

regulatory requirements as set forth in the application.

In Docket No. CP18–28–000, HP Gathering seeks a limited jurisdiction certificate to enable HP Gathering to lease 150,000 Dth per day of capacity on the relevant portion of the HP Gathering to HP Transmission while, at the same time, ensuring that the Commission's jurisdiction will be asserted only over the Capacity Lease Agreement and not its non-jurisdictional gathering facilities and services and that all Commission jurisdictional filing and reporting requirements that might otherwise apply to HP Gathering will be waived.

Questions regarding this filing may be directed to Dennis J. Kelly, Senior Counsel of HP Transmission and HP Gathering at (720) 457–6076, 2103 CityWest Blvd., Bldg. #4, Houston, TX 77042.

This filing is available for review at the Commission's Washington, DC offices, or may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "e-Library" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits, in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call toll-free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this Project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceeding for this project should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.214, 385.211 (2016), by the comment date below. A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission, and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit filings made with the Commission by mail, hand delivery, or internet, in accordance with Rule 2001 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, id. 385.2001. A copy must be served on every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this

project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper; see 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's website under the "e-filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

If the Commission decides to set the application for a formal hearing before an Administrative Law Judge, the Commission will issue another notice describing that process. At the end of the Commission's review process, a final Commission order approving or denying the requested authorizations will be issued.

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, January 12, 2018.

Dated: December 22, 2017.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14808–001]

#### Merchant Hydro Developers, LLC; Notice of Surrender of Preliminary Permit

Take notice that Merchant Hydro Developers, LLC, permittee for the proposed Panther Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project, has requested that its preliminary permit be terminated. The permit was issued on October 11, 2017, and would have expired on September 30, 2020.<sup>1</sup> The project would have been located near the town of Simpson in Lackawanna and Wayne Counties, Pennsylvania.

The preliminary permit for Project No. 14808 will remain in effect until the close of business, January 26, 2018. But, if the Commission is closed on this day, then the permit remains in effect until the close of business on the next day in which the Commission is open.<sup>2</sup> New applications for this site may not be

<sup>1</sup> 161 FERC 62,026 (2017).

<sup>2</sup> 18 CFR 385.2007(a)(2) (2017).

submitted until after the permit surrender is effective.

Dated: December 27, 2017.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13102–003]

#### Birch Power Company; Notice of Technical Meeting

a. *Date and Time of Meeting:* January 8, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time (11:00 a.m. Central Standard Time).

b. *Place:* Telephone conference.

c. *FERC Contact:* Sarah Salazar at [sarah.salazar@ferc.gov](mailto:sarah.salazar@ferc.gov), or (202) 502–6863.

d. *Purpose of Meeting:* Commission Staff is hosting a technical meeting to discuss: (1) Our regulatory (licensing) process; (2) the recommended alternative in the draft environmental assessment issued on June 29, 2017 for the proposed Demopolis Lock and Dam Hydroelectric Project; and (3) comments on the US Fish and Wildlife Service's draft biological opinion for the project.

e. A summary of the meeting will be prepared and filed in the Commission's public file for the project.

g. All local, state, and federal agencies, Indian tribes, and other interested parties are invited to participate by phone. Please call Sarah Salazar at (202) 502–6863 by January 3, 2018, to RSVP and to receive specific instructions on how to participate.

Dated: December 22, 2017.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

*Docket Numbers:* ER10–2984–037.

*Applicants:* Merrill Lynch Commodities, Inc.

*Description:* Notice of Non-Material Change in Status of Merrill Lynch Commodities, Inc.