

the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the NGA.

Lois D. Cashell,  
Secretary.

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**[Project No. 8221-045]**

**Alaska Energy Authority; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment**

May 10, 1996.

An environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review. The EA was prepared for an application to amend the license for the Bradley Lake Hydroelectric Project. The application would allow the Alaska Energy Authority (licensee) to reactivate its use of the Martin River airstrip located about two miles from the project. The licensee would use the Martin River airstrip as an alternative landing site to the project's permanent airstrip. Reactivating the Martin River airstrip would require reconstructing about 4,000 feet of the airstrip's access road. The EA finds that approving the application to reactivate the airstrip would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The Bradley Lake Hydroelectric Project is located on the Kenai Peninsula, at the northeast end of Kachemak Bay, about 27 miles from Homer, Alaska.

The EA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the EA can be obtained by calling the Commission's Public Reference Room at (202) 208-1371.

Lois D. Cashell,  
Secretary.

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**Notice of Amendment of License**

May 10, 1996.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Amendment of license.

b. *Project No:* 1494-123.

c. *Date Filed:* April 23, 1996.

d. *Applicant:* Grand River Dam Authority.

e. *Name of Project:* Pensacola Project.

f. *Location:* On the Grand (Neosho) River in Craig, Delaware, Mayes, and Ottawa Counties, Oklahoma.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Robert W. Sullivan, Assistant General Manager, Grand River Dam Authority, P.O. Box 409, Vinita, OK 74301-0409, (918) 256-5545.

i. *FERC Contact:* Paul Shannon, (202) 219-2866.

j. *Comment Date:* June 27, 1996.

k. *Description of Filing:* Grand River Dam Authority (GRDA) requests authorization to modify the rule curve for the Pensacola Project's reservoir as set forth in article 401 of the existing license by:

(1) Delaying the spring rise from 742 feet Pensacola datum (PD) by two weeks from April 16 to May 1 to better accommodate runoff from spring flows.

(2) Setting the rule curve's maximum water surface elevation at 744 feet PD instead of 745 feet PD to give a greater hedge against flooding.

(3) Delaying the drawdown from 744 feet PD by about three weeks from July 10 to August 1 and the drawdown from elevation 743 PD by about two weeks from August 1 to August 16 to better coincide with the recreational boating season.

The revised rule curve would appear as:

| Period         | Reservoir elevation, feet PD     |
|----------------|----------------------------------|
| May 01-May 31  | Raise elevation from 742 to 744. |
| Jun 01-July 31 | Maintain elevation at 744.       |
| Aug 01-Aug 15  | Lower elevation from 744 to 743. |
| Aug 16-Aug 31  | Lower elevation from 743 to 741. |
| Sep 01-Oct 15  | Maintain elevation at 741.       |
| Oct 16-Oct 31  | Raise elevation from 741 to 742  |
| Nov 01-Apr 30  | Maintain elevation at 742.       |

GRDA requests the modifications based on recommendations from the Grand/Neosho River Committee's February 1996 Final Report. The committee was formed in 1993 by congressional leaders concerned with the management of the Grand/Neosho River System. The committee provides a forum to make recommendations concerning issues about the Grand/Neosho River Basin to GRDA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, who are authorized and responsible by public law to operate the Pensacola Project in accordance with authorizing legislation. GRDA included a copy of the Grand/Neosho River Committee's February 1996 Final Report with its application to discuss the effects on resources from operating the Pensacola Project according to the existing and revised rule curves.

The Commission's staff will request additional information from GRDA concerning the operational and environmental effects of the propose change to the rule curve. We welcome all parties to submit written comments that may be helpful in our analysis of the proposed changes. We will use any comments we receive as a basis for the additional information we request from GRDA. All parties can request a copy of the application for amendment of license by calling the applicant contact from item (h) of this notice.

1. *This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs:* B, C1, and D2.

B. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene*—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments 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 comments, protest, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

C1. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents*—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

D2. *Agency Comments*—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also