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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14944-000]

Pumped Hydro Storage, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Competing Applications

On May 10, 2019, Pumped Hydro Storage, 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 a pumped storage project on the Little Colorado River in Coconino County, Arizona. On August 1, 2019, the applicant filed a revised application for the project to address Commission staff's June 19, 2019 comments. 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 Navajo Nation Little Colorado River Pumped Storage Project would consist of the following: (1) a new 200-foot-high, 3,200-foot-long upper dam and reservoir; (2) a new 150-foot-high, 1,000-foot-long lower dam and reservoir; (3) eight 400-megawatt, turbine-generator units, for a total installed capacity of 3,200 megawatts; (4) two new 22-mile-long, 500-kilovolt transmission lines from the powerhouse to an

existing grid interconnection point; and (5) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an average annual generation of 8,500 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.

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> DATED: September 17, 2019. 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-14994-000.

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-14994) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: September 17, 2019.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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