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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Archon Energy 1, Inc.

Project No. 14494-000

NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY PERMIT APPLICATION ACCEPTED FOR FILING
AND SOLICITING COMMENTS, MOTIONS TO INTERVENE, AND COMPETING
APPLICATIONS

On February 11, 2013, the Archon Energy 1, Inc., 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 Lower Alamo & New Rivers Hydroelectric Project (Lower Alamo & New Rivers Hydroelectric Project or project) to be located on the Alamo River and New River, near the cities of Calipatria and Brawley, Imperial County, California. 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 four river drop developments:

- The Alamo River Drop 2, New River Drop 2, and New River Drop 3 developments would consist of the following: (1) a VLH 4000 turbo-generator; (2) a 10-by-10 foot electrical control shack; and (3) appurtenant facilities.
- The Alamo River Drop 3-3A development would consist of the following: (1) a gated water intake canal located upstream of the 3A weir; (2) a 30-foot-wide concrete diversion canal approximately 1,300 feet in length; (3) a 50-by-40-foot powerhouse enclosing one Kaplan turbine and generator; and (4) appurtenant facilities.

The proposed project would have a total installed capacity of 2.9 megawatts and generate an estimated average annual energy production of 23.65 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 website <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.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-14494) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: May 6, 2013

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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