

Denial of the interim waiver would adversely affect Miele's home office, which employs 58 employees, its 175 independent service agencies, 400 independent retailers, 17 independent sales representatives and 4 regional distributors that carry the Miele product line throughout the country.

Public Policy Merits. The public policy benefits of encouraging business success and fostering innovation in clothes washer design are additional reasons for prompt approval of the requested interim waiver.

Miele clothes washers are innovative and beneficial products.

Miele's water-heating clothes washers use less than one-third of the water for washing, compared to most clothes washers. This means much less energy for heating wash water.

It also means a substantial reduction in washing chemicals introduced into the environment. Miele's water heating clothes washers are designed to efficiently extract more water from wet clothes by a high speed spin cycle, up to 1600 RPM. Such water extraction is many times more energy efficient than drying the same amount of water. This innovation in clothes washer design does not affect the test method for clothes washers, but does result in increased energy savings. These are additional reasons why the requested interim waive should receive prompt approval.

In that regard, the basic purpose of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended by the National Appliance Energy Conservation Act, is to foster purchase of energy efficient appliances, not to hinder such purchases. The granting of the waiver and interim waiver will promote this policy and will result in increased energy savings.

Furthermore, continued employment creation and ongoing investments in Miele's marketing, sales and service activities will be fostered by approval of the requested interim waiver. Conversely, denial would harm the company and would be anticompetitive. And, it would be unjust to grant interim waivers and waivers to Asko and New Harmony but deny them to Miele.

In the period between interim waiver and waiver, only a relatively small number of water-heating clothes washers will be sold by Miele. Any difference between the test method approved for interim waiver and that finally approved for the Waiver will have only minimal impact on energy consumption or consumer decisions.

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Thank you for your timely attention to this request for interim waiver and waiver.

We hereby certify that all clothes washer manufacturers of domestically-marketed units known to Miele Appliances, Inc. have been notified by letter of this application, copies of which are attached as Appendix 2 hereto.

Sincerely,
Nick Ord,

Vice President and General Manager, Miele Appliances, Inc.

Attachments

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 10625-003 Washington]

Kittitas Reclamation District; Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

August 10, 1995

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) Regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 386, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for minor license for the proposed Taneum Chute Hydroelectric Project, to be located on the Bureau of Reclamation's South Branch Canal in Kittitas County, near Ellensburg, Washington, and has prepared a final Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project.

In the EA, the Commission's staff has analyzed the project and has concluded that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate environmental protection and enhancement measures, would not be a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the EA are available for review in the Public Reference Branch, Room 3104, of the Commission's offices at 941 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. EL79-8-007, et al.]

Texas Utilities Electric Company, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

August 10, 1995.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. Texas Utilities Electric Company

[Docket No. EL79-8-007]

Take notice that on August 4, 1995, Texas Utilities Electric Company (TU Electric) tendered for filing a compliance filing in the above-referenced docket. The compliance filing consists of the following: (1) an executed Facilities Charge Agreement among TU Electric, Southwestern Electric Power Company, Central Power and Light Company, and Houston Lighting & Power Company; and (2) cost support for the rates set forth in the agreement.

TU Electric requests an effective date of August 5, 1995, and accordingly, seeks waiver of the Commission's notice requirements. Copies of the filing were served upon all parties of record.

Comment date: August 25, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

2. Catex Vitol Electric, L.L.C.

[Docket No. ER94-155-009]

Take notice that on August 3, 1995, Catex Vitol Electric, L.L.C. filed certain information as required by the Commission's January 14, 1994, order in Docket No. ER94-155-009. Copies of Catex Vitol Electric, L.L.C.'s informational filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

3. Direct Electric Inc.

[Docket No. ER94-1161-005]

Take notice that on August 2, 1995, Direct Electric Inc. filed certain information as required by the Commission's July 18, 1994, order in Docket No. ER94-968-000. Copies of Direct Electric Inc.'s informational filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

4. Vesta Energy Alternatives Company

[Docket No. ER94-1168-005]

Take notice that on July 25, 1995, Vesta Energy Alternatives Company tendered for filing certain information as required by the Commission's letter order dated July 8, 1994. Copies of the informational filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

5. Ashton Energy Corporation

[Docket No. ER94-1246-004]

Take notice that on July 21, 1995, Ashton Energy Corporation tendered for filing certain information as required by the Commission's letter order dated August 10, 1994. Copies of the informational filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

6. KCS Power Marketing, Inc.

[Docket No. ER95-208-002]

Take notice that on August 7, 1995, KCS Power Marketing, Inc. tendered for filing certain information as required by the Commission's letter order dated March 2, 1995. Copies of the informational filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.