

As a Potential Respondent to the Request for Information

A. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency and does the information have practical utility?

B. What actions could be taken to help ensure and maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of the information to be collected?

C. Are the instructions and definitions clear and sufficient? If not, which instructions need clarification?

D. Can the information be submitted by the respondent by the due date?

E. Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 3 hours per respondent monthly. The estimated burden includes the total time necessary to provide the requested information. In your opinion, how accurate is this estimate?

F. The agency estimates that the only cost to a respondent is for the time it will take to complete the collection. Will a respondent incur any start-up costs for reporting, or any recurring annual costs for operation, maintenance, and purchase of services associated with the information collection?

G. What additional actions could be taken to minimize the burden of this collection of information? Such actions may involve the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

H. Does any other Federal, State, or local agency collect similar information? If so, specify the agency, the data element(s), and the methods of collection.

As a Potential User of the Information To Be Collected

A. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency and does the information have practical utility?

B. What actions could be taken to help ensure and maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of the information disseminated?

C. Is the information useful at the levels of detail to be collected?

D. For what purpose(s) would the information be used? Be specific.

E. Are there alternate sources for the information and are they useful? If so, what are their weaknesses and/or strengths?

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the form. They also will become a matter of public record.

Statutory Authority: Section 13(b) of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974, Pub. L. 93-275, codified at 15 U.S.C. 772(b).

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Stephanie Brown,

*Director, Statistics and Methods Group,
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

**Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission**

[Project No. 13526-001]

**Bowersock Mills and Power Company;
Notice of Application Tendered for
Filing With the Commission; Intent To
Waive Stage I and Stage II Pre-Filing
Consultation Requirements and
Scoping; Soliciting Additional Study
Requests; and Establishing Procedural
Schedule for Licensing**

March 3, 2010.

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

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

b. *Project No.:* 13526-001.

c. *Date Filed:* February 8, 2010.

d. *Applicant:* Bowersock Mills Power Company (Bowersock).

e. *Name of Project:* Bowersock Mills and Power Company Expanded Kansas River Hydropower Project.

f. *Location:* The project would be located on the Kansas River in Douglas County, Kansas. The project would not affect Federal lands.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Sarah Hill-Nelson, The Bowersock Mills and Power Company, P.O. Box 66, Lawrence, Kansas 66044; (785)-766-0884.

i. *FERC Contact:* Monte TerHaar, (202) 502-6035, or via e-mail at monte.terhaar@ferc.gov.

j. *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 for filing such requests in item l below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. See 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

k. Pursuant to Section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if

any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the application, and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

l. Deadline for filing requests for cooperating agency status and additional studies: April 9, 2010.

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 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.

m. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. *Project Description:* The existing Bowersock dam and powerhouse currently operates under an exemption (Project No. 2644) as a small hydropower project of 5 megawatts (MW) or less. The proposed project would consist of the existing Bowersock dam and two powerhouses; the existing powerhouse on the South bank of the Kansas River, and a proposed powerhouse on the North bank of the Kansas River. The proposed project would have a total capacity of 6.012 MW and generate an estimated 33 gigawatt-hours annually. The electricity produced by the project would be sold to a local utility.

The proposed project would consist of the following:

(1) The existing 665-foot-long, 17-foot-high timber-crib Bowersock Dam; (2) a 120-foot-long gated spillway with seven gates; (3) raising the existing flashboards from 4 feet high to 5.5 feet high; (4) an existing 4.3-mile-long reservoir, having a normal water surface elevation of 813.5 feet mean sea level; (5) an existing South powerhouse, containing seven turbine/generator units having an installed capacity of 2.012 MW; (6) a proposed North powerhouse with four turbine/generator units, having an

installed capacity of 4.6 MW; (7) a proposed 20-foot-wide roller gate; (8) a new intake flume with trashracks; (9) a new 150-foot-long recreational boat portage located along the north bank of the Kansas River; (10) a new 765-foot-long, 12-kilovolt (kV) transmission line connecting to an existing 535-foot-long 2.3-kV transmission line; and (8) appurtenant facilities.

The project would be operated in a run-of-river mode, where water levels in the reservoir would be maintained near the top of the flash boards. To avoid potential flooding of upstream lands, the project would incorporate a 20-foot-wide roller gate designed to release flows up to 2,600 cfs. In addition, the flashboards would be designed to collapse during periods of high inflows when the water surface elevation rises 6 inches above the top of the flashboards.

o. 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 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.

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.

p. With this notice we intend to waive stage I and stage II pre-filing consultation requirements. On October 6, 2009 Bowersock filed a pre-application document and request for waiver of stage I and stage II consultation. As required by sections 5.3(d)(2) of the Commission's regulations, on September 24, 2009 Bowersock published notice in a local paper (the Lawrence Daily Journal) of its request to waive consultation which specified that comments should be filed with the Commission. The application includes letters from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, both indicating that there is sufficient information available to make a recommendation for licensing the project and that no further studies are necessary. Commission staff reviewed the application and comments received and determined that Bowersock's application adequately addresses the issues such that no additional agency consultation is necessary.

q. With this notice we intend to waive scoping. Based on a review of the application filed by Bowersock, resource agency consultation letters, and comments filed to date, Commission staff intends to prepare a single environmental assessment (EA). The EA will assess the potential effects of project construction and operation on geology and soils, aquatic, terrestrial, threatened and endangered species, recreation and land use, aesthetic, and cultural and historic resources. Commission staff determined that the issues that need to be addressed in its EA have been adequately identified during the pre-filing period for the application, which includes a public meeting and site visit conducted by Bowersock on August 13, 2009, and no new issues are likely to be identified through additional scoping.

r. *Procedural Schedule:* The application will be processed according to the following Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Additional study requests and cooperating agency request due.	April 9, 2010.
Notice of Acceptance, Intervenor, and Ready for Environmental Analysis issued.	April 23, 2010.
Recommendations, preliminary terms & conditions, and fishway prescriptions due.	June 22, 2010.
Commission issues EA Comments on EA due.	August 20, 2010. September 20, 2010.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13616-000]

Free Flow Power Qualified Hydro 23, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

March 3, 2010.

On November 5, 2009, Free Flow Power Qualified Hydro 23, LLC (FFP Qualified Hydro 23) filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to

section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Felts Mills Hydroelectric Project No. 13616, to be located at an existing partially breached dam at river mile 19.2, on the Black River, in Jefferson County, New York.

The proposed project would consist of: (1) A new 18.5-foot-high by 292-foot-long concrete gravity dam, a refurbish 5-foot-high by 520-foot-long auxiliary dam, and a new 6-foot-high by 1,000-foot-long earthen embankment; (2) a new 140-acre impoundment with a normal water surface elevation of 589 feet mean sea level; (3) an new 54-foot-long by 74-foot-wide powerhouse to contain two new turbine-generator units for a total installed capacity of 5.0 megawatts; (4) a new 2.6-mile-long, 23-kilovolt transmission line; and (5) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would operate in a run-of-river mode and generate an estimated average annual generation of 40,000 megawatt-hours.

FFP Qualified Hydro 23: Ramya Swaminathan, FFP Qualified Hydro 23, LLC., 33 Commercial Street, Gloucester, MA 01930, (978) 283-2822.

FERC Contact: Michael Watts, (202) 502-6123.

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 under the "eFiling" link. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and eight copies should be mailed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. For more information on how to submit these types of filings please go to the Commission's Web site located at <http://www.ferc.gov/filing-comments.asp>. More information about this project 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-13616) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3372.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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