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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Project No. 14503-000

Archon Energy 1, Inc.

Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Competing Applications

On February 26, 2013, 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 Kern River Drop 2 and 3 Hydroelectric Project (Kern River Drop 2 and 3 Project or project) to be located on the Kern River, near the city of Bakersfield in Kern 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 two river drop developments. Each of the proposed in-stream installations would consist of the following: (1) a 40-foot-wide concrete diversion canal approximately 150 feet in length; (2) two VLH 4000 turbo-generators; (3) a 10-by-10-foot electrical shack; and (4) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have a total installed capacity of 2 megawatts and generate an estimated average annual energy production of 14 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-14503) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: May 14, 2013

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.