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The Commission will decide, based on the application, and agency and public comments to scoping, whether licensing the Irving Hydroelectric Project constitutes a major federal action significantly impacting the quality of the human environment. The Commission staff will not hold scoping meetings unless the Commission decides to prepare an environmental impact statement, or the response to SDI warrants holding such meetings.

Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to comment on SDI and assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed.

All filings should contain an original and 8 copies. Failure to file an original and 8 copies may result in appropriate staff not receiving the benefit of your comments in a timely manner. See 18 CFR 4.34(h). In addition, commentors may submit a copy of their comments on a 3½-inch diskette formatted for MS-DOS based computers. In light of our ability to translate MS-DOS based materials, the text need only be submitted in the format and version that it was generated (i.e., MS Word, WordPerfect 5.1/5.2, ASCII, etc.). It is not necessary to reformat word processor generated text to ASCII. For Macintosh users, it would be helpful to save the documents in Macintosh word processor format then write them to files on a diskette formatted for MS-DOS machines. All comments should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, and should show the following captions on the first page: Irving Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 11516.

Further, interested persons are reminded of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures, requiring parties or interceders (as defined in 18

CFR 385.2010) to file documents on each person whose name is on the official service list for this proceeding. See CFR 4.34(b).

The Commission staff will consider all written comments and may issue a Scoping Document II (SDII). SDII will include a revised list of issues, based on the scoping process.

For further information regarding the scoping process, please contact Ms. Julie Bernt, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of Hydropower Licensing, 888 First Street NE., Washington, D.C. 20426 at (202) 219-2814.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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**[Project No. 11120-002-MI]**

**Commonwealth Power Company; Notice Not Ready for Environmental Analysis Notice Requesting Interventions and Protests, and Notice of Scoping Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969**

December 20, 1995.

On November 29, 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) issued a letter accepting Commonwealth Power Company's application filed on March 4, 1994, as amended December 29, 1994, for the Middleville Hydroelectric Project, located in the Thornapple River in Barry County, Michigan.

The Middleville Project's principal project features would consist of an existing 125-foot-high concrete gravity dam, an existing reservoir with a storage capacity of 30 acres and a normal maximum surface elevation of 708.5 feet msl, a 25-foot-long penstock, an existing powerhouse containing one generating unit with a rated capacity of 350 kW and an existing 100-foot-long transmission line. The project would have an average annual generation of 1,400,000 kWh. The project site is owned by the applicant.

The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time. A public notice will be issued in the future indicating its readiness for environmental analysis and soliciting comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions on the application and the applicant's reply comments.

The purpose of this notice is to: (1) Invite interventions and protests; (2) advise all parties as to the proposed scope of the staff's environmental analysis, including cumulative effects,

and to seek additional information pertinent to this analysis; and (3) advise all parties of their opportunity for comment.

*Interventions and Protests*

All filings must: (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST," "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: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, D.C. 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.

All filings for any protest or motion to intervene must be received 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

*Scoping Process*

The Commission's scoping objectives are to:

- identify significant environmental issues;
- determine the depth of analysis appropriate to each issue;
- identify the resource issues not requiring detailed analysis; and
- identify reasonable project alternatives.

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temporal scope of a cumulative effects analysis, and a list of preliminary issues identified by staff.

The Commission will decide, based on the application, and agency and public comments to scoping, whether licensing the Middleville Hydroelectric Project constitutes a major federal action significantly impacting the quality of the human environment. The Commission staff will not hold scoping meetings unless the Commission decides to prepare an environmental impact statement, or the response to SDI warrants holding such meetings.

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Further, interested persons are reminded of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures, requiring parties or interceders (as defined in 18 CFR 385.2010) to file documents on each person whose name is on the official service list for this proceeding. See CFR 4.34(b).

The Commission staff will consider all written comments and may issue a Scoping Document II (SDII). SDII will include a revised list of issues, based on the scoping process.

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Washington, D.C. 20426 at (202) 219-2814.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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**[Docket No. ER95-1096-000]**

**PacifiCorp Power Marketing, Inc.;  
Notice of Filing**

December 15, 1995.

Take notice that on December 14, 1995, PacifiCorp Power Marketing, Inc., tendered for filing an amendment in the above-referenced docket.

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, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before January 2, 1996. 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 this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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**[Docket No. CP95-74-002]**

**Texas Eastern Transmission Corp.;  
Notice of Petition to Amend**

December 20, 1995.

Take notice that on December 18, 1995, Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (Texas Eastern), 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, Texas 77056-5310, filed in Docket No. CP95-74-002 pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act a petition to amend the authorization issued June 6, 1995, in Docket No. CP95-74-000, in order to "firm-up" service for two shippers under Rate Schedules FTS-7 and FTS-8 and to delete one shipper from the group of shippers for which additional firm long-term incremental transportation service was previously authorized for another FTS-7/FTS-8 shipper as well as to construct and operate different incremental facilities from those previously authorized, all as more fully set forth in the amendment

on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Texas Eastern states that the June 6, 1995, order authorized it to provide firm, additional, long-term, incremental transportation service of natural gas under Rate Schedules FTS-7 and/or FTS-8 of up to a total of 8,776 Dekatherms per day (Dthd) for the Customers as follows:

	FTS-7 DTH/d	FTS-8 DTH/d
NJN .....	1,449	3
PGW .....	318	7
Colonial .....	6,984	15
Total .....	8,751	25

In order to provide the addition service the order also authorized Texas Eastern to construct and operate facilities consisting of approximately 2.39 miles of 36-inch pipeline looping in two separate segments in the state of Pennsylvania. The specific facilities included:

- 1.0 miles of 36-inch pipeline looping between Texas Eastern's Delmont Compressor Station in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania and
- 1.39 miles of 36-inch pipeline looping between Texas Eastern's existing Shermans Dale and Grantsville Compressor Stations in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania.

The estimated total cost of the proposed facilities (in 1996 dollar was \$8,203,000.

Finally, Texas Eastern was authorized to adjust the reservation charges applicable to Rate Schedules FTS-7 and FTS-8 to reflect the impact of "rolling in" the costs association with the expanded facilities, although Texas Eastern was required to make a limited Section 4 filing to place the rates into effect.

In the instant amendment, Texas Eastern proposes to modify the facilities required to provide the service and to reflect a change in the group of parties participating in the project. Texas Eastern states that it has been informed by Colonial that it no longer requires the additional service authorized for it. Additionally, Texas Eastern states that it was notified that other Rate Schedules FTS-7 and/or FTS-8 customers, namely Commonwealth Gas Company (commonwealth) and Providence Gas Company (Providence), sought to participate in the project and have since executed long term service agreements. As a result of these requests, Texas Eastern states it has identified changes to existing facilities which can be made with will result in the ability to provide