

192-000, an application pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, as amended, and § 284.224 of the Commission's Regulations, for a limited-jurisdiction blanket certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing NYSEG to provide firm and interruptible storage services at market-based rates at its Seneca Lake storage field located in Schuyler County, New York, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.¹

NYSEG states that the storage it intends to perform in interstate commerce will be made possible through the use of compression already installed at its Seneca Lake storage field, combined with two additional compressors, rated at 2,587 horsepower each, which it plans to install. NYSEG avers that it filed an application on December 16, 1996 with the State of New York Public Service Commission seeking authority to install these additional compressor units. According to NYSEG, the additional compression will enable NYSEG to: (1) Inject up to 72.5 MMcfd of natural gas into storage during a 20-day injection cycle; and (2) deliver up to 145 MMcfd of natural gas from storage during the 10-day withdrawal period.

As part of its request, NYSEG asks the Commission to make a determination under § 284.123(b)(2) of the regulations that the rates and charges proposed in the application are fair and equitable.

Any person desiring to be heard or make any protest with reference to said application should on or before February 7, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., 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 and grant of certificate 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 NYSEG to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP93-98-002]

PNM Gas Services, a Division of Public Service Company of New Mexico; Notice of Redesignation of Proceeding

January 17, 1997.

Take notice that on November 25, 1996, PNM Gas Services filed an amendment pursuant to section 3 of the NGA and Part 153 of the Commission's Regulations under the NGA, seeking to amend the Presidential Permit issued August 6, 1993,¹ to reflect the new name of the company holding the Presidential Permit. Specifically, the Presidential Permit was issued in Docket No. CP93-98-000 to Gas Company of New Mexico, a Division of Public Service Company of New Mexico (Gas Company of New Mexico). The amendment sought herein would simply reflect the name change from Gas Company of New Mexico to PNM Gas Services. PNM Gas Services states that the change reflects only a change in the name of the division conducting business; no change of ownership has occurred.

On December 5, 1996, the Commission issued a Notice of Amendment. The notice was published in the Federal Register on December 12, 1996 (61 Fed. Reg. 65038). No adverse comments were received prior to the December 26, 1996 response date. The redesignation is unopposed. Accordingly, pursuant to section

375.302(r) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, notice is hereby given that this proceeding is being redesignated to reflect the permit holder's new name.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. ER97-452-000, et al.]

Northern Indiana Public Service Company, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

January 17, 1997.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. Northern Indiana Public Service Company

[Docket No. ER97-452-000]

Take notice that on December 19, 1996, Northern Indiana Public Service Company tendered for filing an amendment in the above-referenced docket.

Comment date: January 31, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

2. Ohio Edison Company, Pennsylvania Power Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company and The Toledo Edison Company

[Docket Nos. EC97-5-000 and ER97-413-000]

Take notice that on December 23, 1996, Ohio Edison Company (OE), Pennsylvania Power Company (Penn Power), OE's wholly-owned subsidiary, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company (CEI) and The Toledo Edison Company (TE) (collectively "Applicants" or "FirstEnergy") filed, a supplement to Exhibit G to their November 8, 1996, merger application, three filings with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in connection with the FirstEnergy merger.

Each NRC application requested the NRC's consent to the indirect transfers of control of the NRC license rights held by the individual applicants to FirstEnergy following consummation of the FirstEnergy merger. The NRC-licensed facilities that are the subject of the three applications are: Beaver Valley Power Plant, Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station and Perry Nuclear Power Plant.

Comment date: January 31, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

¹ NYSEG is a Hinshaw pipeline which is exempt from the Commission's jurisdiction under Section 1(c) of the NGA.

¹ Gas Company of New Mexico, a Division of Public Service Company of New Mexico, 64 FERC ¶ 61,226 (1993).

3. Howard Energy Marketing, Inc. Gateway Energy, Inc., Petroleum Source & Systems Group, Inc.

[Docket Nos. ER95-252-007, ER95-1049-005, and No. ER95-266-007 (not consolidated)]

Take notice that the following informational filings have been made with the Commission and are on file and available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room:

On December 10, 1996, Howard Energy Marketing, Inc. filed certain information as required by the Commission's February 24, 1995, order in Docket No. ER95-252-000.

On December 3, 1996, Gateway Energy, Inc. filed certain information as required by the Commission's August 4, 1995, order in Docket No. ER95-1049-000.

On December 4, 1996, Petroleum Source & Systems Group, Inc. filed certain information as required by the Commission's January 18, 1995, order in Docket No. ER95-266-000.

