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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14592-000]

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

On February 28, 2014, Belton Power, LLC filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of a Hydroelectric Project to be located at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Belton Dam on the Leon River in Bell County, Texas. 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) Five 300-foot-long, 48-inch-diameter steel penstocks each housing an inline generating unit for a total capacity of 6 megawatts; (2) five 50-foot-long, 48-inch-wide tailraces on a 66-foot-long, 50-foot-wide concrete foundation downstream of the dam; (3) a switchyard on the surface of the south bank of the dam; and (4) a 1-mile-long, 12.5 kilovolt transmission line. The proposed project would have an estimated average annual generation of 20,000 megawatt-hours and operate as directed by the Corps.

Applicant Contact: Mr. Magnús Jóhannesson, America renewables Power, LLC, 46 Peninsula Center, Ste. E, Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274, phone 310-699-6400

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

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.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the Commission's eFiling system at <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, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-14592-000.

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-14592) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14615-000]

FFP Project 97, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On April 14, 2014, FFP Project 97, 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 to be located at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) William Bacon Oliver Lock and Dam on the Black Warrior River near the towns of Tuscaloosa and Northport in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. 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 320-foot-long, 120-foot-wide intake channel; (2) a 90-foot-long, 140-foot-wide powerhouse containing two generating units with a total capacity of 16.4 megawatts; (3) a 320-foot-long, 140-foot-wide tailrace; (4) a 4.16/115 kilo-Volt (kV) substation; and (5) a 1-mile-long, 115kV transmission line. The proposed project would have an estimated average annual generation of 65,800 megawatt-hours, and operate as directed by the Corps.

Applicant Contact: Mr. Daniel Lissner, Free Flow Power Corporation, 239 Causeway Street, Suite 300, Boston, MA 02114. (978) 283-2822.

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 five copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-14615-000.

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-14615) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-R06-OW-2014-05694; FRL-9917-50-
Region-6]

Clean Water Act: Proposed Section 404(c) Exemption

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency.

ACTION: Notice and request for
comments.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposes to extend coverage under an existing Clean Water Act Section (CWA) 404(c) exemption for the continued operation and maintenance of a portion of an electrical transmission line and a portion of a distribution line at the Bayou aux Carpes site in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana. The extension will authorize minimal discharges (approximately 1.35 cubic yards) to wetlands of dredged or fill material associated with ongoing activities by Entergy Louisiana, L.L.C. (Entergy) in order to provide electrical service to residential, commercial, military, industrial, and other facilities in nearby Plaquemines Parish.

DATES: Comments on this proposed action must be received on or before October 22, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be addressed to Ms. Barbara Keeler (6WQ-EC), U.S. EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, TX 75202-2733. Comments may also be submitted by email to Ms. Keeler at keeler.barbara@epa.gov. All comments should directly address whether the Southern Natural Gas Pipeline exemption to the 1985 Bayou aux Carpes CWA Section 404(c) EPA Final Determination should be extended to cover the work requested by Entergy.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, contact Ms. Barbara Keeler by phone at (214) 665-6698 or by email at keeler.barbara@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bayou aux Carpes CWA Section 404(c) site is located approximately ten miles south of New Orleans, Louisiana, on the West Bank of Jefferson Parish. The site includes about 3,000 acres of wetlands subject to federal jurisdiction under the CWA. The area is bounded on the north by the Estelle Pumping Station Outfall Canal, on the east by Bayou Barataria

(Gulf Intracoastal Waterway), on the south by Bayou Barataria and Bayou des Familles, and on the west by State Highway 3134 and the "V-Levee." In 2009, most of the site was incorporated into the Barataria Unit of the Jean Lafitte National Historic Park and Preserve and the site remains subject to the CWA Section 404(c) restrictions.

Entergy petitioned EPA for an exception to the October 16, 1985, EPA Final Determination for the Bayou aux Carpes site in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, issued under Section 404(c) of the CWA. An exception was provided in the 1985 restriction for discharges associated with routine operation and maintenance of the Southern Natural Gas Pipeline Company pipeline. Subsequently, the exception was extended to cover minor discharges from emergency maintenance and relocation of a portion of another existing pipeline operated by Shell Pipeline Corporation. Both the original exception and the subsequent amended coverage were allowed based on determinations that the proposed activities associated with existing linear service utilities would be unlikely to result in unacceptable adverse effects to the Bayou aux Carpes CWA Section 404(c) site. The currently proposed coverage under the same exception is for a similar purpose and is projected to entail minor temporary impacts to the subject wetlands.

The October 16, 1985, Bayou aux Carpes Clean Water Act Section 404(c) EPA Final Determination and other background information are available online at: <http://www.regulations.gov> (Docket No. EPA-R06-OW-2014-0569).

Background

Section 404(c) of the CWA authorizes EPA to prohibit, deny, restrict or withdraw the use of any defined area as a disposal site for dredged or fill material if the discharge will have unacceptable adverse effects on municipal water supplies, shellfish beds and fishery areas (including spawning and breeding areas), wildlife, or recreational areas. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) authorizes thousands of CWA Section 404 permits every year and EPA works with the Corps and applicants to resolve environmental concerns. Since the passage of the CWA in 1972, EPA has finalized 404(c) prohibitions or restrictions only 13 times. The use of this authority has typically involved major projects with unacceptable impacts on some of America's most ecologically valuable waters.

On November 15, 1985, EPA published (50 FR 47267) a CWA Section

404(c) Final Determination prohibiting, with three exceptions, future discharges of dredged or fill material to wetlands in the Bayou aux Carpes site. The CWA Section 404(c) action was based upon a thorough record of investigations, including field surveys, remote sensing and other technical analyses conducted by three EPA facilities, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service, and the Louisiana State University Center for Wetland Resources.

The 1985 EPA Bayou aux Carpes CWA Section 404(c) Final Determination included three exceptions. The first of the original three approved exceptions is for discharges associated with the completion of a specific design option for the Corps' Harvey Canal—Bayou Barataria Levee Project, which was never constructed. The second exception is for discharges associated with routine operation and maintenance of the Southern Natural Gas Pipeline, under specified conditions. The third exception provides for possible future EPA approved habitat enhancement activities. EPA determined that these three types of activities would be unlikely to result in unacceptable adverse effects to the aquatic environment, as long as they were performed in accordance with any specified conditions and complied with any permit conditions that might be imposed by the Corps through the CWA Section 404 permit process. A provision was also included to allow other interests to petition EPA for reconsideration if, in the future, other activities were to be proposed for public benefit which would result in only minor impacts.

There has been only one major modification to EPA's 1985 decision to restrict discharges into the wetlands of the Bayou aux Carpes site. The modification was granted to the Corps in 2009 in association with the construction of flood risk reduction upgrades following Hurricane Katrina. On November 4, 2008, the Corps requested that the Bayou aux Carpes CWA Section 404(c) designation be modified to allow construction of a floodwall along Bayou Barataria and tying into the planned West Closure Complex, as part of the post-Hurricane Katrina upgrades known as the Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System Project. This work was but a small part of the larger effort to reduce flood risks to the 250,000 people living on the west bank of the Mississippi River and to infrastructure supporting the greater New Orleans area by building a more