

Rapids Project No. 2114.¹ Specifically, Grant is asking for a waiver of Section 16.6(c)(1) of the Commission's regulations, and for early National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) scoping.

Section 16.6(c)(1) of the Commission's regulations requires an applicant to file a notice of intent to relicense a project no earlier than five and one-half years before license expiration.² Grant intends to negotiate pre-filing settlements during the 3-stage consultation period before filing their relicense application, and in order to do so would like to start formal consultation before the year 2000. Grant is also asking that Commission staff conduct NEPA scoping during the pre-filing stages to facilitate the early identification of issues.

Grant has demonstrated that they have made an effort to contact resource agencies, Indian tribes, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and others affected by their proposal, and that a consensus exists that the use of an alternative procedure is appropriate in this case.

The purpose of this notice is to invite comments on Grant's request to use the alternative procedure, as required under the final rule for Regulations for the Licensing of Hydroelectric Projects.³ Additional notices seeking comments on the specific project proposal, interventions and protests, and recommended terms and conditions will be issued at a later date.

Comments

Interested parties have 30 days from the date of this notice to file with the Commission, any comments on Grant's proposal to use the alternative procedures to prepare an application to relicense the Priest Rapids Project.

Filing Requirements

The comments must be filed by providing an original and 8 copies as required by the Commission's regulations to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary, Dockets—Room 1A, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

All comment filings must bear the heading "Comments on the Alternative Procedure," and include the project

¹ The 1,946-megawatt Priest Rapids project is located on the Columbia River in Chelan, Douglas, Kittitas, Grant, Yakima, and Benton Counties, Washington. The project consists of two developments: Priest Rapids Dam and Wanapum Dam.

² The license for the Priest Rapids project was issued on November 4, 1955 (14 FPC 1067), effective November 1, 1995, and expires by its terms on October 31, 2005.

³ 81 FERC ¶ 61,103 (1997).

name and number (Priest Rapids Hydroelectric Project, No. 2114).

For further information, please contact Vince Yearick of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at 202-219-3073.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Sithe Wyman LLC; Notice of Application for Commission Determination of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status

February 19, 1998.

On February 11, 1998, Sithe Wyman LLC, 450 Lexington Avenue, 37th Floor, New York, NY 10017 (Sithe Wyman), filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's Regulations.

Sithe Wyman states that it will own a 5.89% interest in an electric generating facility, entitling Sithe Wyman to receive 36 MW of electricity. The facility is located in Yarmouth, Maine.

Any person desiring to be heard concerning the application for exempt wholesale generator status should file a motion to intervene or protests 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 385.214). The Commission will limit its consideration of comments to those that concern the adequacy of the application. All such motions and protests should be filed on or before March 4, 1998, and must be served on the applicant. 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.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-135-000]

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

February 19, 1998.

Take notice that on February 13, 1998, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1, First Revised Sheet No. 676, Original Sheet No. 678 and Original Sheet No. 679, with an effective date of March 15, 1998.

Tennessee states that the tariff sheets propose certain modifications of its Pro Forma Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Agency Authorization Agreement in that the limited agent under the EDI Agency Authorization Agreement will have responsibility for the data sets identified in Exhibit I to the EDI Agency Authorization Agreement, rather than for the data sets identified in Exhibit A to the Trading Partner Agreement between the limited agent and Tennessee, as contemplated by Tennessee's current Pro Forma EDI Agency Authorization Agreement. Tennessee further states that this change permits a shipper to delegate to the limited agent responsibility for some, but not all, of the data sets identified in the trading partner agreement thereby giving the shipper greater flexibility with regard to its EDI transactions with Tennessee.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this 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 Section 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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 in the Public Reference Room.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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