4. Commonwealth Edison Company

[Docket No. ER97-1051-000]

Take notice that on December 31, 1996, Commonwealth Edison Company (Edison), submitted a Notice of Cancellation, dated December 17, 1996, to cancel Edison's FERC Rate Schedule No. 23, effective date October 1, 1985. Edison's FERC Rate Schedule No. 23 is an Agreement, dated August 15, 1985, between and among Consumers Power Company (Consumers), Detroit Edison Company (Detroit), and Edison which provided for Consumers and Detroit to purchase energy from Edison. The Commission has previously designated the Interconnection Agreement as Edison's FERC Rate Schedule No. 23.

Edison requests an effective date of December 31, 1996, for the Notice of Cancellation, and accordingly seeks waiver of the Commission's requirements. Copies of this filing were served upon consumers, Detroit, the Illinois Commerce Commission, and the Michigan Public Service Commission.

Comment date: January 31, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

5. Commonwealth Edison Company

[Docket No. ER97-1052-000]

Take notice that on December 31, 1996, Commonwealth Edison Company (Edison), submitted Amendment No. 1, dated December 5, 1996, to the Interconnection Agreement, dated August 1, 1991 (1991 Agreement), between Edison and Indiana Michigan Power Company (I&M) (hereinafter

referred to collectively as Parties). The Commission has previously designated the Interconnection Agreement as Edison's FERC Rate Schedule No. 16.

Edison requests an effective date of December 31, 1996 for Amendment No. 1, and accordingly seeks waiver of the Commission's requirements. Copies of this filing were served upon I&M, the Illinois Commerce Commission, and the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.

Comment date: January 31, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

6. Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company

[Docket No. ER97-1053-000]

Take notice that on December 31, 1996, Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company (SIGECO), tendered for filing six (6) service agreements for market based rate power sales under its Market Based Rate Tariff with the following entities:

1. Coastal Electric Services Company
2. LG&E Power Marketing, Inc.
3. Wisconsin Electric Power Company
4. American Electric Power
5. Illinois Power Company
6. Sonat Power Marketing, L.L.P.

Copies of the filing were served upon each of the parties to the service agreement.

Comment date: January 31, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

7. Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company

[Docket No. ER97-1054-000]

Take notice that on December 31, 1996, Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company (SIGECO), tendered for filing five (5) service agreements for non-firm transmission service under Part II of its Transmission Services Tariff with the following entities:

1. LG&E Power Marketing, Inc.
2. Wisconsin Electric Power Company
3. American Electric Power
4. Illinois Power Company
5. Sonat Power Marketing, L.P.

Copies of the filing were served upon each of the parties to the service agreements.

Comment date: January 31, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

8. Jersey Central Power & Light Company, Metropolitan Edison Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company

[Docket No. ER97-1055-000]

Take notice that on December 31, 1996, Jersey Central Power & Light Company, Metropolitan Edison

Company and Pennsylvania Electric Company (doing business as GPU Energy) filed amendments to GPU Energy's Power Pooling Agreement, in compliance with the Commission's Order 888.

Comment date: January 31, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

9. Texas Utilities Electric Company, Texas Utilities Electric Company v. Central Power and Light Company, West Texas Utilities Company, Public Service Company of Oklahoma and Southwestern Electric Power Company

[Docket No. ER97-1056-000]

Take notice that on December 31, 1996, Central Power and Light Company (CPL) and West Texas Utilities Company (WTU), tendered for filing an agreement by which CPL, WTU, Texas Utilities Electric Company and Houston Lighting & Power Company have agreed that the ten-year limitation on seeking changes from the positive megawatt mile rate design method contained in the Offer of Settlement accepted for filing in Docket Nos. ER82-545-000, *et al.* will end as of midnight, December 31, 1996. CPL and WTU request that the filing be accepted to become effective as of January 1, 1997.

CPL and WTU state that copies of the filing were served on Texas Utilities Electric Company, Houston Lighting & Power Company and the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Comment date: January 31, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

10. Montaup Electric Company

[Docket No. ER97-1057-000]

Take notice that on December 31, 1996, Montaup Electric Company (Montaup), filed a service agreement for nonfirm transmission service which Montaup provides to itself. Montaup requests that the service agreement be allowed to become effective January 1, 1997.

