

150 FERC ¶ 62,125
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Longview Energy Exchange, LLC

Project No. 14341-001

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TERM FOR
PRELIMINARY PERMIT

(Issued March 4, 2015)

On February 27, 2015, Longview Energy Exchange, LLC (Longview) filed an application for a two-year extension of its existing preliminary permit for the proposed Longview Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project, issued on April 26, 2012, and expiring on March 31, 2015.¹ The proposed closed-loop pumped storage project would be located at man-made reservoirs near Ash Fork City, Yavapai County, Arizona.

Section 5(b) of the Federal Power Act states that a preliminary permit term can be extended once for not more than two additional years if the Commission finds that the permittee has carried out activities under the permit in good faith and with reasonable diligence.²

In its first two progress reports, Longview indicated that it had assembled a project team, developed a web site and budget, reviewed comments on the application and met with state and non-governmental organization stakeholders. In the third progress report Longview indicated that it had completed an economic study and a power flow study. In the fourth progress report Longview indicated that it had chosen a preferred alternative, developed a layout of project facilities, prepared construction costs estimates and presented the project at an energy symposium. In the fifth progress report Longview indicated that it developed plans for environmental baseline studies, obtained proposals for geologic studies, and consulted with a hydrologist on groundwater availability.

Upon review of the application for extension, as well as the progress reports submitted under the preliminary permit,³ Longview has demonstrated that it has carried

¹ See 139 FERC ¶ 62,072 (2012).

² See Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2013, Pub. L. No. 113-23, § 5, 127 Stat. 495 (codified as amended at 16 U.S.C. 798(b)).

³ Pursuant to Article 4 of the extended preliminary permit, Longview is required to file the three additional progress reports that are due no later than the last day of each six-month period from the effective date of the permit, i.e., by September 30, 2015; March

out activities under the permit in good faith and with reasonable diligence. Therefore, the request for extension of the preliminary permit term is granted. It is expected that during the remaining term of the permit, as extended, agency consultation will continue, studies will be completed, and a development application will be prepared.

The Director orders:

(A) Ordering paragraph (A) of the preliminary permit for the Longview Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project No. 14341 is amended to read as follows:

(A) A preliminary permit is issued for the Longview Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project No. 14341 to Longview Energy Exchange, LLC for a period effective the first day of the month in which this permit is issued, and ending either 60 months from the effective date or on the date that a development application submitted by the permittee has been accepted for filing, whichever occurs first.

(B) This order constitutes final agency action. Any party may file a request for rehearing of this order within 30 days of the date of its issuance, as provided in section 313(a) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. § 8251 (2012), and section 385.713 of the Commission's regulations, 18 C.F.R. § 385.713 (2014). The filing of a request for rehearing does not operate as a stay of any date specified in this order.

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