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WIC states that the instant tariff sheets are filed to revise the scheduling and allocation priorities in WIC's individually-certificated and open access tariffs so that the priority of imbalance payback gas is the same as the underlying service agreement. Firm imbalance payback will only get the high scheduling priority to the extent that the shipper's overall nomination is within shipper's firm daily entitlement.

WIC states that copies of the filing were served upon WIC's jurisdictional customers and public bodies.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file with a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211). All such protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,  
*Secretary.*

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#### [Project No. 4031-041]

#### City of Peru; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

November 22, 1996.

An environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review. The EA is an application for an amendment of license for the Starved Rock Lock and Dam Project. The amendment of license application concerns the addition of a new transmission line within the project boundary. The EA finds that approval of the application would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The Starved Rock Lock and Dam Project is located in LaSalle County in Illinois.

The EA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing,

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the EA are available for review at the Commission's Reference and Information Center, Room 2-A, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426. Copies can also be obtained by calling the project manager, Jon Cofrancesco at (202) 219-0079.

Lois D. Cashell,  
*Secretary.*

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#### [Project No. 2705-003 Washington]

#### Seattle City Light; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

November 22, 1996.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing and Compliance has reviewed the application for a new license for the existing Newhalem Creek Hydroelectric Project (project) and has prepared a Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) for the project. The project is located on Newhalem Creek, a tributary of the Skagit River, near the town of Newhalem, in northern Washington.

In the FEA, the Commission's staff has analyzed the existing and potential future environmental impacts of the project and has concluded that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective or enhancement measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the FEA are available for review in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,  
*Secretary.*

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#### Notice of Amendment of License

November 22, 1996.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Type of Application:* Amendment of License
- b. *Project No:* 2442-020
- c. *Date Filed:* November 12, 1996
- d. *Applicant:* City of Watertown

e. *Name of Project:* Watertown Project  
 f. *Location:* Black River, Jefferson County, New York

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. Section 791(a)-825(r)

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Robert G. Upson, P.E., City Engineer, City of Watertown, Room 305, Mun. Bldg., 245 Washington Street, Watertown, NY 13601, (315) 785-7746

i. *FERC Contact:* Anum Purchiaroni, (202) 219-3297

j. *Comment Date:* December 11, 1996

k. *Description of Project:* City of Watertown, licensee for the Watertown Project, filed an application to amend its license. The licensee proposes to rehabilitate the three existing Francis generating units, rather than replace them with new Kaplan generating units. The work will include replacing the runners, rewinding the existing generators, and modernizing the electrical and communications equipment at the project. The total plant generating capacity would be reduced from the authorized 10,800 kW to about 7,000 kW. The maximum discharge would be reduced from 6,000 cfs to about 4,700 cfs. The licensee states in its filing that no major modifications will be performed on the powerhouse. The licensee is not proposing any changes to project operation, water levels or license mitigation requirements in its amendment application.

l. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, and D2.

B. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

C1. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's

regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

D2. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One

copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Lois D. Cashell,  
Secretary.

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### Office of Hearings and Appeals

#### Notice of Cases Filed; Week of October 14 Through October 18, 1996

During the Week of October 14 through October 18, 1996, the appeals, applications, petitions or other requests

listed in this Notice were filed with the Office of Hearings and Appeals of the Department of Energy.

Any person who will be aggrieved by the DOE action sought in these cases may file written comments on the application within ten days of publication of this Notice or the date of receipt of actual notice, whichever occurs first. All such comments shall be filed with the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. 20585-0107.

Dated: November 20, 1996.

George B. Breznay,

Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals.

### LIST OF CASES RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS

[Week of October 14 through October 18, 1996]

Date	Name and location of applicant	Case No.	Type of submission
Oct. 15, 1996	Ashok K. Kaushal, Albuquerque, New Mexico.	VFA-0228	Appeal of an Information Request Denial. IF GRANTED: The September 26, 1996 Freedom of Information Request Denial issued by the Office of Inspector General would be rescinded, and Ashok K. Kaushal would receive access to certain Department of Energy information.
Oct. 16, 1996	Le Piers, Inc., Fosston, Minnesota .....	VEE-0034	Exception to the Reporting Requirements. IF GRANTED: Le Piers, Inc. would not be required to file Form EIA-782B Reseller's/Retailer's Monthly Petroleum Product Sales Report.
Oct. 16, 1996	Nugent Motor Company, Colebrook, New Hampshire.	VEE-0033	Exception to the Reporting Requirements. IF GRANTED: Nugent Motor company would not be required to file Form EIA-782B Reseller's/Retailer's Monthly Petroleum Product Sales Report.
Oct. 17, 1996	META, Inc., Arlington, Virginia .....	VWZ-0007	Motion for Dismissal. IF GRANTED: C. Lawrence Cornett's Part 708 complaint would be dismissed.
Oct. 17, 1996	Nathaniel Hendricks, Putney, Vermont .....	VFA-0229	Appeal of an Information Request Denial. IF GRANTED: The January 26, 1996 Freedom of Information Request Denial issued by the Argonne Group would be rescinded, and Nathaniel Hendricks would receive access to certain Department of Energy information.

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#### Notice of Issuance of Decisions and Orders During the Week of October 7 Through October 11, 1996

During the week of October 7 through October 11, 1996, the decisions and orders summarized below were issued with respect to appeals, applications, petitions, or other requests filed with the Office of Hearings and Appeals of the Department of Energy. The following summary also contains a list of submissions that were dismissed by the Office of Hearings and Appeals.

Copies of the full text of these decisions and orders are available in the Public Reference Room of the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Room 1E-234, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585-0107, Monday through Friday, between

the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., except federal holidays. They are also available in *Energy Management: Federal Energy Guidelines*, a commercially published loose leaf reporter system. Some decisions and orders are available on the Office of Hearings and Appeals World Wide Web site at <http://www.oha.doe.gov>.

Dated: November 20, 1996.

George B. Breznay,

Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals.

#### Decision List No. 2

Week of October 7 Through October 11, 1996

#### Personnel Security Hearing

##### ALBUQUERQUE OPERATIONS OFFICE, 10/9/96, VSO-0099

An Office of Hearings and Appeals Hearing Officer issued an opinion addressing the continued eligibility of an individual for access authorization

under the provisions of 10 C.F.R. Part 710. The Hearing Officer found that the Albuquerque Operations Office had presented sufficient evidence to show that the individual (i) deliberately omitted significant information from a security questionnaire, (ii) is a user of alcohol habitually to excess and suffers from alcohol abuse, and (iii) has engaged in conduct which tends to show that he is not reliable. The Hearing Officer also found that the individual had not shown he was rehabilitated or presented evidence which mitigated the security concerns of the DOE. Accordingly, the Hearing Officer recommended that the individual's access authorization not be restored.

#### Whistleblower Proceeding

##### META, INC., LOGISTICS APPLICATIONS, INC., 10/08/96, VWA-0006, VWA-0012

Eugene Greer filed a complaint under the Department of Energy's Contractor