

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Hawks Nest Hydro, LLC

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Project No. 2512

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR A NEW LICENSE
OF HAWKS NEST HYDRO, LLC**

In accordance with Section 15(b)(1) of the Federal Power Act, 15 U.S.C. § 808(b)(1), and Section 5.5 of the regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC), 18 C.F.R. § 5.5, Hawks Nest Hydro, LLC a subsidiary of Brookfield Renewable Energy Group, the Licensee, owner and operator of the Hawks Nest Hydroelectric Project No. 2512, hereby declare their unequivocal intent to file an application for a new license, as described below.

Information Provided Pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 5.5(b)

(1) Licensee

Hawks Nest Hydro, LLC

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(2) FERC Project Number

The Hawks Nest Hydroelectric Project (Project) is currently licensed with the Glen Ferris Development under FERC Project No. 2512.

The Hawks Nest and Glen Ferris developments are currently licensed as a single Project. At this time, Hawks Nest Hydro contemplates applying for separate licenses for each development, with a new FERC project number assigned to the Glen Ferris Hydroelectric Project. To this end, Hawks Nest Hydro is filing a separate NOI for each development. If Hawks Nest Hydro decides to apply for separate licenses through this licensing process, a separate license application will be filed for each of the Hawks Nest and Glen Ferris developments.

(3) License Expiration Date

The current license for the Project expires December 31, 2017.

(4) Statement of Intent to File

Hawks Nest Hydro, LLC hereby states their intent to file an application for a new license for the Project.

(5) Principal Project Works Licensed

As currently licensed, the principal Project works consist of:

(a) a 65-foot-high, 948-foot-long concrete spillway dam with 14 spillway bays with a 25-foot by 50-foot steel crest gate each; (b) an impoundment with a surface area of 243 acres at normal maximum surface elevation of 820 feet U.S.G.C.; (c) a concrete intake structure with trashracks, located at the west abutment; (d) a 16,240-foot-long tunnel; (e) a 116-foot-diameter surge tank; (f) a 107-foot-long, 30-foot-diameter steel penstock; (g) a manifold connection leading to five 14-foot-diameter steel penstocks varying in length from 42 to 132 feet; (h) a concrete powerhouse with four identical 25.5-MW turbo generator sets, 6.9-kV generator leads and 6.9/69-kV step-up transformers (one of the 5 penstocks is not being used); (i) two 5.5-mile-long, 69-kV transmission lines; (j) one 5.5 mile-long 13.8-kV transmission line; (k) a tailrace channel and (l) other appurtenances.

(6) Project Location

The Project is on the New River near Gauley Bridge, West Virginia

(7) Plant Installed Capacity

The authorized installed capacity of the Project is 102 MW.

(8) **Names and Mailing Addresses**

(i) *Every county in which any part of the Project is located, and in which any Federal facility that is used or to be used by the Project is located:*

Fayette County
100 Court Street
Fayetteville, WV 25840

(ii) *Every city, town, or similar political subdivision: (A) in which any part of the Project is located and any Federal facility that is used by the Project is located; or (B) that has a population of 5,000 or more and is located within 15 miles of the Project dam:*

City of Oak Hill
100 Kelly Avenue
PO Box 1245
Oak Hill, WV 25901

(iii) *Every irrigation district, drainage district, or similar special purpose political subdivision: (A) in which any part of the Project is located and any Federal facility that is used by the Project is located; or (B) that owns, operates, maintains, or uses any Project facility or any Federal facility that is used by the Project:*

Not Applicable

(iv) *Every other political subdivision in the general area of the Project that there is reason to believe would likely be interested in, or affected by, the Project:*

Town of Ansted, WV
110 E Main Street
Ansted, WV 25812

Town of Fayetteville, WV
P.O. Box 298
Fayetteville, WV 25840

Town of Gauley Bridge, WV
278 Railroad Street
Gauley Bridge, WV 25085

(v) *Affected Indian Tribes:*

Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of
Oklahoma
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801

Catawba Indian Nation
Catawba Cultural Preservation Project
611 East Main Street
Rock Hill, SC 29730

Cherokee Nation
PO Box 948
Tahlequah, OK 74465

Delaware Nation
P.O. Box 825
Anadarko, OK 73005

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cultural Resources Department
P.O. Box 455
Cherokee, NC 28719

Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
P.O. Box 350
Seneca, MO 64865

Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma
P.O. Box 1283
Miami, OK 74355

Shawnee Tribe
PO Box 189
Miami, OK 74355

Tuscarora Nation
5616 Walmore Road
Lewistown, NY 14092

United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee
Indians
P.O. Box 189
Parkhill, OK 74451

In addition to the above-listed entities, a number of federal and state resource agencies and stakeholders have expressed an interest in participating in Hawks Nest Hydro's Integrated License Process for the relicensing of the Project. In accordance with Section 5.5(c) of the Commission's regulations, these agencies and stakeholders have been included on the distribution list for this Notification of Intent, as set forth in Appendix A of the accompanying Pre-Application Document.

Respectfully submitted,



Mr. David Barnhart
Hawks Nest Hydro LLC
Brookfield Renewable Energy Group

DATED: July 24, 2012