

facility have, from time to time, exceeded 10.0 Mmcf/Day. CNGT states that, although it is unable to identify a certificated level of operation for the M&R Station, it has determined that the M&R Station cannot sustain operations at this level consistent with sound engineering principles. CNGT states that it has determined that reasonable flow rates through a facility of this size should accommodate daily deliveries up to 3.2 Mmcf. Therefore, by this application, CNGT seeks authorization to abandon the incremental capacity that may have been established by recent operation at the Johnsonburg M&R Station at levels in excess of 3.2 Mmcf/Day.

In addition, CNGT states that upon abandonment of the excess capacity, as requested herein, CNGT will install flow control devices to restrict throughput at this station to no more than 3.2 Mmcf/Day. CNGT states that it does not believe that case-specific authorization is required for installation of the flow control devices; however, should the Commission deem such authorization appropriate, CNGT also hereby requests permission to install the flow control devices as required to ensure the desired level of operation of the facility.

CNGT states that no long-term firm service obligations will be affected by the proposed abandonment of operations in excess of 3.2 Mmcf/Day through the Johnsonburg M&R Station. CNGT states that as of November 1, 1995, CNGT's firm service obligation to Hanley at the Johnsonburg M&R Station has been reduced to a Maximum Daily Delivery Obligation of 2.0 Mmcf.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before December 22, 1995, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas

Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for CNGT to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,  
Secretary.

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#### **Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment, Conduct Site Visit, Solicit Interventions, Protests, and Written Scoping Comments**

December 1, 1995.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. Type of Application: Minor license (less than 5MW)
- b. Project No. 11060-001
- c. Date filed: December 9, 1993
- d. Applicant: J.M. Miller Enterprises, Inc.
- e. Name of Project: Sahko Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: In the Kastelu drainage area about 0.5 miles from the confluence with the Snake River in Twin Falls County, Idaho, near the town of Filer.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC §§ 791(a)-825(r)
- h. Applicant Contact:  
Donald W. Block, P.E., J-U-B Engineers, Inc., 800 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, ID 833301, (208) 733-2414  
Tracy Ahrens, J-U-B Engineers, Inc., 800 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, ID 833301, (208) 733-2414.
- i. FERC Contact: Ms. Deborah Frazier-Stutely (202) 219-2842
- j. Deadline for filing protests, motions to intervene and written scoping comments: February 12, 1996
- k. Status of Environmental Analysis: The application is not ready of environmental analysis at this time—see attached paragraph D8

- l. Intent to Prepare and Environmental Assessment and Invitation for Written Scoping Comments: The Commission staff intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) on this hydroelectric project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. In the EA, we will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts of the project and reasonable alternatives, and will include an economic, financial, and engineering analyses.

A draft EA will be issued and circulated for review by all interested parties. All comments filed on the draft EA will be analyzed by the staff and considered in a final EA. The staff's conclusions and recommendations will then be presented for the consideration by the Commission in reaching its final licensing decision.

Scoping Meetings: Staff will hold two scoping meetings. A scoping meeting oriented towards the public will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 1996, at 7:00 pm, at Filer High School, Highway 30, Filer, Idaho. A scoping meeting oriented towards the agencies will be held on Thursday, January 11, 1996 at 9:00 am, at the Filer City Hall, Council Chambers, 300 Main Street, Filer, ID 83328.

Interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend either or both meetings and assist the staff in identifying the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA.

To help focus discussions at the meetings, a scoping document outlining subject areas to be addressed in the EA will be mailed to agencies and interested individuals on the Commission mailing list. Copies of the scoping document will also be available at the scoping meetings.

Site Visit: A site visit to the proposed Sahko Hydroelectric Project is planned for January 10, 1996. Those who wish to attend should plan to meet at 8:00 am at the J-U-B Engineers, Inc. Twin Falls Office, 800 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, ID. If you plan to attend, contact Mr. Tracy Ahrens by January 9, 1996, at (208) 733-2414 for directions or additional details.

*Objectives:* At the scoping meetings the staff will: (1) identify preliminary issues related to the proposed project; (2) identify issues that are not important do not require detailed analysis; (3) identify reasonable alternatives to be addressed in the EA; (4) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantified data, on the resource issues; and (5) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be

analyzed in the EA, including points of view in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views.

*Procedures:* The scoping meetings will be recorded by a court reporter and all statements (oral and written) will become a part of the formal record of the Commission's proceedings on the Sahko Hydroelectric Project. Individuals presenting statements at the meetings will be asked to clearly identify themselves for the record.

Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meetings and assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the EA.

Persons choosing not to speak at the meetings, but who have views on the issues or information relevant to the issues, may submit written statements for inclusion in the public record at the meetings. In addition, written scoping comments may be filed with the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426, until February 12, 1996.

All written correspondence should clearly show the following caption on the first page: Sahko Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 11060-000.

*Intervenors*—those on the Commission's service list for this proceeding (parties)—are reminded of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, requiring parties filing documents with the Commission, to serve a copy of the document on each person whose name appears on the official service list. Further, if a party 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. All entities commenting on this scoping document must file an original and eight copies of the comments with the Secretary of the Commission.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Ms. Deborah Frazier-Stutely, Environmental Coordinator, FERC, at (202) 219-2842.

*m. Description of Project:* The proposed project would consist of: (1) a 12-foot-high, 12-foot-wide, 80-foot-long earthfill sediment collection embankment with a crest at elevation 3,397 feet mean sea level (msl), containing a broadcrest weir, a 4-foot-high, 14-foot-wide overflow spillway, and a bypass pipe; (2) a 500-foot-long bypass ditch to be used during maintenance; (3) a 12-foot-high, 12-foot-wide, 110-foot-long earthfill intake embankment with a crest at elevation

3,394.5 feet msl, containing a concrete overflow spillway, an 8-foot-wide box shaped intake structure, and bypass pipe; (4) two unnamed springs; (5) a 24-inch-diameter, 1,950-foot-long partially buried steel penstock with a butterfly valve; (6) a 25-foot-wide, 50-foot-long masonry block powerhouse containing one pelton turbine and generating unit with an installed capacity of 500 Kw; (7) a 6-foot-wide, 3-foot-high, 30-foot-long rock rip-rap tailrace, discharging project flows into the Snake River; (8) a switchyard; (9) a 2,000-foot-long, 34.5-Kv transmission line tying into an Idaho Power Company line; and (10) related facilities.

The proposed project would operate run-of-ditch, where the project will use whatever flows enter the sediment impoundment as either irrigation waste flows or as emanating from the two unnamed springs on the applicant's property, and would generate about 1,178,000 kilowatthours of energy annually.

*n. Purpose of Project:* Project power will be sold to a local utility.

*o.* This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: A2, A9, B1, D8

*p. Available Locations of Applications:* A copy of the application, as amended and supplemented, is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, located at 888 First Street, N.E., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the applicant's office (see item (h) above).

*A2. Development Application*—Any qualified applicant desiring to file a competing application must submit to the Commission, on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application, a competing development application, or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing development application no later than 120 days after the specified deadline date for the particular application. Applications for preliminary permits will not be accepted in response to this notice.

*A9. 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.

*B1. Protests or Motions to Intervene*—Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests 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 protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

*D8. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents*—The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time; therefore, the Commission is not now requesting comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions.

When the application is ready for environmental analysis, the Commission will issue a public notice requesting comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST" or "MOTION TO INTERVENE," "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION," or "COMPETING APPLICATION;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Any of these documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies required by the Commission's Regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above address. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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