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[Project No. 2389-012]

Edwards Manufacturing Company, Inc., City of Augusta, ME; Notice of Amendment of Application

February 6, 1996.

On October 30, 1995, Edwards Manufacturing Company, Inc., and the City of Augusta, Maine (applicants) filed an amendment to their application for a new license for the Augusta Hydroelectric Project No. 2389.

In the application for new license, filed January 31, 1991, it was proposed to expand the project capacity from 3.5 to 11 megawatts (MW). The amendment reduces the proposed expansion to about 4.3 MW. Under the application as amended, the licensees propose only to replace the existing flashboards with an inflatable crest control system, install permanent upstream and downstream fish passage facilities, and upgrade turbine efficiency. The Applicants would forego constructing a new powerhouse and modifying the existing power canal and gatehouse, as originally proposed. There would be no increase in existing hydraulic capacity. The increase in generating capacity (between 0.5 and 1.0 megawatts) would be directly attributable to increases in turbine efficiency.

Applicants state that the remaining project improvements and upgrades are substantially the same as improvements and upgrades proposed in the original application. Although the fish passage facilities proposed in the amendment are not those proposed in the application, they are the same facilities that applicants proposed in a 1990 application to amend the existing project license, and were designated in consultation with state and federal agencies and with other interested parties. The Commission approved the installation of these facilities, but the amendment was then withdrawn.¹

We are providing an opportunity for additional interventions and for entities to reconsider their terms, conditions, prescriptions, and comments submitted

¹ Edwards Manufacturing Company, Inc. and City of Augusta, Maine, 69 FERC ¶ 61,335 (1994). The Commission approved the facilities as an interim enhancement of fisheries only. On rehearing, the Commission granted the licensees' request to allow the withdrawal of the amendment application and vacated its order amending the license. 71 FERC ¶ 61,227 (1995).

previously with respect to the Augusta Project application. A draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) evaluating the licensing or relicensing of 11 projects, including the Augusta Project, in the Kennebec River Basin was mailed to parties on January 4, 1996. Notice of the DEIS was published in the Federal Register on January 26, 1996, setting a due date for comments of March 25, 1996. By letter of January 29, 1996, the Director, Division of Project Review, Office of Hydropower Licensing, extended the due date for comments to April 8, 1996. Comments on the Augusta Project amendment will also be due on April 8, 1996, with reply comments due 15 days later, on April 23, 1996.²

Copies of the application and amendment are 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, D.C. 20426 or by calling (202) 208-1371. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at 42A North Elm Street, Second Floor, Yarmouth, Maine, or by calling (207) 846-3991. The applicant contact for this project is Mark Isaacson.

Contact Mr. John Blair (202) 219-2845 for questions relating to this proceeding.

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[Docket No. ER96-393-000]

Jersey Central Power & Light Company; Notice of Filing

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Take notice that on December 19, 1995, Jersey Central Power & Light Company tendered for filing an amendment to 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 February 14, 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.

² A further request for extension of time by the National Marine Fisheries Service was denied by letter of February 2, 1996, signed by Fred E. Springer, Director, Office of Hydropower Licensing.

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.

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[Docket No. CP96-151-000]

Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

February 1, 1996.

Take notice that on January 23, 1996, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch), P.O. Box 1478, Houston, Texas 77251, filed in Docket No. CP96-151-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 175.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211) for authorization to revise an existing two-inch tap through which Koch would make deliveries of gas in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, on behalf of Louisiana Gas Services (LGS), an LDC, under Koch's ITS Rate Schedule, under Koch's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP92-430-000, pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Koch states that it currently provides interruptible service to LGS and that the volumes would be within LGS's entitlements.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

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