

cultural impact assessment prepared in accordance with Hawai'i law, specifically Act 50, SLH 2000.

Impacts will be analyzed across a number of resource areas, including:

- Air quality (including climate change and greenhouse gas emissions).
- Water resources and drainage.
- Coastal zone resources.
- Geography, geology, and soils.
- Land and submerged land use.
- Threatened and endangered

species, special status species, and related sensitive resources such as the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary.

- Land transportation.
- Marine transportation and commerce.
- Airspace utilization.
- Public health and safety.
- Noise.
- Natural hazards.
- Hazardous materials.
- Accidents and intentional

destructive acts.

- Cultural and historical resources.
- Recreational resources.
- Visual resources.
- Socioeconomic impacts, community services and infrastructure.
- Environmental justice considerations (disproportionately high and adverse impacts to minority and low income populations).
- Cumulative impacts (past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions).

• Irreversible and irretrievable commitments of resources.

The programmatic analysis will identify best management practices, outline regulatory procedures, address mitigation of environmental impacts and support the development of general guidance for major components of an interisland undersea cable energy grid for the transmission of wind energy.

## 7. Public Participation: Scoping, EIS Distribution, Schedule

As indicated in the **DATES** section, public scoping meetings will be conducted in early 2011. Each scoping meeting will be structured in two parts: first an informal "workshop" discussion period that will not be recorded, then a formal commenting session, which will be transcribed by a court stenographer. The meetings will provide interested parties the opportunity to view exhibits on the HIREP: Wind, ask questions, and submit comments orally or in writing. Representatives from DOE, Hawai'i, and any cooperating agencies will be available to answer questions and provide additional information to participants. Individuals who submit comments during the scoping process

will receive paper or electronic copies of the draft EIS, according to their preference. Persons who do not wish to submit comments or suggestions at this time, but would like to receive a copy of the draft EIS when it is issued should submit a request as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section and include their preference for a paper or electronic copy.

In preparing the draft EIS, DOE and Hawai'i will consider comments received during the scoping period. The agencies plan to issue the draft EIS by October 2011. After the agencies issue the draft EIS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will publish a notice of availability of the draft EIS in the **Federal Register**, which will begin a minimum 45-day public comment period. In addition to and concurrent with this NOI publication in the **Federal Register**, the State of Hawai'i is preparing a state-level environmental review notice. That notice along with this NOI will be published in the State of Hawai'i Environmental Notice consistent with all state requirements.

The agencies will announce how to comment on the draft EIS and will hold public hearings during the public comment period, but no sooner than 15 days after the notice of availability is published. In preparing the final EIS, the agencies will respond to comments received on the draft EIS. The agencies plan to issue the final EIS by April 2012. No sooner than 60 days after the Environmental Protection Agency publishes a Notice of Availability of the final EIS, DOE and Hawai'i will each issue its Record of Decision regarding their actions considered in the EIS.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 8, 2010.

**Patricia A. Hoffman,**

*Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP11-42-000]

### Dominion Transmission, Inc; Notice of Application

December 7, 2010.

Take notice that on November 23, 2010, Dominion Transmission, Inc. (DTI), 120 Tredegar Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, filed in Docket No. CP11-42-000 an application pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act

and Part 157 the Commission's Rules and Regulations for all the necessary authorizations required to refunctionalize its existing Line No. TL-404, a 26-mile, 24- and 30-inch pipeline which extends from DTI's Hastings Extraction Plant in Wetzel County, WV to its terminus in Monroe County, OH, from a transmission function to a gathering function. The details of the request are more fully set forth in the application, which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the web 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 at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Brad A. Knisley, Regulatory and Certificates Analyst III, Dominion Transmission, Inc., 701 East Cary Street, Richmond, VA 23219, or telephone (804) 777-4412, or facsimile (804) 771-4804 or e-mail [Brad.A.Knisley@dom.com](mailto:Brad.A.Knisley@dom.com).

