

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. 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.

n. *Procedures Schedule:* The Commission staff proposes to issue one environmental assessment (EA), rather than issuing a draft and final EA. The staff intends to allow at least 30 days for entities to comment on the EA, and will take into consideration all comments received on the EA before final action is taken on the license application. If any person or organization objects to the staff proposed alternative procedure, they should file comments as stipulated in item k above, briefly explaining the basis for their objection. The application will be processed according to the following schedule, but revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate:

Issue Notice of availability of EA: February 2004.

Ready for Commission decision on the application: April 2004.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Intent Not To File an Application for a New License

October 22, 2003.

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent Not to File an Application for a New License.

b. *Project No.:* 2225.

c. *Date Filed:* September 23, 2003.

d. *Submitted By:* Public Utility District No. 1 of Pend Oreille County—current licensee.

e. *Name of Project:* Sullivan Creek Project.

f. *Location:* On Sullivan Creek in Pend Oreille County, Washington.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Section 15 of the Federal Power Act.

h. *Licensee Contact:* Mr. Mark Cauchy, Public Utilities District No. 1, Pend Oreille County, 130 North Washington, Newport, WA 99156 or (509) 447-3137.

i. *FERC Contact:* Tim Looney, timothy.looney@ferc.com or (202) 502-6096.

j. *Effective date of current license:* October 1, 1950.

k. *Expiration date of current license:* September 30, 2008.

l. *Description of the Project:* The project consists of the following existing facilities:

(a) Sullivan Lake dam; (b) Mill Pond dam; (c) Mill Pond historic site; (d) wood flume and earth canal; (e) tunnel; (f) powerhouse; and (g) appurtenant facilities. The project has no installed capacity.

m. Each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by September 30, 2006.

n. A copy of this filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or TTY (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

o. Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support as shown in the paragraph above.

Magalie R. Salas,

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

October 22, 2003.

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:* 12468-000.

c. *Date Filed:* August 18, 2003.

d. *Applicant:* Umatilla Energy Partners LLC.

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

f. *Location:* The proposed project would be located at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) existing John Day Lock and Dam on the Columbia River in Sherman County, Oregon.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Mark Steinley; Umatilla Energy Partners LLC, 725 Lower Valley Road, Kalispell, MT 59901, (801) 374-8709.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Mr. Lynn R. Miles, Sr. at (202) 502-8763.

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

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 run-of-river project using the Corps existing John Day Lock and Dam would consist of: (1) An existing screened excess water pipe, (2) a powerhouse containing one generating unit with an installed capacity of 3.86 megawatts, (3) an existing 13.2-kv transmission line, and (4) appurtenant facilities. The project would have an annual generation of 32 gigawatt hours.

l. *Locations of Applications:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission in the Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street NE., Room 2A, Washington DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. For TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address 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.

n. *Competing 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.

o. Competing Development Application: 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.

p. 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.

q. 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.

r. 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, 385.211, 385.214. 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.

s. 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", or "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.

Comments, protests and interventions 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 under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

t. 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.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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New England Gas Pipeline and Storage Study; Notice of Public Conference

October 24, 2003.

Take notice that on November 14, 2003, at 10 am in Meeting Room A at the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunication and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, the Staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will convene a technical conference with interested parties to discuss issues related to the study being performed by the Commission concerning natural gas and storage facilities in New England. Section 26 of the Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002 requires the Commission, in consultation with the Department of Energy, to conduct this study in order to consider the ability of natural gas pipeline and storage facilities in New England to meet current and projected demand by gas-fired power generation plants and other consumers.

The conference will consist of an overview of the study currently in preparation by the Commission staff followed by discussion and recommendations from a panel composed of representatives of New England energy interests. A question and answer session will follow the panel discussion.

Transcripts of the conference will be available from Ace-Federal Reporters, Inc. for a fee (202) 347-3700. The transcript will be available on the Commission's "eLibrary" system two weeks after the conference.

For additional information, please contact John Schnagl in the Office of Energy Projects, phone: (202) 502-8756, e-mail: john.schnagl@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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