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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Project No. 14411-000

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

On May 17, 2012, Telluride Energy, 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 John Martin Reservoir Hydroelectric Project (John Martin Project or project) at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) John Martin Reservoir and dam on the Arkansas River, near the Town of Las Animas in Bent County, Colorado. 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 penstock that would take water from the existing John Martin reservoir; (2) a new powerhouse at the

base of the existing John Martin dam containing a 1.4-megawatt turbine-generator; (3) a new 2-mile-long 115-kilovolt primary transmission line connecting the project with Tri-State Generation and Transmission's lines south of the project; and; (4) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an estimated average annual generation of 3,000 megawatt-hours and operate utilizing releases from John Martin reservoir, as directed by the Corps.

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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 seven 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-14411) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: June 15, 2012

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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