

Agreement to provide firm requirements service to Massachusetts Electric Company, Nantucket Electric Company, Granite State Electric Company and Narragansett Electric Company, each operating subsidiaries of New England Electric System (the NEES Companies), pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act and Section 35.13 of the Commission's Regulations.

NUSCO requests that the rate schedule become effective on September 1, 1998.

NUSCO states that copies of the rate schedule have been mailed to the parties to the Agreement, and the affected state utility commission.

Comment date: September 18, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

28. Northeast Utilities Service Company

[Docket No. ER98-4430-000]

Take notice that on August 31, 1998, Northeast Utilities Service Company (NUSCO), tendered for filing a Service Agreement to provide Non-Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service to the Waste Management of New Hampshire, Inc., under the NU System Companies' Open Access Transmission Service Tariff No. 9.

NUSCO requests that the Service Agreement become effective September 8, 1998.

NUSCO states that a copy of this filing has been mailed to the Waste Management of New Hampshire, Inc.

Comment date: September 18, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraphs

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of these filings are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 271-AR]

Entergy Arkansas, Inc.; Notice of Scoping Meetings Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 for an Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment

September 8, 1998.

Pursuant to the Energy Policy Act of 1992, and as part of the license application, Entergy Arkansas, Inc., (Entergy) intends to prepare an Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment (APEA) to file along with the license application, with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) for the Carpenter-Rommel Project, Project No. 271. The license for the project expires on February 28, 2003.

With the filing of its Notice of Intent (NOI) on January 29, 1998, Entergy notified the Commission of its intent to file an application for a new license. On February 16, 1998, Entergy issued its Initial consultation Document (ICD), which outlined the Commission's relicensing process, described project facilities and operation, and environmental resources, and listed preliminary issues and potential studies.

In March 1998, Entergy initiated the cooperative consultation process, and state and federal agencies, local interests, and nongovernmental organizations, (NGOs), undertook a cooperative effort for the relicensing of the Carpenter-Rommel Project. The process involved identification of environmental issues associated with the relicensing of the Carpenter-Rommel Project, including: a public information meeting on March 23, 1998, and on March 24, 1998, a project site visit for agencies/stakeholders, and a joint agency meeting to solicit comments on the ICD.

Entergy obtained support from the parties involved in the cooperative process to pursue the APEA process for the Carpenter-Rommel Project. On May 20, 1998, Entergy requested, and on July 24, 1998, obtained FERC's approval to enter the APEA process.

As part of the APEA process, Entergy with the Commission has prepared a Scoping Document I (SDI), which provides information on the scoping process, APEA schedule, background information, environmental issues, and proposed project alternatives. The issues contained in SDI are based on agency and public comments at the

March 23-24 meetings as well as the APEA Team meetings held from April through July 1998.

The purpose of this notice is to: (1) advise all parties as to the proposed scope of the environmental analysis, including cumulative effects, and to seek information pertinent to this analysis; and (2) advise all parties of their opportunity for comment.

Scoping Process

The purpose of the scoping process is to identify issues related to the proposed action and to determine what issues should be addressed in the document prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). The SDI will be circulated to enable appropriate federal, state, and local resource agencies, Indian tribes, NGOs, and other interested parties to participate in the scoping process. SDI provides a brief description of the proposed action, alternatives to the proposed action, the geographic and temporal scope of a cumulative effects analysis, and a list of issues.

Scoping Meetings and Site Visit

Entergy and FERC staff will conduct a site visit and a scoping meeting on September 22, 1998. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend and assist in identifying the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed.

The site visit will take place between 1 and 3 p.m. on September 22, 1998, at both the Carpenter and Rommel developments. The scoping meeting will be held on September 22, 1998, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Clarion Resort, Hot Springs, AR. For more details, interested parties should contact Mr. Henry Jones, Entergy, (501) 844-2122, prior to the meeting date.

