

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

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

l. *The Rainbow Falls Hydroelectric Project consists of:* (1) An existing 345-foot-long and 16-foot-high dam; (2) an existing 17-acre reservoir having a storage capacity of 180-acre-feet at an elevation of 307.0 feet above mean sea level; (3) a powerhouse containing two generating units for a total installed capacity of 2,640 kilowatts; and (4) existing transmission and appurtenant facilities. The project is estimated to generate an average of 14 million kilowatt hours annually. The dam and project facilities are owned by the applicant.

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 2-A, Washington, D.C. 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The application 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 address in item h above.

n. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the *New York State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)*, as required by § 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR 800.4.

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 Motions To Intervene, Protests, and Comments

November 8, 2000.

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.:* 11858-000.

c. *Date filed:* September 15, 2000.

d. *Applicant:* Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District.

e. *Name of Project:* Lake Elsinore Project.

f. *Location:* On Lake Elsinore, Lion Springs, and San Juan Creek, in

Riverside County, California. The project would utilize federal lands within Cleveland National Forest.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Rob Bakondy, Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage, L.L.C., Enron North America Corp., 101 California Street, Suite 1950, San Francisco, CA 94111, (415) 782-7806.

i. *FERC Contact:* Robert Bell, (202) 219-2806

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene, protests and comments:* 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, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426. Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all interveners filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person in the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervener 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. *Description of Project:* The proposed pumped storage project would have two upper reservoirs (one in Morrell Canyon the other in Decker Canyon) and would use the natural Lake Elsinore as the lower reservoir. The project would consist of: (1) A proposed 550-foot-long, 220-foot-high concrete-face rockfill Morrell Canyon Dam; (2) a proposed 575-foot-long, 100-foot-high impervious core rock fill downstream Morrell Canyon Dam; (3) a proposed impoundment having a surface area of 142 acres, with a storage capacity of 7,400 acre-feet, and normal maximum water surface elevation of 2,860 feet msl; (3) a proposed 1,800-foot-long, 220-foot high impervious core rock filled Decker Canyon Dam; (4) a proposed impoundment having a surface area of 95 acres, with a storage capacity of 5,000 acre-feet, and normal maximum water surface elevation of 2,740 feet msl; (5) the existing Lake Elsinore impoundment having a water surface elevation of 3,412 acres, with a storage capacity of 68,006 acre-feet, and a normal maximum water surface elevation of 1,249 feet msl; (6) two

proposed excavated canals designed to pass flows in both the generating and pumping directions; (7) a proposed powerhouse containing three pumping/generating units with a total installed capacity of 330 MW; (8) a proposed 5.9-miles-long, 115 kV transmission line; and (9) appurtenant facilities.

The project would have an annual generation of 1.848 GWh that would be sold to a local utility.

l. 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 <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 address in item h above.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 Hydropower Administration and Compliance, 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 Applicant specified in the particular application.

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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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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.:* 11859-000.

c. *Date Filed:* September 19, 2000.

d. *Applicant:* Arizona Independent Power, Inc.

e. *Name of Project:* Azipco Pumped Storage Project.

f. *Location:* Beardsley Canal, in Maricopa County, Arizona. The proposed project would utilize Bureau of Land Management lands in the White Tank Mountain Regional Park.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Frank L. Mazzone, President, Arizona Independent Power, Inc., 746 Fifth Street East, Sonoma, CA 95476, (707) 996-2573.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Robert Bell, telephone 202-219-2806.

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

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may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency

k. *Description of Project:* The proposed project would consist of: (1) a proposed 350-foot high, 1700-foot-long earth and rockfill upper dam; (2) a proposed reservoir having a surface area of 180 acres and a storage capacity of 13,000 acre-feet with a normal water surface elevation of 3,000 feet msl; (3) a proposed 200 foot-high, 2600 foot-long earth and rockfill lower dam; (4) a proposed reservoir having a surface area of 150 acres and a storage capacity of 14,000 acre-feet with a normal water surface elevation of 1,800 feet msl; (5) two proposed 25 foot-diameter, 11,200 foot-long penstocks; (6) a proposed powerhouse containing five generating units having a total installed capacity of 1,250 MW; (7) a proposed 40-mile-long, 500 kV transmission line; and (8) appurtenant facilities.

The project would have an annual generation of 1,682 GWh and would be sold to a local utility.

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.

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