

protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2145]

Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington; Notice of Scoping Meetings Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 for an Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment

November 18, 1999.

The Commission's regulations at Section 4.34 allow applicants the option of preparing their own Environmental Assessment (EA) for hydropower projects, and filing the EA with their application as part of an alternative licensing procedure. On October 25, 1999, the Commission approved the use of an alternative licensing procedure in the preparation of a new license application for Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County's (Chelan PUD), Rocky Reach Project, No. 2145.

The alternative procedures include provisions for the distribution of an initial information package (IIP), and for the cooperative scoping of environmental issues and needed studies. On July 7, 1999, Chelan PUD distributed their IIP. A public meeting on the IIP, and tour of project facilities were held on August 26, 1999.

Chelan PUD intends to distribute Scoping Document 1 (SD1) the week of November 15, 1999. Copies of SD1 can be obtained by calling Rosana Sokolowski at 509-663-8121 or via the Chelan PUD internet web site located at <http://www.chelanpud.org>. Two public meetings will be held to discuss SD1.

Scoping Meetings

Chelan PUD will hold public scoping meetings on December 15 and 16, 1999, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969. At the scoping meetings, Chelan PUD will: (1) Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the

EA; (2) outline any resources they believe would not require a detailed analysis; (3) identify reasonable alternatives to be addressed in the EA; (4) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantitative data, on the resources at issue; and (5) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EA.

Although Chelan PUD's intent is to prepare an EA, there is the possibility that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be required. Nevertheless, this meeting will satisfy the NEPA scoping requirements, irrespective of whether an EA or EIS is issued by the Commission.

The times and locations of the scoping meeting are:

Evening Scoping Meeting

December 15, 1999, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm,
Chelan PUD Auditorium, 327 North Wenatchee Ave., Wenatchee, WA 98807

Morning Scoping Meeting

December 16, 1999, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm,
Chelan PUD Auditorium, 327 North Wenatchee Ave., Wenatchee, WA 98807

All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited and encouraged to attend any or all of the meetings to assist in identifying and clarifying the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA.

Scoping Meeting Procedures

The meetings will be conducted according to the procedures used at Commission scoping meetings. Both scoping meetings will be recorded, and the transcripts will become part of the formal record of the proceedings for this project. Those who choose not to speak during the scoping meetings may instead submit written comments on the project.

Because this meeting will be a NEPA scoping meeting under the APEA process, the Commission does not intend to conduct a NEPA scoping meeting after Chelan PUD's application and EA are filed with the Commission. Instead, Commission staff will attend the meetings on December 15, and 16, 1999.

Commenting Deadline

Written comments should be mailed or e-mailed to: Mr. Gregg Carrington, Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington, P.O. Box 1231, Wenatchee, WA 98807-1231, gregg@chelanpud.org.

All correspondence should be postmarked no later than January 16,

2000. Comments should show the following caption on the first page: Scoping Comments, Rocky Reach Hydroelectric Project, Project No. 2145. Any comments sent to the Commission must include an original and eight copies and be addressed to: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. Please put the docket number, P-2145, on the first page.

For further information please contact Gregg Carrington of Chelan PUD at (509) 663-8121 or Vince Yearick of the Commission at (202) 219-3073.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Tendered for Filing, Soliciting Additional Study Requests, and Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests

November 18, 1999.

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

a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.

b. *Project No.:* 2866-008.

c. *Date Filed:* November 8, 1999.

d. *Applicant:* Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

e. *Name of Project:* Lockport Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, in Will County, Illinois. The project utilizes facilities of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Thomas K. O'Connor, Chief of Maintenance and Operations, or Gregory D. Cargill, Assistant Chief Engineer, General Division, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, IL 60611-5102, Telephone (312) 751-5102.

i. *FERC Contact:* Hector Perez, hectorperez@ferc.fed.us, 202-219-2843.

j. *Deadline for filing additional study requests:* January 7, 2000.

Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests: January 24, 2000.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy

Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenor filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person 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.

k. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. The project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) A 385-foot-long powerhouse containing two generating units with a total installed capacity of 13.5 MW; (2) a concrete and masonry dam between the Federal Navigation Lock and the powerhouse including a 22-foot-wide abandoned lock, a 20-foot-wide sluice-gate section for passing debris and ice, and a 12-foot-wide non-overflow concrete section; (3) a fender wall approximately 530 feet long for debris skimming and ice protection; (4) a substation; (5) an access road approximately one mile long; and (6) appurtenant facilities.

The applicant does not propose any modifications to the project features or operation, and no additional capacity is proposed for this project under this new license.

m. 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, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The application may be viewed on <http://www.ferc.fed.us/rims.htm> (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

n. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer as required by § 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR 800.4.

Protests or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests 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 protests or motions to intervene must be received

on or before the specified deadline 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, at the above address. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application for Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protests

November 18, 1999.

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

a. *Application Type:* Amendment of License.

b. *Project No.:* 2290-038.

c. *Date Filed:* October 22, 1999.

d. *Applicant:* Southern California Edison Company (SCE).

e. *Name of Project:* Kern River No. 3 Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the Kern River in Tulare and Kern Counties, California.

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

h. *Applicant's Contact:* Terri Loun, 300 N. Lone Hill Ave., San Dimas, CA 91773, (909) 394-8717.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Doan Pham at (202) 219-2851 or e-mail address doan.pham@ferc.fed.us.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, or protests:* January 10, 2000.

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

Please include the Project Number (2290-038) on any comments, protests, or motions filed.

k. *Description of Amendment:* SCE filed an application to remove certain transmission facilities from the project because they are part of SCE's interconnected system and are no longer project features. To reflect as-built conditions, SCE is updating its exhibits to add minor features. Of the 157.57 acres proposed for removal from the project, 87.30 acres are related to the transmission lines; of which, Bureau of Land Management owns 30.08 acres and U.S. Forest Service owns 57.22 acres. The U.S. Forest Service owns the remaining 70.27 acres that are not related to the transmission lines.

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, DC, 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. This filing may be viewed on <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the addresses in item h above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

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