Objectives

At the scoping meetings, Entergy and Commission staff will: (1) summarize the environmental issues identified for analysis; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantified data, on the resources at issue, and (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed. Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meetings and to assist in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed.

Meeting Procedures

The meeting will be conducted according to the procedures used at Commission scoping meetings. Because this meeting will be a NEPA scoping

meeting the Commission will not conduct another scoping meeting when the application and APEA are filed with the Commission early in 2001.

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and become a part of the record of the Commission proceeding on the Carpenter-Rommel Project. Individuals presenting statements at the meetings will be asked to identify themselves for the record. Speaking time allowed for individuals will be determined before each meeting, based on the number of persons wishing to speak and the approximate amount of time available for the session, but everyone gets at least 5 minutes. Persons choosing not to speak but wishing to express an opinion, as well as speakers unable to summarize their positions within their allotted time, may submit written statements for inclusion in the record no later than October 22, 1998.

All filings should contain an original and 8 copies. Failure to file an original and 8 copies may result in appropriate staff not receiving the benefit of your comments in a timely manner. All comments should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, and should clearly show the following captions on the first page: Carpenter-Rommel Project, FERC No. 271. A copy of each filing should also be sent to Mr. Henry Jones, Entergy, P.O. Box 218, Jones Mill, AR 72105.

Based on all written comments, a Scoping Document II (SDII) may be issued. SDII will include a revised list of issues, based on the scoping sessions.

For further information regarding the APEA scoping process, please contact Mr. Chris Metcalf, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426 at (202) 219-2810, or Mr. Henry Jones, Entergy, at (501) 844-2122.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Accepted for Filing With the Commission

September 8, 1998.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed

with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Type of Application:* Major License.
- b. *Project No.:* P-2737-002.
- c. *Date Filed:* June 23, 1998.
- d. *Applicant:* Central Vermont Public Service Corporation.
- e. *Name of Project:* Middlebury Lower Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* On Otter Creek in the towns of Middlebury and Weybridge and in the county of Addison, Vermont.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:*

Mr. Kent Brown, V.P., Central Vermont Public Service, Corporation, 77 Grove Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701, (802) 747-5326.

John C. Greenan, P.E., Central Vermont Public Service, Corporation, 77 Grove Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701, (802) 747-5707.

Timothy J. Oakes, Kleinschmidt Associates, 33 West Main Street, Strasburg, PA 17579, (717) 687-7211.

i. *FERC Contact:* Jack Duckworth (202) 219-2818.

j. *Comment Date:* November 10, 1998
Status of Environmental Analysis: This application has been accepted, but it is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

k. *Description of the Project:* (1) a 30-foot-high, 478-foot-long concrete gravity dam consisting of two ogee spillway sections, a 123-foot-long western spillway section, and a 260-foot-long eastern spillway section; (2) a 1-mile-long, 16-acre impoundment with a normal water surface elevation of 314.5 feet mean sea level (msl); (3) a powerhouse integral with the dam containing three Francis turbine units for a total installed capacity of 2.25 megawatts (MW); (4) transmission facilities; and (5) appurtenant facilities.

l. *Purpose of Project:* The power generated by this project is used to assist the Central Vermont Public Service Corporation in meeting electrical load requirements of its power grid. Continued operation of this project would provide 2,250 kilowatts (kW) of generating capacity and average annual generation of 8,300 megawatt hours (MWH).

m. *Available Locations of Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference and Files and Maintenance Branch, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A-1, Washington, DC 20426. A copy is also

available for inspection and reproduction at Central Vermont Public Service Corporation, 77 Grove Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701.

Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, protests, or motions to intervene in accordance with the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to be taken, the Commission will consider all protests and 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.

Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time; therefore, the Commission is not now requesting comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions.

When the application is ready for environmental analysis, the Commission will issue a public notice requesting comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST" or "MOTION TO INTERVENE"; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Any of these documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies required by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be specified in the particular application.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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