

statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the MPEA, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views; (4) determine the relative depth of analysis for issues to be addressed in the MPEA; and (5) identify resource issues that are of lesser importance, and therefore, do not require detailed analysis.

#### Procedures

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will become part of the formal record of the Commission proceedings on the project. Individuals presenting statements at the meetings will be asked to sign in before the meeting starts and to clearly identify themselves for the record. Speaking time for attendees at the meetings may be determined before the meeting, based on the number of persons wishing to speak and the approximate amount of time available for the session. All speakers will be provided at least 5 minutes to present their views.

Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meetings and to assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the MPEA.

Persons choosing not to speak at the meetings, but who have views on the issues, may submit written statements for inclusion in the public record at the meeting. In addition, written scoping comments may be filed with the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, until June 22, 1998. All filings should contain an original and eight copies, and must clearly show at the top of the first page "Aquamac Hydroelectric Project FERC No. 2927-004"; "Merrimac Hydroelectric Project FERC No. 2928-004"; or both.

For further information, please contact Tim Berry at (202) 219-2790 or Timothy.Berry@FERC.fed.us.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. QF94-160-004]

#### Cherokee County Cogeneration Partners, L.P.; Notice of Amendment To Filing

May 4, 1998.

Take notice that on April 17, 1998, Cherokee County Cogeneration Partners, L.P. (applicant), tendered for filing a supplement to its filing in this docket. No determination has been made that the submittal constitutes a complete filing.

The supplement pertains to the ownership structure of the facility.

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 motion and protest should be filed by May 18, 1998, and must be served on the applicant. 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 proceedings. 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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*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER98-2623-000]

#### Cook Inlet Energy Supply Limited Partnership; Notice of Filing

May 4, 1998.

Take notice that on April 21, 1998, Cook Inlet Energy Supply Limited Partnership (Cook Inlet), in compliance with the Commission's July 10, 1996, Letter Order approving its market-based rate schedule, submitted for filing a Notification of Change in Status. The Cook Inlet filing describes the development of wind energy projects by affiliates of Cook Inlet and concludes that these transactions do not alter the characteristics that the Commission

relied upon in approving the market-based pricing for Cook Inlet.

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, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before May 15, 1998. 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 proceedings. 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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*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EG98-70-000]

#### Duke Energy Morro Bay LLC; Notice of Application for Commission Determination of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status

May 4, 1998.

Take notice that on April 24, 1998, Duke Energy Morro Bay LLC (Morro Bay), filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's Regulations.

Morro Bay is a Delaware limited liability corporation and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Duke Energy Corporation. Morro Bay's facility consists of four natural gas-fired generating units with a combined generating capacity of 1,002 MW. Morro Bay states that prior to its purchase of the facility from Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E), the facility was part of PG&E's integrated system. Therefore, a rate or charge in connection with this facility was in effect under the laws of California on October 24, 1992. On December 16, 1997, the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California (CPUC), issued an interim opinion which concluded that allowing the facility to be an exempt wholesale generator within the meaning of PUHCA would be in the public interest,