dispositioned at a non-RCRA-permitted site outside the State of Idaho.[2]

If it is decided to disposition calcine at a RCRA-permitted facility outside the State of Idaho, the use of HIP without addition of treatment additives would cost-effectively reduce the volume of waste even further, resulting in fewer canisters of product to be ultimately shipped for such disposition outside the State of Idaho.[3]

DOE's decision will allow DOE to meet the provisions of the Settlement Agreement for the treatment of all calcinated waste and, if applicable, SBW.

To facilitate treatment, DOE has decided to retrieve and pneumatically (forced air through piping) transport the calcine to a surge tank located at the head end of the IWTU at such time as the calcine treatment and packaging process is about to commence. The IWTU facility, after completion of its SBW mission and suitable reconfiguration, will be used to support treatment of the calcine and other wastes and meet associated safety and seismic design basis requirements.

In accordance with the Settlement Agreement, DOE will submit a request for a Permit Modification to the Integrated Waste Treatment Unit RCRA Part B Permit no later than December 1, 2012, that will address:

- Calcine retrieval and pneumatic transport of the retrieved calcine to a designed surge tank to be located at the head end of the IWTU facility, and
- HIP treatment/processing of all calcine within a modified IWTU facility.

DOE has consulted with the State of Idaho on the decisions described herein. The State of Idaho concurs with DOE's selection of HIP technology to treat calcine (and concurs that it provides the technological capability to further treat the SBW steam-reformed carbonate waste form, should such treatment be necessary) to produce a glass ceramic and volume reduced monolithic waste form. This treatment appears comparable to single-phase borosilicate glass resulting from vitrification which was Idaho's previous preferred alternative. Idaho prefers the HIP technology with the addition of treatment additives because it is the most likely form to meet current regulatory requirements allowing for disposal outside the State of Idaho. Idaho does not object to the HIP technology without the addition of treatment additives provided the final waste form is eligible for transport outside the State of Idaho for storage or disposition. DOE will continue to consult with the State on the decisions yet to be made concerning the addition of treatment additives for the HIP treatment of the calcine waste.

No environmental impacts resulting from operations under this decision would require specific mitigation measures. DOE will, however, use all practicable means to avoid or minimize environmental harm when implementing the actions described in this amended ROD. Those measures include employing engineering design features to ensure that calcine waste processing via HIP is conducted safely and in accordance with all applicable regulatory requirements. Other measures include maintaining a rigorous health and safety program to protect workers from radiological and chemical contaminants, monitoring worker and environmental risk, and continuing efforts to reduce generation of wastes. DOE will implement the comprehensive list of standards and requirements to protect workers, the public, and the environment specified in Chapter 6 of the Final EIS, as appropriate.

VI. Basis for Decision

DOE is selecting the HIP technology to treat calcine HLW for a number of reasons. The HIP technology is anticipated to cost-effectively treat the calcine waste, reduce the volume of the waste, and place the waste in a form ready to be moved out of the State of Idaho, consistent with the dates in the Settlement Agreement.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 23, 2009.

Inés R. Triay,

Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management.

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[2] Under this treatment option (HIP with additives), an approved delisting petition would be required and any land disposal restrictions would also have to be met.

[3] Under this treatment option (HIP without treatment additives), any land disposal restrictions would also have to be met.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13328–001]

Cordova Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, and Approving Use of the Alternative Licensing Procedures

December 24, 2009.

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, and Approving Use of the Alternative Licensing Procedures.

b. *Project No.:* 13328–001.

c. *Dated Filed:* October 28, 2009.

d. *Submitted by:* Cordova Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Cordova Electric).

e. *Name of Project:* Snyder Falls Creek Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On Snyder Falls Creek, near the town of Cordova, Alaska. The project would occupy lands within the Chugach National Forest administered by the U.S. Forest Service.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Clay Koplin, CEO, Cordova Electric Cooperative, Inc., 705 Second Street, Cordova, Alaska 99574; (907) 424–5026; e-mail at *ckoplin@cordovaelectric.com*.

i. *FERC Contact:* Steve Hocking at (202) 502–8753; or e-mail at *steve.hocking@ferc.gov*.

j. Cordova Electric filed a request to use the Alternative Licensing Procedures on October 28, 2009. Cordova Electric issued a public notice of its request on November 5, 2009. In a letter dated December 24, 2009, the Director, Division of Hydropower Licensing approved Cordova Electric's request to use the Alternative Licensing Procedures.

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 section 600.920; and (c) the Alaska State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR section 800.2.

l. With this notice, we are designating Cordova Electric as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation, pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, section 305 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, and section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

m. Cordova Electric 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.

n. 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 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 at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or toll free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, (202) 502–8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h.

o. 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.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. NJ09–3–001]

Big Rivers Electric Corporation; Notice of Filing

December 23, 2009.

Take notice that on December 16, 2009, pursuant to the Commission's September 17, 2009, ''Order Conditionally Granting Petition for Declaratory Order and Granting Waivers,'' *Big Rivers Elec. Corp.,* 128 FERC ¶ 61,264 (2009) (September 17 Order), Big Rivers Electric Corporation filed revised tariff sheets to its ''safe harbor'' open access transmission tariff, redesignated as its Second Revised and Restated Open Access Transmission Tariff, effective September 17, 2009.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant and all the parties in this proceeding.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the ''eFiling'' link at *http://www.ferc.gov*. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at *http://www.ferc.gov*, using the ''eLibrary'' link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an ''eSubscription'' link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov*, or call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on January 6, 2009.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER10–426–000]

Stetson Wind II, LLC; Supplemental Notice that Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

December 23, 2009.

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of Stetson Wind II, LLC's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is January 12, 2010.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at *http://www.ferc.gov.* To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above-referenced proceeding are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER10–425–000]

Oceanside Power, LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

December 23, 2009.

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of Oceanside Power, LLC's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426,