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 proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below, 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 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). 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 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to 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 in order 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.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests, and interventions via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link. 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.

*Comment Date:* December 29, 2010.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project Nos. 13825-000; 13827-000]

#### FFP Missouri 16, LLC, Solia 9 Hydroelectric, LLC; Notice of Competing Preliminary Permit Applications Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

December 7, 2010.

On August 6, 2010, FFP Missouri 16, LLC (FFP) and Solia 9 Hydroelectric, LLC filed preliminary permit applications, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of a hydropower project at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) Mississippi River Lock and Dam #15 structure, located on the Mississippi River near Rock Island, Illinois. 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.

FFP's Mississippi Lock and Dam #15 Project (Project No. 13825-000) would consist of: (1) Four modular generation units placed in nine of the existing gate bays of the Corps' lock and dam structure. These 36 units would contain compact bulb turbines with individual unit capacities of 835 KW each and have

a combined capacity of 30 MW; (2) a separate 50-foot x 60-foot control building; (3) a new 30 MVA substation located on the north side of the river; (4) a new 5,500-foot-long transmission line extending to an interconnection point with the existing Mid American Energy substation on the southern edge of Rock Island; and (5) appurtenant facilities. The proposed operating voltage would be 115-kilovolt (kV). FFP is also exploring an alternative that would involve construction of a new 260-foot-long x 210-foot-wide x 70-foot-high conventional concrete powerhouse and intake in the northern two roller gate bays. The new proposed powerhouse would contain four horizontal bulb turbines rated at 7.5 MW each. Each design would have a total energy generation of 200 gigawatt-hours per year. The project would utilize Corps designated flows from the Mississippi Lock and Dam #15 structure and operate as directed by the Corps.

*Applicant Contact:* Mr. Ramya Swaminathan, Free Flow Power Corporation, 33 Commercial Street, Gloucester, MA 01930; Telephone: (978) 283-2822.

Solia 9 Hydroelectric's proposed Lock and Dam #15 Hydropower Project (Project No. 13827-000) would consist of: (1) One 245-foot-long x 160-foot-wide x 60-foot-high concrete powerhouse. The proposed powerhouse would contain 6 turbine generator units with individual unit capacities of 5.2 MW each and have a combined capacity of 31 MW; (2) a new 26,400-foot-long 34 to 230-kV transmission line extending from the switchyard near the proposed powerhouse to an existing nearby distribution line; and (3) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project design would have a total energy generation of 172 gigawatt-hours per year. The project would operate run-of-river and utilize flows released from the dam.

*Applicant Contact:* Mr. Douglas Spaulding, P.E., Nelson Energy, LLC, 8441 Wayzata Blvd., #101, Golden Valley, MN 55426; Telephone: (952) 544-8133.

*FERC Contact:* Tyrone A. Williams, [tyrone.williams@ferc.gov](mailto:tyrone.williams@ferc.gov) or (202) 502-6331.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance date of this notice. 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/>

[ferconline.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/)) under the "eFiling" link. For a simpler method of submitting text only comments, click on "Quick Comment." For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport.gov); call toll-free at (866) 208-3676; or, for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. Although the Commission strongly recommends electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and eight copies should be mailed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. For more information on how to submit these types of filings please go to the Commission's Web site located at <http://www.ferc.gov/filing-comments.asp>.

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-13795) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Sunshine Act Meeting

December 9, 2010.

The following notice of meeting is published pursuant to section 3(a) of the government in the Sunshine Act (Pub. L. 94-409), 5 U.S.C. 552b:

**AGENCY HOLDING MEETING:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**DATE AND TIME:** December 16, 2010, 10 a.m.

**PLACE:** Room 2C, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

**STATUS:** Open.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** Agenda.

\* **Note** —Items listed on the agenda may be deleted without further notice.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Telephone (202) 502-8400.

For a recorded message listing items struck from or added to the meeting, call (202) 502-8627.

This is a list of matters to be considered by the Commission. It does not include a listing of all documents relevant to the items on the agenda. All