Comment date: January 31, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

11. Entergy Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER97-1059-000]

Take notice that on December 31, 1996, Entergy Services, Inc. (Entergy Services), on behalf of Entergy Arkansas, Inc. (Entergy Arkansas), Entergy Louisiana, Inc. (Entergy Louisiana), Entergy Mississippi, Inc. (Entergy Mississippi), Entergy New Orleans, Inc. (Entergy New Orleans), tendered for filing a Notice of Cancellation for certain service

schedules under the Interchange Agreement between Entergy Arkansas, Entergy Louisiana, Entergy Mississippi, Entergy New Orleans, and Entergy Services and Oglethorpe Power Corporation (Oglethorpe). Entergy Services states that no service has ever been provided to Oglethorpe under this agreement and that Oglethorpe has indicated that it will take any prospective transmission service under Entergy Services' open access transmission tariff.

Comment date: January 31, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

12. Central Power and Light Company

[Docket No. ER97-1060-000]

Take notice that on December 31, 1996, Central Power and Light Company (CPL), tendered for filing an addendum to its Rate Schedule No. 70 and its coordination sales tariff service agreement with the City of Robstown, Texas (Robstown). The addendum adds an additional delivery point to the existing agreements with Robstown.

CPL states that a copy of the filing has been served on Robstown and on the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Comment date: January 31, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

13. Southwestern Public Service Company

[Docket No. ER97-1061-000 Company]

Take notice that on December 31, 1996, Southwestern Public Service Company (Southwestern), tendered for filing a proposed amendment to its rate schedule for service to El Paso Electric Company (EPE).

The proposed amendment reflects Southwestern's lowering of EPE's minimum firm power purchase commitment to 35,000 Kw.

Comment date: January 31, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

14. Western Systems Power Pool

[Docket No. ER97-1063-000]

Take notice that on December 31, 1996, The Power Company of America, L.P. filed a supplement to the Western Systems Power Pool Agreement reflecting the acceptance of its membership application in the Western Systems Power Pool.

Comment date: January 31, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

15. West Texas Utilities Company

[Docket No. ER97-1067-000]

Take notice that on December 31, 1996, West Texas Utilities Company

(WTU), filed an Interconnection and Power Interchange Agreement between WTU and Brazos Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (Brazos), dated December 12, 1996 (the Interconnection Agreement). The Interconnection Agreement is necessary for WTU to serve the City of Weatherford, Texas (Weatherford) under the new Power Supply Agreement between WTU and Weatherford that WTU filed with the Commission on November 1, 1996, in Docket No. ER97-326-000.

WTU requests an effective date for the Interconnection Agreement of January 1, 1997. Accordingly, WTU requests waiver of the Commission's notice requirements. A copy of this filing has been served on Brazos, Weatherford, and the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Comment date: January 31, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

16. Commonwealth Electric Company; Cambridge Electric Light Company

[Docket No. ER97-1068-000]

Take notice that on December 31, 1996, Commonwealth Electric Company (Commonwealth) and Cambridge Electric Light Company (Cambridge), collectively referred to as the Companies, tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Market-Based Power Sales Tariff, FERC Electric Tariff, (Tariff)s. Pursuant to their respective Tariffs, the Companies may enter into the sale of energy and/or capacity at fully-negotiated, market-based rates. The Companies also propose, on a compensated or uncompensated basis, to facilitate the sale and purchase of electric energy at wholesale in transactions in which the Companies do not take title to the electric energy (i.e., brokering). The Companies request expedited action on this filing so that transactions under this tariff can commence as quickly as possible. The Companies request that the proposed Tariffs become effective within 60 day of this filing or any earlier Commission approval date hereof.

Comment date: January 14, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

17. New England Power Company

[Docket No. ER97-1069-000]

Take notice that on December 31, 1996, New England Power Company (NEP), submitted for filing an All Requirements Bulk Power Supply Contract and Service Agreement between NEP and Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Comment date: January 31, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

18. Baltimore Gas and Electric Company

[Docket No. ER97-1070-000]

Take notice that on December 31, 1996, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) filed a Service Agreement clarifying that, when Baltimore Gas and Electric Company utilizes transmission and ancillary services from its system for applicable wholesale transactions, it will do so pursuant to the provisions of its own Transmission Service Tariff filed in the captioned docket. BGE requests an effective date of December 31, 1996 for the Service Agreement.

Comment date: January 31, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

19. Sierra Pacific Power Company

[Docket No. ER97-1071-000]

Take notice that on December 31, 1996, Sierra Pacific Power Company (Sierra), tendered for filing in compliance with the unbundling requirement of Order No. 888, its proposed Rate Schedule RT, Sale of Non Firm Energy for Regional Resale (including new form of service agreement) to supersede and replace existing Rate Schedule RT, Sale of Non Firm Energy for Regional Resale and Transmission Service.

