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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 8866-013]

Black Canyon Bliss, LLC; Notice Of Application Accepted For Filing, Intent To Waive Scoping, Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests, Ready For Environmental Analysis, and Soliciting Comments, Terms and Conditions, Recommendations, Prescriptions

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

a. *Type of Application:* Subsequent License.

b. *Project No.:* 8866-013.

c. *Date filed:* February 28, 2022.

d. *Applicant:* Black Canyon Bliss.

e. *Name of Project:* Stevenson No.2 Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The existing project is located on an unnamed tributary to the Snake River in Gooding County, Idaho. The project does not affect federal lands.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. David Jentsch, 319 River Road, Bliss, ID 83314, Telephone (208) 431-1227.

i. *FERC Contact:* Maryam Zavareh, (202) 502-8474 or maryam.zavareh@ferc.gov.

j. Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests, comments, terms and conditions, recommendations, and prescriptions: 60 days from the issuance date of this notice; reply comments are due 105 days from the issuance date of this notice.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene, protests, comments, terms and conditions, recommendations, and prescriptions using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOOnline.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOOnlineSupport@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-8866-013.

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.

k. This application has been accepted for filing and is now ready for environmental analysis.

l. The existing Black Canyon Bliss Hydro Project consists of: (1) a 735-foot-long, 18-inch-diameter underground concrete intake; (2) a concrete transition box; (3) a 303-foot-long, 18-inch-diameter above ground steel penstock; (4) a powerhouse containing a single generating unit with a rated capacity of 24 kW; (5) a 20-foot-long tailrace, (6) a 530-foot-long, 34.5 kV transmission line; and (7) appurtenant facilities. The project generates an annual average of 155 kilowatt-hours.

m. Due to the small size and location of this project, the applicant's close coordination with federal and state agencies during preparation of the application, and studies completed during pre-filing consultation, we intend to waive scoping and expedite the licensing process. Based on a review of the application and resource agency consultation letters filed to date, Commission staff does not anticipate

that any new issues would be identified through additional scoping. Based on the issues identified during the pre-filing period, staff's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document will consider the potential effects of project construction and operation on geology and soils, aquatic, terrestrial, threatened and endangered species, recreation, and cultural and historic resources.

n. A copy of the application can be viewed on the Commission's website 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.

Register online at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOOnline.aspx> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

o. Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, and .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION," "COMPETING APPLICATION," "COMMENTS," "REPLY COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. A copy of all other filings

in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

p. The applicant must file no later than 60 days following the date of issuance of this notice: (1) a copy of the water quality certification; (2) a copy of the request for certification, including proof of the date on which the certifying agency received the request; or (3) evidence of waiver of water quality certification. Please note that the certification request must comply with 40 CFR 121.5(b), including documentation that a pre-filing meeting request was submitted to the certifying authority at least 30 days prior to submitting the certification request. Please also note that the certification request must be sent to the certifying authority and to the Commission concurrently.

q. Procedural schedule: The application will be processed according to the following preliminary schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Deadline for filing interventions, protests, comments, recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and preliminary fishway prescriptions.	January 2023.
Deadline for filing reply comments	February 2023.

r. Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of this notice.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Loveland Area Projects—Rate Order No. WAPA-202

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of rate order concerning firm electric service and sale of surplus products formula rates.

SUMMARY: The formula rates for the Rocky Mountain Region's (RMR) Loveland Area Projects (LAP) firm electric service and sale of surplus

products have been confirmed, approved, and placed into effect on an interim basis (Provisional Formula Rates). LAP consists of the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project (Fry-Ark) and the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program (P-SMBP)—Western Division, which were integrated for marketing and rate-making purposes in 1989. These new formula rates replace the existing formula rates for these services under Rate Schedules L-F11, Firm Electric Service, and L-M2, Sale of Surplus Products, which expire on December 31, 2022. The LAP firm electric service rate is increasing 16.5 percent. There are no changes to the formula rate for sale of surplus products.

DATES: The Provisional Formula Rates under Rate Schedules L-F12, Firm Electric Service, and L-M3, Sale of Surplus Products, are effective on the first day of the first full billing period beginning on or after January 1, 2023, and will remain in effect through December 31, 2027, pending confirmation and approval by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on a final basis or until superseded.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barton V. Barnhart, Regional Manager, Rocky Mountain Region, Western Area Power Administration, 5555 East Crossroads Boulevard, Loveland, CO 80538-8986, or email: lapfirmadj@wapa.gov, or Sheila D. Cook, Rates Manager, Rocky Mountain Region, Western Area Power Administration, (970) 685-9562, or email: scook@wapa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 24, 2018, FERC confirmed and approved Formula Rate Schedules L-F11 and L-M2 under Rate Order No. WAPA-179, on a final basis through December 31, 2022.¹ These schedules apply to LAP firm electric service and sale of surplus products. Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) published a **Federal Register** notice (Proposed FRN) on May 25, 2022 (87 FR 31876), proposing increases to both the base component and the drought adder component of the LAP firm electric service rate and to put new 5-year rate schedules in place. The Proposed FRN also initiated a 90-day public consultation and comment period and set forth the dates and locations of the public information and public comment forums.

¹ Order Confirming and Approving Rate Schedules on a Final Basis, FERC Docket No. EF18-3-000, 163 FERC ¶ 62,115 (2018).

Legal Authority

By Delegation Order No. S1-DEL-RATES-2016, effective November 19, 2016, the Secretary of Energy delegated: (1) the authority to develop power and transmission rates to the WAPA Administrator; (2) the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Deputy Secretary of Energy; and (3) the authority to confirm, approve, and place into effect on a final basis, or to remand or disapprove such rates, to FERC. By Delegation Order No. S1-DEL-S3-2022-2, effective June 13, 2022, the Secretary of Energy also delegated the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Under Secretary for Infrastructure. By Redelegation Order No. S3-DEL-WAPA1-2022, effective June 13, 2022, the Under Secretary for Infrastructure further redelegated the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to WAPA's Administrator. This rate action is issued under Redelegation Order No. S3-DEL-WAPA1-2022 and Department of Energy procedures for public participation in rate adjustments set forth at 10 CFR part 903.²

Following review of RMR's proposal, Rate Order No. WAPA-202, which provides the formula rates for LAP firm electric service and sale of surplus products, is hereby confirmed, approved, and placed into effect on an interim basis. WAPA will submit Rate Order No. WAPA-202 to FERC for confirmation and approval on a final basis.

Department of Energy

Administrator, Western Area Power Administration

In the Matter of: Western Area Power Administration, Rocky Mountain Region, Rate Adjustment for the Loveland Area Projects, Firm Electric Service and Sale of Surplus Products, Formula Rates.
Rate Order No. WAPA-202

Order Confirming, Approving, and Placing the Formula Rates for the Loveland Area Projects Into Effect on an Interim Basis

The formula rates in Rate Order No. WAPA-202 are established following section 302 of the Department of Energy (DOE) Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7152).³

² 50 FR 37835 (Sept. 18, 1985) and 84 FR 5347 (Feb. 21, 2019).

³ This Act transferred to, and vested in, the Secretary of Energy the power marketing functions of the Secretary of the Department of the Interior