

Applicant specified in the particular application.

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Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Request for Motions to Intervene and Protests

January 12, 1999.

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

- a. *Type of Application:* Preliminary Permit.
- b. *Project No.:* P-11633-000.
- c. *Date filed:* November 6, 1998.
- d. *Applicant:* Universal Electric Power Corp.
- e. *Name of Project:* Tom Beville L&D Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* At the existing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Tom Beville Lock & Dam on the Tombigbee River and Aliceville Reservoir, near the Town of Memphis, Pickens County, Alabama.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791 (a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Ronald S. Feltenberger, Universal Electric Power Corp., 1145 Highbrook Street, Akron, Ohio 44301, (330) 535-7115.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Susan Tseng (202) 219-2798 or E-mail address at susan.tseng@FERC.fed.us.
- j. *Comment Date:* February 9, 1999.
- k. *Description of Project:* The proposed project would utilize the existing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Tom Beville Lock and Dam and Reservoir, and would consist of the following facilities: (1) A new powerhouse to be constructed on the tailrace side of the dam having an installed capacity of 3,660 kilowatts; (2) a new transmission line; and (3) appurtenant facilities. The proposed average annual generation is estimated

to be 24 gigawatthours. The cost of the studies under the permit will not exceed \$1,100,000.

1. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: A5, A7, A9, A10, B, C, and D2.

m. Available Locations of Application: A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, located at 888 North Capitol Street, N.E., Room 2-A, Washington, D.C. 20426, or by calling (202) 219-1371. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at Universal Electric Power Corp., Mr. Ronald S. Feltenberger 1145 Highbrook Street, Akron, Ohio 44301, (330) 535-7115. A copy of the application may also be viewed or printed by accessing the Commission's website on the Internet at www.ferc.fed.us. For assistance, users may call (202) 208-2222.

A5. Preliminary Permit—Anyone desiring to file a competing application for preliminary permit for a proposed project must submit the competing application itself, or a notice of intent to file such an application, to the Commission on or before the specified comment date for the particular application (see 18 CFR 4.36). Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing preliminary permit application no later than 30 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing preliminary permit application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

A7. Preliminary Permit—Any qualified development applicant desiring to file a competing development application must submit to the Commission, on or before a specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent to file a development application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

A9. Notice of intent—A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of

application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

A10. Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit—A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

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.

C. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION", "COMPETING APPLICATION", "PROTEST", "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, NE, Washington, DC 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

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Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AI99-2-000]

To All Jurisdictional Public Utilities, Licensees, Natural Gas Companies and Oil Pipeline Companies

January 8, 1999.

Subject: Records Storage Media

Introduction

The Commission's present regulations¹ for long-term storage of records generally require the media form to be paper or microforms. As a result of rapidly changing technological advances, other storage media forms have developed. The alternative storage media often allows for more efficient storage capability. This letter constitutes the requisite authority for public utilities and licensees, natural gas companies and oil pipeline carriers to use storage media other than those specified in our regulations.

1. *Question:* What types of storage media will the Commission allow?

Response: The Commission will give each jurisdictional company the flexibility to select its own storage media. It will not limit the companies to the currently approved storage media: paper and card stock; magnetic and punched tape; microfilm, including Computer Output Microfilm, microfiche jackets, and aperture cards; updatable microfilm; and metallic recording data strips. This will enable each jurisdictional company to avail itself of the latest technological advances and, depending on its resources and storage requirements, select the most economical and efficient storage media.

2. *Question:* Is the media selected required to have a life expectancy at least equal to the specified retention period?

Response: The storage media selected must have a life expectancy at least equal to the applicable record retention period unless there is a quality transfer from one media to another with no loss of data.

3. *Question:* The regulations require that "records supporting plant and

licensed project cost shall be retained in their original form, unless microfilmed." Does this requirement still apply?

Response: No, jurisdictional companies are now allowed to retain these records on any type of storage media.

4. *Question:* What are the jurisdictional companies' internal control responsibilities?

Response: The Commission is concerned that records stored on and produced from machine readable media may be susceptible to accidental alteration, or incorrect processing. Accordingly, each jurisdictional company is required to implement internal control procedures that assure the reliability of and ready access to data stored on machine readable media. When records are transferred, each transfer of data from one media to another must be verified for accuracy and documented. Similarly, the software and hardware required to produce readable records must be retained for the same period the media format selected is used.

5. *Question:* What is the effective date of this authorization?

Response: This authorization is effective immediately. The use of any type of storage media may be implemented without obtaining specific authorization from the Commission to do so.

By direction of the Commission.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Meeting of the Small Community Advisory Subcommittee of the Local Government Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This meeting is the fourth for the Small Community Advisory Subcommittee of the Local Government Advisory Committee. The group takes up the work of an earlier advisory group known as the Small Towns Task Force. At this meeting, the subcommittee will hear presentations about the Small Community Activities Inventory Update. In addition, the group will examine the efforts of certain EPA regional offices to address small

community issues. Finally, the group will consider proposals to improve upon EPA's implementation of the Regulatory Flexibility Act as it relates to small communities. Responsibility for the Small Community Advisory Subcommittee of the Local Government Advisory Committee rests with the Office of Administrator, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations (OCIR) under the leadership of Joseph R. Crapa, Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations and Linda B. Rimer, Deputy Associate Administrator for State and Local Relations. OCIR serves as the Agency's principal liaison with State and local government officials and the organizations which represent them.

This is an open meeting and all interested persons are invited to attend. Meeting minutes will be available after the meeting and can be obtained by written request from the Designated Federal Officer (DFO). Members of the public are requested to call the DFO at the number listed below if planning to attend so that arrangements can be made to comfortably accommodate attendees as much as possible. However, seating is limited and will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

This meeting will be conducted at the Environmental Protection Agency's Region IX Office, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California. Those individuals wishing to make a statement before the Subcommittee are encouraged to submit a written statement. From 8:30—8:45 a.m. on February 5th, the Subcommittee will hear comments from the public. Each individual or organization wishing to address the Subcommittee will be allowed at least two minutes. Please contact the DFO at the number listed below to schedule agenda time. Time will be allotted on a first come, first serve basis.

DATES: The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 4 and conclude at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 5, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Environmental Protection Agency's Region IX Office, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California 94105.

Requests for Minutes and other information can be obtained by writing to 401 M Street, SW. (1305), Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The DFO for this Subcommittee is Steven R. Wilson. He is the point of contact for information concerning any Subcommittee matters and can be reached by calling (202) 260-2294.

¹ See 18 CFR 125.2(d)(1), 18 CFR 225.2(d)(1), and 18 CFR 356.6(a) (1998).