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Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern time on Tuesday, May 15, 2012.

Dated: April 24, 2012.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL12–60–000]

Southwest Power Pool; Western Area Power Administration; Basin Electric Cooperative; Heartland Consumers Power District; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order

Take notice that on April 24, 2012, pursuant to section 207(a)(2) of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.207, Southwest Power Pool (SPP), Western Area Power Administration (Western), Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Basin Electric), and Heartland Consumers Power District (Heartland), jointly submitted a petition requesting the Commission to issue a declaratory order confirming: (1) Midwest Independent System Operator, Inc. (MISO) is obligated by the terms of the Congestion Management Process contained in a Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) between SPP and MISO to respect the Reciprocal Coordinated Flowgates (RCF) of a third party that has executed a Reciprocal Coordination Agreement with SPP; (2) the SPP-Western JOA is a Reciprocal Coordination Agreement under the MISO–SPP JOA; and (3) MISO is obligated by the MISO–SPP JOA to respect the Integrated System of Western, Basin Electric, and Heartland RCFs.

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. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

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 online 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 email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov,* or call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on May 24, 2012.

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Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14381–000]

Qualified Hydro 15, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On April 9, 2012, Qualified Hydro 15, 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 the Blue River Dam Hydroelectric Project (Blue River Dam project) to be located on the Blue River in the vicinity of Blue River, in Lane County, Oregon. 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 utilize flows from the existing 1,265-foot-long earth-fill dam on the Blue River, which is owned and operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Additional existing project features would be modified for use by the proposed project. The existing concrete intake structure would have trash racks added. The existing 1,800-foot-long concrete-lined outlet tunnel would be lined with steel. The existing stilling basin would be extended 70 feet and modified to accommodate a new bifurcation chamber and gatehouse.

New project features would consist of the following: (1) A steel bifurcation chamber and concrete gatehouse in the stilling basin that would provide flow to the penstock and directly back into the Blue River when incoming flows exceed plant capacity or when the project is not operating; (2) a powerhouse gate that would control flow into the penstock; (3) a 600-foot-long, 12-foot diameter steel penstock from the stilling basin to the powerhouse; (4) a 70-foot by 50-foot reinforced concrete powerhouse containing two turbine/generators units for a total capacity of 20 megawatts; (5) a 125-foot-long, 60-foot-wide tailrace that would return flow back to the Blue River; (6) a substation; (7) an approximately 1.5-mile-long, 115-kilovolt transmission line which would tie into the existing Bonneville Power Administration Blue River substation; and (8) appurtenant facilities. The estimated annual generation of the Blue River Dam project would be 50 gigawatt-hours.

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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. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be