

"RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS;" (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 submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). 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, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above address. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b), and 385.2010.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Scoping Meeting and Soliciting Scoping Comments for an Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment Using the Alternative Licensing Process

January 13, 1999.

- a. Type of Application: Alternative Licensing Process.
- b. Project No.: 2852.
- c. Applicant: New York State Electric & Gas Corporation.
- d. Name of Project: Keuka Hydroelectric Project.
- e. Location: Between the Waneta and Lamoka Lakes impoundment and Keuka Lake in the Counties of Schuyler and Steuben, New York.
- f. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 791(a)-825(r).
- g. Applicant Contact: Carol Howland, New York State Electric & Gas Corp., Corporate Dr., Kirkwood Ind. Park, P.O. Box 5224, Binghamton, NY 13902-5224, (607) 762-8881.

h. FERC Contact: Any questions on this notice should be addressed to William Guey-Lee, E-mail address william.gueylee@ferc.fed.us, or telephone (202) 219-2808; or John Costello, E-mail john.costello@ferc.fed.us, or telephone (202) 219-2914.

i. Deadline for filing scoping comments: April 19, 1999.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

j. Description of the Project: The project consists of: (1) The Bradford Dam with an overall length of about 580 feet and crest elevation of 1,099 feet msl, consisting of a concrete section, earthen embankments, outlet works, and spillway; (2) Waneta and Lamoka Lakes with surface areas of 781 acres and 826 acres at elevation 1,099 feet msl, and total storage of 27,200 acre-feet; (3) a 9,300-foot-long power canal; (4) a twin gated concrete box culvert, known as Wayne Gates, measuring 8 feet high by 6 feet wide; (5) a 70-foot-long by 16-foot-high headgate structure; (6) a 3,450-foot-long, 4-foot-diameter concrete penstock; (7) an 835-foot-long, 42-inch-diameter steel penstock; (8) a powerhouse with one 2.0-MW generating unit; (9) and appurtenant equipment connecting the project generation to a 34.5 kV subtransmission system.

k. Scoping Process:

New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) intends to utilize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) alternative licensing process (ALP). Under the ALP, NYSEG will prepare an Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment (APEA) and license application for the Keuka Hydroelectric Project.

On November 27, 1998, NYSEG made a request to use the ALP, and on December 8, 1998, notice of the ALP request was issued by the Commission.

NYSEG expects to file with the Commission, the APEA and the license application for the Keuka Hydroelectric Project by February 2001.

The purpose of this notice is to inform you of the opportunity to participate in the upcoming scoping meetings identified below, and to solicit your scoping comments.

Scoping Meetings

NYSEG and the Commission staff will hold two scoping meetings, one in the daytime and one in the evening, to help us identify the scope of issues to be addressed in the APEA.

The daytime scoping meeting will focus on resource agency concerns, while the evening scoping meeting is primarily for public input. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist the staff in identifying the environmental issues that should be analyzed in the APEA. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

Daytime Meeting

Tuesday, February 16, 1999, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Town Hall, Wayne, New York.

Evening Meeting

Tuesday, February 16, 1999, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Town Hall, Wayne, New York.

To help focus discussions, SDI was mailed in December 1998, outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the APEA to the parties on the mailing list. Copies of the SDI also will be available at the scoping meetings.

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

Objectives

At the scoping meetings, the staff will: (1) Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the APEA; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantifiable data, on the resources at issue; (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the APEA, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views; (4) determine the resource issues to be addressed in the APEA; and (5) identify those issues that require a detailed analysis, as well as those issues that do not require a detailed analysis.

Procedures

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will become part of the formal record of the Commission proceeding on the project. Individuals presenting statements at the meetings will be asked to sign in before the

meeting starts and to clearly identify themselves for the record.

Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental, expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meetings and to assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the APEA.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

January 13, 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.: 11643-000.

c. Date Filed: December 3, 1998.

d. Applicant: Universal Electric Power Corporation.

e. Name of Project: Muskingum L&D 11 Hydroelectric Project.

f. Location: On the Muskingum River at river mile 85.9 in Muskingum County, Ohio.

g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 15 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. Applicant Contact: Ronald S. Feltenberger, Universal Electric Power Corporation, 1145 Highbrook Street, Akron, Ohio 44301, (330) 535-7115.

i. FERC Contact: Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Tom Dean, E-mail address, thomas.dean@ferc.fed.us, or telephone 202-219-2778.

j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests: 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of the document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project.

Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that affect the responsibilities of a

particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. Description of the Project: The project would consist of the following facilities: (1) the existing 15.3-foot-high, 340-foot-long Muskingum Lock and Dam No. 11; (2) an existing 352-acre reservoir at normal pool elevation of 690.34 feet msl; (3) a new powerhouse on the tailrace side of the dam with a total installed capacity of 2,400 kW; (4) a new 12.7 or 14.7 kV transmission line; and (5) other appurtenances. The lock and dam is owned by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation.

Applicant estimates that the average annual generation would be 15,000 MWh and that the cost of the studies under the permit would be \$1,750,000.

l. Locations of the application: A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, D.C. 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The application may be viewed on the web at www.ferc.fed.us. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

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

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, N.E., Washington, D.C. 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, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the