

FERC-725 ⁶		FTE	Est. annual burden (hrs.)	Est. annual cost (\$)
Total Estimated Annual Burden & Cost	972,304.67	59,390,474

The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information including: (1) Reviewing instructions; (2) developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, verifying, processing, maintaining, disclosing and providing information; (3) adjusting the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; (4) training personnel to respond to a collection of information; (5) searching data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information; and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

The estimate of cost for respondents is based upon salaries for professional and clerical support, as well as direct and indirect overhead costs. Direct costs include all costs directly attributable to providing this information, such as administrative costs and the cost for information technology. Indirect or overhead costs are costs incurred by an organization in support of its mission. These costs apply to activities which benefit the whole organization rather than any one particular function or activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of

the agency's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP09-161-000; PF08-23-000]

Bison Pipeline LLC; Notice of Application

April 30, 2009.

Take notice that on April 20, 2009, Bison Pipeline LLC (Bison), 13710 FNB Parkway, Omaha, Nebraska 68154 filed in the above referenced docket an application pursuant to section 7(c) of the NGA and part 157 of the Commission's regulations, for a certificate of public convenience and authorizing the construction, ownership and operation of a new pipeline, a new compressor station and other appurtenant facilities designed to transport approximately 477 million cubic feet per day (MMcf/day) from the Dead Horse region near Gillette, Wyoming to an interconnection with Northern Border Pipeline Company near Compressor Station No. 6 located in Morton County, North Dakota, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at

FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Specifically, Bison proposes approximately 302 miles of 30-inch diameter pipeline, one 4,700 horsepower compressor station, two meter stations and other appurtenant facilities designed to move 477 MMcf/d of natural gas. As a new pipeline company, Bison also requests blanket certificates pursuant to sections 284.211 and 157.204 of the Commission's regulations as well as approval of its attached Pro Forma Tariff. Bison states that the project will cost an estimated \$609.6 million and the proposed in-service date of the facilities is November 15, 2010.

Any questions regarding the application are to be directed to Bambi Heckerman, Agent and Attorney-in-Fact, TransCanada Northern Border Inc., 13710 FNB Parkway, Omaha, NE 68154-5200, phone (402) 492-7575 or by fax (402) 492-7492.

On June 4, 2008, the Commission staff granted Bison's request to utilize the Pre-Filing Process and assigned Docket No. PF08-23-000 to staff activities involving the Bison Pipeline Project. Now as of the filing the April 20, 2008 application, the Pre-Filing Process for this project has ended. From this time forward, this proceeding will be conducted in Docket No. CP09-161-000, as noted in the caption of this Notice.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made in the proceeding with the Commission and

⁷ Per Order 672, the ERO will undergo a performance assessment three years after certification (July 2009) and every five years thereafter. Therefore, the total figures for FTE (10), burden hrs. (9,800), and cost (\$1,050,000) associated with doing the self-assessment have been divided by 3 to provide average annual figures for this notice.

The methodology for estimating the totals for the 3-year self assessment follows. Staff estimates that the self assessment will take 6 months to complete. In order for NERC to complete the work in half the time, we assume that NERC must hire double the workforce, so 10 contractors are used in the present calculation. The \$1,050,000 was taken directly from NERC's 2009 Business Plan and Budget.

⁸ NERC Employee Cost Estimate: NERC Employee Compensation Average is \$140,442 (from 2009 Budget salary average). For 1.5 Employees, the Annualized Salary Expense is \$210,663.

⁹ Regional Entity (RE) Employee Cost Estimate: RE Employee Compensation Average of \$115,520 (from 2009 Budget salary average). For 4.5 Employees, the Annualized Salary Expense is \$519,840.

¹⁰ The average employee works 2,080 hours per year. The estimated average annual cost per employee is \$128,297.

must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commentors will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commentors will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentors will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Comment Date: May 21, 2009.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13-023]

Green Island Power Authority; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests

April 30, 2009.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* New major license.

b. *Project No.:* 13-023.

c. *Date Filed:* March 2, 2009.

d. *Applicant:* Green Island Power Authority.

e. *Name of Project:* Green Island Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The existing project is located on the Hudson River in Albany County, New York. The project would occupy Federal land managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Agent Contact:* James A. Besha, President, Albany Engineering Corporation, 5 Washington Square, Albany, NY 12205; (518) 456-7712.

i. *FERC Contact:* Tom Dean, (202) 502-6041.

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

Motions to intervene and protests may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18

CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "eFiling" link.

k. This application has been accepted for filing, but is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. *Project Description:* The existing Green Island Project utilizes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Green Island-Troy lock and dam that consists of: (1) A dam with a main spillway with a fixed crest elevation of 14.33 feet mean sea level (msl); and (2) an auxiliary spillway with a crest elevation of 16.33 feet msl.

The Green Island Project consists of: (1) 2-foot-high pneumatic flashboards along the top of the main spillway with a crest elevation of 16.33 feet msl; (2) a 700-acre impoundment with a normal water surface elevation of 16.33 feet msl; (3) a bulkhead and forebay structure located downstream and at the west end of the Corps dam; (4) a powerhouse containing four 1.5 megawatt (MW) generating units with a total installed capacity of 6.0 MW; (5) a 34.5 kilovolt underground transmission cable; and (6) appurtenant facilities.

Green Island Power Authority proposes to: (1) Lower the existing main spillway to a crest elevation of 12.5 feet msl, and install new hydraulically operated crest gates with a maximum crest gate elevation of 18.5 feet msl; (2) install a new trash boom extending across and upstream of the forebay; (3) construct a new bulkhead structure equipped with a new 300-foot-wide, 300-foot-long fish protection system screen; and (4) expand the existing powerhouse to the east and west and install four new 6.0 MW generating units, and replace the four existing generating units with four new 6.0 MW generating units with a total installed capacity of 48 MW.

m. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

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