Sierra asserts that the filing has been served on the regulatory commissions of Nevada and California.

Comment date: January 31, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

20. South Carolina Electric & Gas Company

[Docket No. ER97-1072-000]

Take notice that on December 31, 1996, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G, Provider), submitted service agreements, dated December 20, 1996, establishing South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, Customer (SCE&G, Customer) and dated December 23, 1996 establishing Duke/Louis Dreyfuss, L.L.C. (DLD) as customers under the terms of SCE&G, Provider's Open Access Transmission Tariff.

SCE&G, Provider requests an effective date of November 15, 1996 for the DLD agreement. Accordingly, SCE&G, Provider requests waiver of the Commission's notice requirements. Copies of this filing were served upon SCE&G, Customer, DLD, and the South Carolina Public Service Commission.

Comment date: January 31, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

21. Idaho Power Company

[Docket No. ER97-1073-000]

Take notice that on December 31, 1996, Idaho Power Company (IPC), tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission exhibit revisions relating to monthly contract and energy requirements under the following jurisdictional agreements between IPC and various entities:

1. Transmission Service Agreement, dated June 27, 1988, Seattle City Light;
2. Agreement for Supply of Power and Energy, dated February 10, 1988, Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems;
3. Agreement for Supply of Power and Energy, dated July 6, 1987, Washington City, Utah;
4. Agreement for Supply of Power and Energy, dated February 23, 1989, Sierra Pacific Power Company;
5. Transmission Service Agreement, dated December 21, 1990, Bonneville Power Administration;
6. Transmission Service Agreement, dated June 6, 1989, Bonneville Power Administration.

Comment date: January 31, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

22. Illinois Power Company

[Docket No. ER97-1074-000]

Take notice that on December 31, 1996, Illinois Power Company (Illinois Power), 500 South 27th Street, Decatur, Illinois 62526, tendered for filing a Power Sales Tariff, Service Agreement under which Heartland Energy Services will take service under Illinois Power Company's Power Sales Tariff. The agreements are based on the Form of Service Agreement in Illinois Power's tariff.

Illinois Power has requested an effective date of December 30, 1996.

Comment date: January 31, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

23. Kentucky Utilities Company

[Docket No. ER97-1075-000]

Take notice that on December 31, 1996, Kentucky Utilities Company (KU), tendered for filing a series of contracts with its wholesale customers under which the customers are to receive the benefit of power made available to them from the South Eastern Power Administration.

Comment date: January 31, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

24. Power Source LLC

[Docket No. ER97-1076-000]

Take notice that on December 31, 1996, Power Source L.L.C. (Power Source), tendered for filing its Notice of termination and Withdrawal from business effective September 1, 1996, pertaining to its FERC Electric Rate Schedule No. 1 heretofore filed with the Commission.

Comment date: January 31, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

25. Central Louisiana Electric Company, Inc.)

[Docket No. ER97-1077-000]

Take notice that on December 31, 1996, Central Louisiana Electric Company, Inc. (CLECO), tendered for filing a service agreement under which Central Louisiana Electric Company, Inc., Transmission Services (CLECO-TS) as transmission provider for CLECO, will provide non-firm point-to-point transmission service to Central Louisiana Electric Company, Inc., Wholesale Merchant Operations (CLECO-WMO) under its point-to-point transmission tariff.

CLECO states that a copy of the filing has been served on CLECO-WMO.

Comment date: January 31, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

26. Portland General Electric Company

[Docket No. ER97-1078-000]

Take notice that on December 31, 1996, Portland General Electric Company (PGE), tendered for filing under PGE's Final Rule pro forma tariff, (Docket No. OA96-137-000) an executed Service Agreement for Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service with the Bonneville Power Administration.

Pursuant to 18 CFR 35.11 and the Commission's order issued July 30, 1993 (Docket No. PL93-2-002), PGE respectfully requests the Commission grant a waiver of the notice requirements of 18 CFR 35.3 to allow the Service Agreements to become effective December 27, 1996.

A copy of this filing was caused to be served upon the Bonneville Power Administration as noted in the filing letter.

Comment date: January 31, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

27. Portland General Electric Company

[Docket No. ER97-1112-000]

Take notice that on January 2, 1997, Portland General Electric Company tendered for filing under FERC Electric

Tariff, Original Volume No. 9, an experimental state retail access pilot program entitled Power Delivery Service (PDS).

