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Pumped Hydro Storage Project/Little Colorado River: Waterkeeper Challenge/Intervention in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Proceeding

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The Waterkeeper Alliance, Inc., and other organizations (collectively, “Waterkeeper”) filed a Motion to Intervene (“Motion”) in a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) proceeding.

The challenged project involves a Pumped Hydro Storage, LLC (“Pumped Storage”) application for a preliminary FERC permit for the Navajo Nation Little Colorado River Pumped Storage Project. See Project No. 14994-000.

Waterkeeper moved in the preliminary permit proceeding to intervene and oppose the requested permit.

Waterkeeper states that damming the Little Colorado River on the Navajo Nation at a half-mile outside the Grand Canyon National Park would be inappropriate. The Motion argues that the preliminary permit application should be dismissed for two reasons:

1. Pumped Storage lacks the required fitness for a preliminary permit and is unlikely to diligently pursue a project it has admitted is speculative and unlikely
2. Even if the company files a license application it will likely be denied by the FERC

A copy of the Motion can be downloaded [here](#).