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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 14995-000]

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

On May 14, 2019, Pumped Hydro Storage, LLC, filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the San Francisco River Pumped Storage Project to be located on the San Francisco River in Greenlee County, Arizona and Catron County, New Mexico. 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) a new 180-foot-high, 3,000-foot-long upper dam impounding a 200-acre reservoir; (2) a new 200-foot-high, 650-foot-long lower dam impounding a 900-acre reservoir; (3) two new 12,000-foot-long, 32-foot-diameter penstocks; (4) a new reinforced concrete powerhouse containing five 250-megawatt turbine-generator units, for a total installed capacity of 1,250 megawatts; (5) a new 1-mile-long, 345 kilovolt transmission line; and (6) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an average annual generation of 3,400 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>. 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-14995-000.

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-14995) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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