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BY ELECTRONIC FILING

Subject: Prineville Energy Storage LLC (p-14453-001)
Ochoco Irrigation District (p-14791-000)
Notice of Competing Preliminary Permit Applications Accepted for Filing and
Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene and Competing Applications– Motion
to Intervene

Dear Secretary Bose:

On September 3, 2016, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a *Notice of Competing Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Competing Applications* for Prineville Energy Storage LLC and Ochoco Irrigation District, proposing to study the feasibility of the two competing hydropower projects. The sole purpose of the preliminary permit, if issued, will be to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term.

Prineville Energy LLC's (p-14453-001) project would be a pumped storage project that uses the Corps' Prineville Reservoir as the lower reservoir. Ochoco Irrigation District's project (p-14791-000) would be located at Bowman Dam and Prineville Reservoir.

The location of both proposed project is on Prineville reservoir near Prineville, OR. Attached for filing is the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Notice of Intervention

Sincerely,

Nancy Doran
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C: Service List

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

Prineville Energy Storage LLC)	FERC Project p -14453-001
Ochoco Irrigation District)	FERC Project p -14791-000
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Competing Preliminary Permit Applications)	
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**OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
NOTICE OF INTERVENTION**

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) hereby provides notice pursuant to 18 C.F.R. §385.214(a) (2) (Rule 214), that it is intervening in this proceeding. ODFW is the state fish and wildlife agency with authority over the fish and wildlife resources that may be directly affected by this proceeding. ODFW intervenes for the purposes of becoming a party, and to ensure its interests and the public are represented in this proceeding.

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The following persons are designated for service and placement on the official service list in this proceeding.

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II

On July 1, 2016, Prineville Energy Storage LLC (Prineville) and Ochoco Irrigation District (Ochoco) filed competing applications for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act. The sole purpose of the preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term.

The Prineville Energy Storage LLC project is located at Prineville Reservoir, near the city of Prineville, Oregon, located in Crook County. The proposed project consists of the following new features: 1) a 40 foot high, 7,700 foot long concrete faced rock fill embankment creating a 64 acre upper reservoir; 2) a 15 foot diameter, 1,400 foot long low pressure tunnel; 3) two 11 foot diameter, 1,880 foot long high-pressure conduit; 4) a powerhouse with two 100 megawatt (MW) reversible pump turbines located 365 feet west of the Prineville Reservoir; 5) a tailrace; and 6) a 16 mile long, 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line interconnecting with the Ponderosa substation. The Prineville Project would have an average annual generation of 525,600 megawatt hours (MWh).

The Ochoco Irrigation District Project is located at Prineville Reservoir, near the City of Prineville, Oregon, located in Crook County, and would utilize the Corps'

existing intake structure at Bowman Dam. The proposed project consists of the following new features: 1) a 10 foot diameter, 310 foot long steel pipe inserted into the Corps' existing intake tunnel; 2) a valve chamber; 3) a 9 foot diameter, 108.44 foot long steel penstock; 4) a powerhouse with one 3 MW and one 1 MW Francis turbine/generator units located on the bank next to the Corps' existing spillway; 5) a tailrace; 6) a 15 mile long 24.5 kV transmission line interconnecting to the Central Electric Cooperative facilities. The Ochoco Project would have an average annual generation of 17.6 MWh.

III

ODFW is the state agency with jurisdiction over fish and wildlife in Oregon. See ORS 496.012; the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (FWCA) at 16 U.S.C. § 661 and 662; the Federal Power Act (FPA) at 16 U.S.C. § 803 and 811.

By carrying out its statutory responsibilities under the FPA, FWCA, and other authorities, ODFW acts in the public interest.

DATED: September 13, 2016



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served the foregoing Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife NOTICE OF INTERVENTION for the Prineville Energy Storage LLC and Ochoco Irrigation District projects upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding.

Dated: September 13, 2016



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