-000]

#### **Pershing County Water Conservation District; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, and Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process/Alternative Licensing Procedures**

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

**b. Project No.:** 14327-000.

**c. Date Filed:** November 22, 2011.

**d. Submitted by:** Pershing County Water Conservation District (Pershing County).

**e. Name of Project:** Humboldt River Hydroelectric Project.

**f. Location:** At the existing Department of the Interior—Bureau of Reclamation's Rye Patch Dam on the Humboldt River, in Pershing County, Nevada. The project occupies 0.01 acre of United States lands administered by the Bureau of Reclamation.

**g. Filed Pursuant to:** 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's regulations.

**h. Potential Applicant Contact:** Bennie Hodges, Pershing County Water Conservation District, P.O. Box 218, Lovelock, NV 89419; (775) 273-2293.

**i. FERC Contact:** Shana Murray at (202) 502-8333; or email at [shana.murray@ferc.gov](mailto:shana.murray@ferc.gov).

**j.** Pershing County filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process/Alternative Licensing Procedures on November 22, 2011. Pershing County provided public notice of its request on November 22, 2011. In a letter dated February 24, 2012, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved Pershing County's 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 thereunder 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 Nevada 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. Pershing County 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](mailto: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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Dated: February 24, 2012.

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Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12796-004]

#### City of Wadsworth, Ohio; Notice of Scoping Meeting and Environmental Site Review and Soliciting Scoping Comments

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

a. *Type of Application:* Major Original License.

b. *Project No.:* P-12796-004.

c. *Date filed:* March 28, 2011.

d. *Applicant:* City of Wadsworth, Ohio.

e. *Name of Project:* R.C. Byrd Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Ohio River at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps), R.C. Byrd Locks and Dam (river mile 279.2), approximately 12.7 miles south of the confluence of the Ohio River and the Kanawha River, nine miles south of the Town of Gallipolis, Gallia County, Ohio. The project would occupy 7.6 acres of federal land managed by the Corps.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Chris Easton, Director of Public Service, the City of Wadsworth, Ohio, 120 Maple Street, Wadsworth, OH 44281 (330-335-2777); Philip E. Meier, Hydro Development, American Municipal Power, Inc., 1111 Schrock Road, Suite 100, Columbus, OH (614-540-0913).

i. *FERC Contact:* Gaylord Hoisington, (202) 502-6032 or

[gaylord.hoisington@ferc.gov](mailto:gaylord.hoisington@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing scoping comments:* April 27, 2012.

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/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 at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filings, 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.

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k. The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. The proposed project would utilize the existing Corps' R.C. Byrd Locks and Dam and would consist of the following new facilities: (1) A 1,200-foot-long intake channel; (2) a trashrack located in front of each of the generating unit intakes, with a bar spacing of approximately 8 inches; (3) a reinforced concrete powerhouse measuring approximately 258 feet long by 145 feet wide by 110 feet high, and housing two bulb-type turbine generator units with a total installed capacity of 50 megawatts; (4) a 900-foot-long tailrace channel; (5) a 2.41-mile-long, 138-kilovolt transmission line; and (6) appurtenant

facilities. The proposed project would have an average annual generation of 266 gigawatt-hours.

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#### n. Scoping Process.

The Commission intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The EA will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts and reasonable alternatives to the proposed action.

#### Scoping Meetings

FERC staff will conduct one agency scoping meeting and one public meeting. The agency scoping meeting will focus on resource agency and non-governmental organization (NGO) concerns, while the public 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 scope of the environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

#### Agency Scoping Meeting

Date: Wednesday, March 28, 2012.

Time: 1 p.m. (EDT).

Place: Quality Inn.

Address: 577 State Route 7 North, Gallipolis, Ohio.

#### Public Scoping Meeting

Date: Wednesday, March 28, 2012.

Time: 7 p.m. (EDT).

Place: Quality Inn.

Address: 577 State Route 7 North, Gallipolis, Ohio.

Copies of the Scoping Document outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the EA, was mailed to the individuals and entities on the Commission's mailing lists and Wadsworth's distribution list. Copies of the Scoping Document will be available