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Toledo Bend Project Initiates FERC License Renewal

(Burkeville, TX) The Toledo Bend Project Joint Operation (Project) at Toledo Bend Reservoir, which is jointly operated by the Sabine River Authority of Texas (SRA-TX) and the Sabine River Authority, State of Louisiana (SRA-LA), has initiated the process with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to renew the Project's hydroelectric generation license which expires in September of 2013. The relicensing process selected by SRA-TX and SRA-LA (the Authorities) is the Integrated Licensing Process (ILP) as defined under the rules and regulations of the FERC at 18 CFR Part 5. In accordance with these regulations, the Preliminary Application Document (PAD) along with the Notice of Intent (NOI) was efiled with FERC on September 22, 2008. With submittal of the NOI and the PAD, the ILP officially begins.

The PAD provides FERC and interested parties with substantial existing information relevant to the Project; including Project background, relicensing process and schedule, operations, engineering, environmental and natural resources, recreation, cultural resources, and socioeconomics. This information enables FERC, the Authorities, and interested parties to identify issues and information needs; develop focused study requests and plans; and form the foundation for the license application, which will be developed later in the ILP.

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The Toledo Bend Project (Project), which was originally licensed by FERC's predecessor agency, the Federal Power Commission, in 1963, was initially conceived, licensed, and developed primarily as a water supply reservoir, with secondary uses including hydroelectric power generation and recreation.

The existing facilities at Toledo Bend Project include a dam and powerhouse, spillway, tailrace and canal, transformer and switchyard, turbines, penstocks, and transmission lines. The reservoir and hydroelectric facilities were completed and began operation in 1969.

As a critical part of the relicensing the hydroelectric facility at the Toledo Bend Project, representatives of federal and state agencies, local governments, non-governmental organizations, and members of the public are encouraged to participate in the ILP. To begin, stakeholders may review the PAD and NOI documents either through the FERC website located at www.ferc.gov or through the Project website <http://www.tbpjo.org/PublicRelicensing>. Hard copies of the document and reference materials are also available at the office of SRA-TX located at 12777 Hwy 87 North in Orange, Texas during regular office hours.

The next stage of the relicensing process involves FERC scoping meetings and a tour of the Project which will occur in mid December of this year. To participate in the Toledo Bend Project ILP or to find out more information, please contact Melvin Swoboda, Project Licensing Manager at 409-746-2192 or by email at mwoboda@sratx.org

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