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proposed plans of development to satisfy requests of resource agencies or Indian tribes submitted after an applicant has consulted under §4.38 or concerns of the Commission; and

(5)(i) Any license or exemption applicant with a project located at a new dam or diversion who is seeking PURPA benefits and who:

(A) Has filed an adverse environmental effects (AEE) petition pursuant to §292.211 of this chapter; and

(B) Has proposed measures to mitigate the adverse environmental effects which the Commission, in its initial determination on the AEE petition, stated the project will have.

(ii) This exception does not protect any proposed mitigative measures that the Commission finds are a pretext to avoid the consequences of materially amending the application or are outside the scope of mitigating the adverse environmental effects.

(f) *Definitions.* (1) For the purposes of this section, a material amendment to plans of development proposed in an application for a license or exemption from licensing means any fundamental and significant change, including but not limited to:

(i) A change in the installed capacity, or the number or location of any generating units of the proposed project if the change would significantly modify the flow regime associated with the project;

(ii) A material change in the location, size, or composition of the dam, the location of the powerhouse, or the size and elevation of the reservoir if the change would:

(A) Enlarge, reduce, or relocate the area of the body of water that would lie between the farthest reach of the proposed impoundment and the point of discharge from the powerhouse; or

(B) Cause adverse environmental impacts not previously discussed in the original application; or

(iii) A change in the number of discrete units of development to be included within the project boundary.

(2) For purposes of this section, a material amendment to plans of development proposed in an application for a preliminary permit means a material change in the location of the powerhouse or the size and elevation of the

reservoir if the change would enlarge, reduce, or relocate the area of the body of water that would lie between the farthest reach of the proposed impoundment and the point of discharge from the powerhouse.

(3) For purposes of this section, a change in the status of an applicant means:

(i) The acquisition or loss of preference as a state or a municipality under section 7(a) of the Federal Power Act; or

(ii) The loss of priority as a permittee under section 5 of the Federal Power Act.

(4) For purposes of this section, a change in the identity of an applicant means a change that either singly, or together with previous amendments, causes a total substitution of all the original applicants in a permit or a license application.

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§4.36 Competing applications: deadlines for filing; notices of intent; comparisons of plans of development.

The public notice of an initial preliminary permit application or an initial development application shall prescribe the deadline for filing protests and motions to intervene in that proceeding (the *prescribed intervention deadline*).

(a) *Deadlines for filing applications in competition with an initial preliminary permit application.* (1) Any preliminary permit application or any development application not filed pursuant to a notice of intent must be submitted for filing in competition with an initial preliminary permit application not later than the prescribed intervention deadline.

(2) Any preliminary permit application filed pursuant to a notice of intent must be submitted for filing in competition with an initial preliminary permit application not later than 30 days after the prescribed intervention deadline.

(3) Any development application filed pursuant to a notice of intent must be

submitted for filing in competition with an initial preliminary permit application not later than 120 days after the prescribed intervention deadline.

(b) *Deadlines for filing applications in competition with an initial development application.* (1) Any development application not filed pursuant to a notice of intent must be submitted for filing in competition with an initial development application not later than the prescribed intervention deadline.

(2) Any development application filed pursuant to a notice of intent must be submitted for filing in competition with an initial development application not later than 120 days after the prescribed intervention deadline.

(3) If the Commission has accepted an application for exemption of a project from licensing and the application has not yet been granted or denied, the applicant for exemption may submit a license application for the project if it is a qualified license applicant. The pending application for exemption from licensing will be considered withdrawn as of the date the Commission accepts the license application for filing. If a license application is accepted for filing under this provision, any qualified license applicant may submit a competing license application not later than the prescribed intervention deadline set for the license application.

(4) Any preliminary permit application must be submitted for filing in competition with an initial development application not later than the deadlines prescribed in paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) for the submission of preliminary permit applications filed in competition with an initial preliminary permit application.

(c) *Notices of intent.* (1) Any notice of intent to file an application in competition with an initial preliminary permit or an initial development application must be submitted for filing not later than the prescribed intervention deadline for the initial application.

(2) A notice of intent must include:

(i) The exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant; and

(ii) An unequivocal statement of intent to submit a preliminary permit application or a development applica-

tion (specify which type of application).

(d) *Requirements for competing applications.* (1) Any competing application must:

(i) Conform to all requirements for filing an initial application; and

(ii) Include proof of service of a copy of the competing application on the person(s) designated in the public notice of the initial application for service of pleadings, documents, or communications concerning the initial application.

(2) *Comparisons of plans of development.* (i) After the deadline for filing applications in competition against an initial development application has expired, the Commission will notify each license and exemption applicant of the identity of the other applicants.

(ii) Not later than 14 days after the Commission serves the notification described in paragraph (d)(2)(i) of this section, if a license or exemption applicant has not already done so, it must serve a copy of its application on each of the other license and exemption applicants.

(iii) Not later than 60 days after the Commission serves the notification described in paragraph (d)(2)(i) of this section, each license and exemption applicant must file with the Commission a detailed and complete statement of how its plans are as well or better adapted than are the plans of each of the other license and exemption applicants to develop, conserve, and utilize in the public interest the water resources of the region. These statements should be supported by any technical analyses that the applicant deems appropriate to support its proposed plans of development.

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§ 4.37 Rules of preference among competing applications.

Except as provided in § 4.33(e), the Commission will select among competing applications on the following bases:

(a) If an accepted application for a preliminary permit and an accepted application for a license propose project works that would develop, conserve, and utilize, in whole or in part, the