

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory
CommissionNotice of Application Accepted for
Filing and Soliciting Motions to
Intervene and Protests and Comments

January 21, 1999.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Preliminary Permit.

b. *Project No.:* 11646-000.

c. *Date filed:* December 8, 1998.

d. *Applicant:* Elsinore Hydropower.

e. *Name of Project:* Elsinore Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On Lake Elsinore, Morrell Canyon Creek, and South Fork of Decker Canyon Creek, in Riverside County, California. Would Utilize U.S. Forest Service lands in the Trabuco Ranger District of the Cleveland National Forest.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Harold L. Mitchell, Elsinore Hydropower, 11808 Rancho Bernardo Road, #123-1, San Diego, CA 92128, (619) 592-1540.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Robert Bell, E-mail address, robert.bell@ferc.fed.us, or telephone 202-219-2806.

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene, protests and comments:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's rules of practice and procedures require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

Description of Project: The proposed pumped storage project would have two upper reservoirs (one in Morrell Canyon the other in Decker Canyon) and would use the natural Lake Elsinore as the lower reservoir. The project would consist of: (1) a proposed 550-foot-long, 75-foot-high impervious core rock fill

upstream Morrell Canyon Dam; (2) a proposed 575-foot-long, 105-foot-high impervious core rock fill downstream Morrell Canyon Dam; (3) a proposed impoundment having a surface area of 41 acres, with a stream capacity of 1,700 acre-feet, and normal maximum water surface elevation of 2,845 feet msl; (4) a proposed 1,800-foot-long, 155-foot high impervious core rock filled Decker Canyon Dam; (4) a proposed impoundment having a surface area of 45 acres, with a storage capacity 1,600 acre-feet, and normal maximum water surface elevation of 2,760 feet msl; (5) the existing Lake Elsinore impoundment having a water surface elevation of 3,400 acres, with a storage capacity of 68,000 acre-feet, and a normal maximum water surface elevation 2,248 feet msl; (6) three proposed 10-foot diameter steel line penstocks with a y branch at an elevation below the two upper reservoirs; (7) a proposed powerhouse containing three generating unit with a total installed capacity of 524 MW; (8) there proposed 12-foot-diameter tailraces to Lake Elsinore; (9) a proposed 10-miles-long, 500 kV transmission line; and (10) appurtenant facilities.

The project would have an annual generation of 300,000 MWh and would be sold to a local utility.

1. *Locations of the application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, D.C. 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The application may be viewed on the web at www.ferc.fed.us. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

m. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: A5, A7, A9, A10, B, C, and D2.

A5. Preliminary Permit—Anyone desiring to file a competing application for preliminary permit for a proposed project must submit the competing application itself, or a notice of intent to file such an application, to the Commission on or before the specified comment date for the particular application (see 18 CFR 4.36).

Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing preliminary permit application no later than 30 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing preliminary permit application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

A7. Preliminary Permit—Any qualified development applicant desiring to file a competing

development application must submit to the Commission, on or before a specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent to file a development application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

A9. Notice of intent—A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

A10. Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit—A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

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.

C. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION", "COMPETING APPLICATION", "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, D.C. 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.

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.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2233]

Portland General Electric Company Smurfit Newsprint Corporation; Notice of Initial Information Meeting

January 21, 1999.

By letter dated September 1, 1998, Portland General Electric Company (PGE) of Portland, Oregon, and Smurfit Newsprint Corporation of Oregon City, Oregon, co-licensees, have asked to use an alternative procedure in filing an application for a new license for their Willamette Falls Project No. 2233.¹

The Commission's regulations allow applicants the option of preparing their own Environmental Assessment (EA) for hydropower projects, and filing the EA with their license application as part of the alternative licensing procedure.² On December 10, 1998, the Commission approved the use of an alternative

licensing procedure in the preparation of the Willamette Falls license application.

The alternative procedures include provisions for the distribution of an initial information package, and for the identification of special studies and environmental issues. On December 31, 1998, PGE, acting on behalf of itself and Smurfit Newsprint Corporation distributed an initial information package (IIP) to all parties who had expressed interest in the proceeding. Copies of the IIP can be obtained by contacting David Heintzman at PGE at (503) 464-8162.

Two public meetings will be held to discuss these documents. PGE will give an overview of the existing facilities and operation, discuss what is currently known about environmental resources at the project, and discuss how these resources are currently being managed. As time permits preliminary environmental issues and special studies will be discussed.

Additional notices seeking comments on the specific project proposal, public scoping, interventions and protests, and recommended terms and conditions will be issued at later dates.

PGE will hold the public meetings on February 17 and February 18, 1999. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies representatives are invited and encouraged to attend any or all the meetings.

The February 17th meeting will be held at the Oregon City High School Cafeteria, 1306 12th Street, Oregon City, Oregon from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

The February 18th meeting will be held at the Two World Trade Center, Plaza Conference Room, 121 SW Salmon Street, Portland, Oregon from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

For further information, please contact Dave Heintzman at PGE at (503) 464-8162 or John Blair at the Commission at (202) 219-2845.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6226-7]

Notice of Public Meetings on Drinking Water Issues

Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is holding a public meeting on February 10-12, 1999 at the Park Hyatt Hotel, 24th and M Street, NW, Washington,

D.C. for the purpose of information exchange with stakeholders on issues related to the health effects of microbial pathogens and disinfection byproducts (DBPs) in drinking water. The meeting will start at 8:30 AM on February 10 and will adjourn on February 12 at 4:00 PM. The meeting will provide: (1) A summary of the current literature on the health effects from DBPs and microbial pathogens; (2) a summary of ongoing and planned health effects research in support of the Stage 2 microbial pathogen and disinfection byproduct rules and when the information will be available; and (3) perspectives on characterizing the risk from DBPs and microbial pathogens.

EPA is inviting all interested members of the public to participate in the meeting. As with all previous meetings in this series, to the extent that is available, EPA is instituting an open door policy to allow any member of the public to attend any of the meetings for any length of time. Approximately 50 seats will be available for the public. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For additional information about the meeting, please contact Ephraim King or Mike Cox of EPA's Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water at (202) 260-7575 or by e-mail at cox.michael@epamail.epa.gov.

Dated: January 20, 1999.

Cynthia C. Dougherty,

Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-34151; FRL 6035-1]

Notice of Receipt of Requests for Amendments to Delete Uses in Certain Pesticide Registrations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 6(f)(1) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, EPA is issuing a notice of receipt of request for amendment by registrants to delete uses in certain pesticide registrations.

DATES: Unless a request is withdrawn, the Agency will approve these use deletions and the deletions will become effective on July 26, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: James A. Hollins, Office of

¹ The project consists of an 8-foot-high dam along the crest of Willamette Falls on the Willamette River. PGE operates the 16-megawatt T.W. Sullivan powerhouse, located on the west side of the falls. Co-licensee, Smurfit Newsprint Corporation, operates a 1.5-megawatt powerhouse on the east side of the falls. The project is not located on any Federal land.

² 81 FERC 61,103 (1997).