

“PROTEST”, “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, DC 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

D. 2 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 be sent to the Applicant’s representatives.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Request for Temporary Variance

January 13, 1999.

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

a. Type of Application: Request for Temporary Variance.

b. Project No.: 2210–019.

c. Date Filed: January 8, 1999.

d. Applicant: Appalachian Power Company.

e. Name of Project: Smith Mountain Project.

f. Location: On the Roanoke River in Bedford, Franklin, Campbell, Pittsylvania and Roanoke Counties, Virginia.

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

h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Frank M. Simms, American Electric Power, 1 Riverside Plaza, Columbus, OH 43215–2372, (509) 754–3451.

i. FERC Contact: Robert J. Fletcher, (202) 219–1206.

j. Comment Date: January 25, 1999.

k. Description of Request: On December 17, 1998, the Commission approved an emergency 45-day variance (which will expire on January 31, 1999) to reduce the minimum flow requirements of article 29 during the drought conditions occurring at the Smith Mountain Project. While forecasts are for a return to normal rainfall patterns, the continuing effects of the drought remain a concern. Therefore, another temporary variance is being requested. The licensee is requesting that the term of this second temporary variance be extended until such time that the normal operating level for the Smith Mountain Development (elevation 795 feet NGVD) is obtained and the discharges required under article 29 can be maintained. The determination of the actual time to terminate the variance would be done in consultation with the resource agencies and the downstream stakeholders. As an alternative, the licensee requests that the termination date, at a minimum be extended for an additional 45 days, or March 17, 1999.

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 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 be sent to the Applicant’s representatives.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM99–2–000]

Regional Transmission Organizations; Notice of Dates and Locations for Consultation Sessions With State Commissions

January 13, 1999.

On November 24, 1998, the Commission issued notice in this docket if its intent to consult with State commissions pursuant to section 202(a) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 824a(a) 1994.¹ The Commission stated that the purpose of this initial consultation is to afford State commissions a reasonable opportunity to present their views and recommendations with respect to the potential implementation of section 202(a) as part of a broader initiative involving the establishment of regional transmission organizations (RTOs).

The Commission has now identified three dates and locations for the initial consultations announced in the November 24 notice. The consultation sessions will be:

- February 11, 1999 in St. Louis, Missouri.
- February 12, 1999 in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- February 17, 1999 in Washington, DC.

Any State commission that wishes to participate in one of the consultation sessions should advise the Commission, by no later than January 28, 1999, as to which one of the sessions it wishes to send a representative(s). It is the Commission’s preference that State commissions participate in the session

¹ See Notice of Intent to Consult Under Section 202(a), 63 FR 66,158, December 1, 1998.