DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No., 14376-000]

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

On March 23, 2012, Cave Run Energy, LLC filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of a hydropower project located at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) Cave Run Dam, located on the Licking River in Rowan and Bath Counties, Kentucky. 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 landdisturbing 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 bifurcation structure constructed at the end of the dam's outlet conduit; (2) a powerhouse containing two turbine/generating units with a total capacity of 6.0 megawatts; (3) a 70-foot-long, 150 inch-diameter steel penstock; (4) a 1,200-foot-long, 12.7-kilovolt (kV) transmission line. The proposed project would have an average annual generation of 34,164 megawatt-hours (MWh), and operate utilizing surplus water from the Cave Run Dam, as directed by the Corps.

Applicant Contact: Mr. Mark Boumansour, Cave Run Energy, LLC, 1035 Pearl Street 4th Floor, Boulder, CO 80302. (720) 295–3317.

FERC Contact: Christiane Casey, christiane.casey@ferc.gov, (202) 502–8577.

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 at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1–866–208–3676, or for TTY, (202) 502–8659. 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–14376–000) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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[Docket No. AD12-13-000]

Geomagnetic Disturbances to the Bulk-Power System; Notice of Technical Conference

Take notice that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission staff will hold a Staff Technical Conference on Geomagnetic Disturbances to the Bulk-Power System on Monday, April 30, 2012, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This staffled conference will be held in the Commission Meeting Room at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The conference will be open for the public to attend, and advance registration is not required.

The purpose of the conference is to discuss issues related to reliability of the Bulk-Power System as affected by geomagnetic disturbances. The conference will explore the risks and impacts from geomagnetically induced currents to transformers and other equipment on the Bulk-Power System, as well as, options for addressing or mitigating the risks and impacts.

The agenda for this conference will be issued at a later date. Information on this event will be posted on the Calendar of Events on the Commission's Web site, www.ferc.gov, prior to the event.

Advance registration is not required, but is encouraged. You may register at the following Web page: https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/geomagnetic-bulk-4-30-12-form.asp.

This conference will be transcribed. Transcripts of the conference will be immediately available for a fee from Ace-Federal Reporters, Inc. (202–347– 3700 or 1-800-336-6646). A free webcast of the meeting/conference is also available through www.ferc.gov. Anyone with Internet access who desires to listen to this event can do so by navigating to www.ferc.gov Calendar of Events and locating this event in the Calendar. The event will contain a link to its webcast. The Capitol Connection provides technical support for the webcasts and offers the option of listening to the meeting via phonebridge for a fee. If you have any questions, visit

www.CapitolConnection.org or call 703–993–3100.

Commission conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations, please send an email to accessibility@ferc.gov or call toll free 1–866–208–3372 (voice) or 202–208–1659 (TTY), or send a Fax to 202–208–2106 with the required accommodations.

For more information about this conference, please contact: Sarah McKinley, Office of External Affairs, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502–8368, sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Access by EPA Contractors to Confidential Business Information Related to the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection

Agency (EPA). **ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA's Office of Atmospheric Programs plans to authorize the contractors named in this notice to access information submitted to EPA under the Greenhouse Gas Reporting