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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Empire State Hydro 303, LLC

Project No. 14706-000

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

On August 26, 2015, Empire State Hydro 303, 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 Rock Bottom Dam Hydroelectric Project (project) to be located on the Susquehanna River, near the city of Binghamton, Broome County, New York. 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 the following: (1) an existing 9-foot-high, 460-foot-long gravity dam; (2) a proposed concrete powerhouse approximately 100 feet long by 40 feet wide housing eight low-head, horizontal bulb turbines having a total installed capacity of 1,992 kilowatts; (3) a proposed concrete tailrace wall extending approximately 100 feet downstream; (4) a proposed 500-foot-long, 12,700-volt transmission line interconnecting with the local utility; and (5) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an average annual generation of about 10 megawatt-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.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the Commission's eFiling system at <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, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-14706-000.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-14706) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

DATED: September 10, 2015

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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