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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14890-000]

Southeast Oklahoma Power Corporation; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Competing Applications

On August 27, 2018, Southeast Oklahoma Power Corporation, 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 Pushmataha County Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project (Pushmataha Project or project) to be located on the Kiamichi River, near the town of Talihina, in Pushmataha County, Oklahoma. 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 Pushmataha Project permit application describes two adjacent, alternative developments that the applicant proposes to choose between.

Alternative 1 would consist of the following: (1) an 886-foot-long, 282-foot-high concrete-faced rockfill upper dam with a 196.85-foot-long, 17-foot-high emergency spillway with a channel to Long Creek; (2) an upper reservoir with a surface area of 488.52 acres and a storage capacity of 43,633 acre-feet; (3) a 98.4-foot-long,

39.4-foot-high concrete upper intake/outlet structure; (4) a 7,030-foot-long, 32.8-foot-diameter steel and concrete headrace tunnel; (5) a 550-foot-long, 93-foot-wide, 188.5-foot-high underground concrete pumping station/powerhouse containing four pump/generating units with a total capacity of 1,200 megawatts; (6) an 8,243-foot-long, 32.8-foot-diameter tailrace tunnel; (7) a 98.4-foot-long, 39.4-foot-high concrete lower intake/outlet structure; (8) a 13,615-foot-long, 68.9-foot-high earthen lower dam with a 33-foot-long, 13-foot-high emergency spillway with a channel that becomes a tunnel to the Kiamichi River; (9) a lower reservoir with a surface area of 727 acres and a storage capacity of 37,965 acre-feet; (10) two 20-inch-diameter, 1,085-foot-long pipes with 110 kilowatt pumps to move water from a regulating reservoir to the lower reservoir; (11) a regulating reservoir with a surface area of 40 acres and a storage capacity of 1,216 acre-feet; (12) two 20-inch-diameter, 886-foot-long pipes with two 110 kilowatt pumps to move water from the Kiamichi River to a regulating reservoir; (13) a 40-foot-long, 40-foot-wide funnel-shaped intake structure on the Kiamichi River located 1.5-feet above the bottom of the Kiamichi River tapering down to 10-foot-long, 10-foot-wide section where it connects to the two withdrawal pipes; and (14) a 124-mile-long transmission line to the Electric Reliability Council of Texas grid.

Alternative 2 would consist of the following: (1) a 1,529-foot-long, 233-foot-high concrete-faced rockfill upper dam with a 196.85-foot-long, 17-foot-high emergency spillway with a channel to a creek; (2) an upper reservoir with a surface area of 366.07 acres, and a storage capacity of 27,462 acre-feet; (3) a 98.4-foot-long, 39.4-foot-high concrete upper intake/outlet structure; (4) a 3,979-foot-long,

32.8-foot-diameter steel and concrete headrace tunnel; (5) a 545-foot-long, 90-foot-wide, 185.4-foot-high underground concrete pumping station/powerhouse containing four pump/generating units with a total capacity of 1,200 megawatts; (6) a 5,831-foot-long, 32.8-foot-diameter tailrace tunnel; (7) a 98.4-foot-long, 39.4-foot-high concrete lower intake/outlet structure; (8) a 13,911-foot-long, 52.5-foot-high earthen lower dam with a 33-foot-long, 13-foot-high emergency spillway with a channel that becomes a tunnel to the Kiamichi River; (9) a lower reservoir with a surface area of 972.71 acres and a storage capacity of 31,223 acre-feet; (10) two 20-inch-diameter, 1,532-foot-long pipes with 110 kilowatt pumps to move water from a regulating reservoir to the lower reservoir; (11) a regulating reservoir with a surface area of 40 acres and a storage capacity of 1,216 acre-feet; (12) two 20-inch-diameter, 886-foot-long pipes with two 110 kilowatt pumps to move water from the Kiamichi River to the a regulating reservoir; (13) a 40-foot-long, 40-foot-wide funnel-shaped intake structure on the Kiamichi River located 1.5-feet above the bottom of the Kiamichi River tapering down to 10-foot-long, 10-foot-wide section where it connects to the two withdrawal pipes; and (14) a 124-mile-long transmission line to the Electric Reliability Council of Texas grid.

For either alternative, the proposed project would have an estimated average annual generation of 4,368,000 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-14890-000.

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-14890) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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Kimberly D. Bose,

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