

[Project No. 2493-006]

**Puget Sound Power & Light Company;  
Notice of Amendment to Application**

September 5, 1995.

On June 28, 1995, Puget Sound Power & Light Company (Puget) filed an amendment to its application for a new license for the Snoqualmie River Project No. 2493-006. Puget's application for a new license proposed to make extensive structural modifications to the project to add 31 megawatts (MW) to the existing generation capacity of 42 MW. The amendment was filed as a result of Puget's inability to obtain additional water rights necessary to support its original application.

Puget is now proposing a Refurbished Project that would (1) refurbish the existing diversion dam foundation, in the same location, (2) install an inflatable dam or spillgate system to replace the existing flashboard system, (3) add a 75-foot-long inflatable spillway for flood control, (4) add a sediment exclusion channel to transfer bed load from the Plant 2 intake to pass under the new diversion dam, (5) modify the Plant 1 intake, (6) modify the Plant 1 tailrace channel, (7) remove Units 1-5 penstocks in Plant 1, (8) install new 6-foot and 8-foot diameter penstocks for new Plant 1, Units 1 and 2, (9) install a new Unit 1, sized for 600 cfs, (10) install a new Unit 2, sized for 200 cfs, (11) replace the Plant 1 elevator and elevator house, (12) stabilize the transformer house and machine shops for seismic stability, (13) remove Units 1 through 3 and Unit 5 from Plant 1, (14) retire (in place) Unit 4 in Plant 1, (15) refurbish the existing Plant 2 intake and tunnel, (16) refurbish the existing gatehouse and penstocks for Plant 2, (17) modify the existing Plant 2 forebay for improved safety and operation, (18) upgrade Units 1 and 2 in Plant 2, (19) install a flow bypass system, and (20) refurbish the Plant 2 powerhouse for seismic stability. The Refurbished Project would add 7 MW to the existing 42 MW of generation.

The Refurbished Project proposal also includes instream flows that were identified as potential conditions of a Water Quality Certification by the Washington State Department of Ecology, in a letter dated May 12, 1995.

These proposed minimum instream flows over Snoqualmie Falls are:

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| From 10 AM to sunset.   |         |
| March 16-March 31 .....                                       | 200 cfs |
| April 1-April 30 .....  | 450 cfs |
| May 1-May 31 .....  | 700 cfs |
| June 1-June 30 .....  | 450 cfs |
| July 1-July 15 .....  | 200 cfs |
| July 16-March 15 .....  | 100 cfs |
| Nighttime flows over the falls would not be less than 25 cfs. |         |

A Minor Upgrade alternative that is substantially similar to the Refurbished Project proposal described above was addressed in the draft Environmental Impact Statement issued on November 18, 1994. The Refurbished Project, like the Minor Upgrade alternative, would not increase the 2,500 cubic feet per second (cfs) hydraulic capacity of the existing project.

Some minor differences between the Minor Upgrade alternative and the Refurbished Project proposal are that the Refurbished Project proposal includes: (1) a flow continuation system, (2) minor expansion of the Plant 2 forebay to improve removal of suspended sediments for Plant 2, (3) leaving Unit 4 of Plant 1 in place for historic preservation values, and (4) retaining and refurbishing the existing foot bridge.

Although the Refurbished Project alternative is substantially similar to the Minor Upgrade alternative already addressed in the draft Environmental Impact Statement, we are providing an opportunity for additional interventions, and for entities to reconsider their terms, conditions, prescriptions and comments submitted previously with respect to this application. Comments and/or petitions for intervention will be due 30 days from the date of issuance of this notice with response comments due 45 days from the date of issuance.

A copy of the application and amendment are available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch located at 941 North Capitol Street NE., Room 3104, Washington, DC 20426 or by calling (202) 208-1371. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at Puget Sound Power & Light Company, P.O. Box 97034, Bellevue, WA 98009-9734, or by calling (206) 462-3058. The applicant contact for this project is Ms. Virginia Howell.

Contact Ms. Kathleen Sherman at (202) 219-2834 for questions relating to this proceeding.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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**Southern Natural Gas Company;  
Notice of Take-or-Pay Flowthrough**

September 5, 1995.

Take notice that on August 31, 1995, Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern) filed to flowthrough take-or-pay costs paid to Koch Gateway

Pipeline Company (Koch) under the terms of Koch's Order No. 500 settlements approved by the Commission in Docket No. RP85-209 on August 4, 1994 (August 4, Order).

Southern states that these take-or-pay settlement costs represent the remaining costs associated with the buyout and buydown of producer contracts by Koch as well flowthrough of take-or-pay costs from Koch's upstream pipeline supplier, Sea Robin Pipeline Company (Sea Robin). Paragraph (6) of Article II of Southern's Stipulation authorizes Southern to flow through, on an as-billed basis, buyout and buydown costs incurred from Koch as well as costs flowed through by Koch from Sea Robin.

Southern is proposing to allocate and bill these costs to its customers in accordance with the methodology approved by the Commission in its August 4 Order, as clarified in its subsequent order of July 6, 1995 in Docket No. RP85-209. Southern submitted the following tariff sheets to its FERC Gas Tariff, Seventh Revised Volume No. 1, with the proposed effective date of October 1, 1995:

Second Revised Sheet No. 23

Second Revised Sheet No. 24

Second Revised Sheet No. 25

Southern states that copies of the filing were served upon Southern's customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before September 11, 1995. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of Southern's filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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