PGE respectfully requests that the Commission grant a one day waiver of the notice requirements of 18 CFR 35.3 to allow the retail access pilot program (PDS) to become effective March 1, 1997 (or the date PDS is accepted and approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission, if earlier than March 1, 1997).

A copy of this filing was caused to be served upon the Oregon Public Utility Commission.

Comment date: January 30, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

28. Exxon Chemical Company and Exxon Company, U.S.A.

[Docket No. QF89-41-002]

On January 8, 1997, Exxon Chemical Company and Exxon Company, U.S.A. (Applicant) submitted for filing an amendment to its filing in this Docket.

The amendment provides additional information pertaining to the technical aspects of its cogeneration facility. No determination has been made that the submittal constitutes a complete filing.

Comment date: January 31, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

29. Eastman Chemical Company

[Docket No. QF92-13-002]

On January 10, 1997, Eastman Chemical Company, of 100 North Eastman Road, Kingsport, Tennessee 37660, submitted for filing an application for Commission recertification as a qualifying cogeneration facility pursuant to Section 292.207(b) of the Commission's Regulations. No determination has been made that the submittal constitutes a complete filing.

The cogeneration facility, which is located in Sullivan, Tennessee, was previously certified as a qualifying cogeneration facility in *Eastman Chemical Co.*, 59 FERC ¶ 62,058 (1982), and recertified in *Eastman Chemical Co.*, 66 FERC ¶ 62,151 (1994). According to the applicant, the instant recertification is requested to reflect the change in ownership and the addition of new facilities.

Comment date: 15 days after the date of publication of the notice in the Federal Register, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraph

E. 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 the comment date. 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Project No. 10819-002 Idaho]

Idaho Water Resources Board; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

January 17, 1997.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for an original, major license for the Dworshak Small Hydroelectric Project No. 10819-002, located on the existing water conveyance system providing water from the Corps of Engineers' Dworshak dam to two fish hatcheries. The Dworshak dam is located on the North Fork Clearwater River in Clearwater County, Idaho. The Commission has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the project. The DEA contains the Commission staff's analysis of the potential future environmental impacts of the project and has concluded that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the DEA are available for review in the Public Reference Room, Room 2A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Any comments should be filed within 45 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to Lois D. Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. For further

information, contact Surender M. Yepuri, Environmental Coordinator, at (202) 219-2847.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Project No. 11214-001 Illinois]

Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

January 17, 1997.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for major license for the proposed Carlyle Project located on the Kaskaskia River in Clinton County, near the City of Carlyle, Illinois, and has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the proposed project. In the DEA, the Commission's staff has analyzed the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project and has concluded that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigative measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the DEA are available for review in the Public Reference Branch of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to Lois D. Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please affix Project No. 11214-001 to all comments. For further information, please contact Monte J. TerHaar, Environmental Assessment Coordinator, at (202) 219-2768.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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Notice of Feather River Hatchery Expansion Plan

January 17, 1997.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Feather River Hatchery Expansion Plan (September 22, 1994 FERC Order).

b. *Project No:* 2100-067.

c. *Date Filed:* February 12, 1996; supplemented January 15, 1997.

d. *Licensee:* California Department of Water Resources.

e. *Name of Project:* Feather River, Project.

f. *Location:* Feather River, Butte County, California.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Rolland Williams, Sr., Chief, Department of Water Resources, Oroville Field Division, Division of Operations and Maintenance, 460 Glen Drive—P.O. Box 1191, Oroville, CA 95965, (916) 534-2323.

i. *FERC Contact:* Sue Cielinski, (202) 219-2942.

j. *Comment Date:* March 7, 1997.

k. *Description of Project:* The California Department of Water Resources, California, licensee for the Feather River Project, has filed the hatchery expansion plan required by the September 22, 1994 FERC Order. The hatchery expansion plan includes provisions for 2, 10ft x 200ft rearing ponds, a hatching/incubation facility and a UV treatment system to the existing Feather River Fish Hatchery. The expansion plan will allow space for grow-out of 390,000 fingerlings and reduce stress and disease occurring from the transport of fish to other hatchery facilities. A supplemental filing proposes further expansion of the 100ft long rearing ponds to 300ft to increase hatchery capacity to 720,000 fingerlings.

l. 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, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

C1. Filing and Service of Responsive Document—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS," "PROTEST," or "MOTION TO INTERVENE," as