

this analysis; and (2) advise all parties of their opportunity for comment.

Scoping Process

The purpose of the scoping process is to identify significant issues related to the proposed action and to determine what issues should be addressed in the document to be prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). The SDI will be circulated to enable appropriate federal, state, and local resource agencies, Indian tribes, NGOs, and other interested parties to participate in the scoping process. SDI provides a brief description of the proposed action, project alternatives, the geographic and temporal scope of a cumulative effects analysis, and a list of issues.

Scoping Meetings

PGE and FERC staff will conduct two scoping meetings. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend and assist in identifying the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the APEA.

The agency/public scoping meeting will be held on Wednesday September 1, 1999, from 9:00 am until noon, at Two World Trade Center, Bridge Level Conference Rooms A and B, 121 SW Salmon Street, Portland, Oregon. The public scoping meeting will be held on Wednesday September 1, 1999, from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at U.S. Forest Service Mount Hood National Forest Headquarters Office, First Floor Conference Room, 16400 Champion Way, Sandy, Oregon. For more details, interested parties should contact Julie Keil, PGE, (503) 464-8864 before the meeting date.

Objectives

At the scoping meetings, PGE and FERC staff will: (1) summarize the environmental issues identified for analysis in the APEA; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantified data, on the resources at issue, and (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the APEA. Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meetings and to assist in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed.

Meeting Procedures

The meeting will be conducted according to the procedures used at Commission scoping meetings. Because this meeting will be a NEPA scoping meeting, the Commission will not

conduct another scoping meeting when the surrender application and APEA are filed with the Commission in Spring 2000.

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer or audio tape and become a part of the formal record of the Commission proceeding on the Bull Run Project. Individuals presenting statements at the meetings will be asked to identify themselves for the record. Speaking time allowed for individuals will be determined before each meeting, based on the number of persons wishing to speak and the approximate amount of time available for the session. Persons choosing not to speak but wishing to express an opinion, as well as speakers unable to summarize their positions within their allotted time, may submit written statements for inclusion in the public record no later than August 30, 1999.

All filings should contain an original and 8 copies. Failure to file an original and 8 copies may result in appropriate staff not receiving the benefit of your comments in a timely manner. All comments should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, and should clearly show the following captions on the first page, Bull Run Project, FERC No. 477. A copy of each filing should also be sent to Julie Keil, Portland General Electric Company, 121 SW Salmon Street, 3WTC-BRHL, Portland, OR 97204.

Based on all written comments, a Scoping Document II (SDII) may be issued. SDII will include a revised list of issues, based on the scoping sessions.

For further information regarding the APEA scoping process, please contact Jim Hastreiter, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 101 SW Main St., Suite 905 Portland, OR, 97204 at (503) 944-6760, or Julie Keil, Portland General Electric Company, at (503) 464-8864.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions To Intervene, Protests, and Comments

July 23, 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.:* 11783-000.

c. *Date Filed:* June 28, 1999.

d. *Applicant:* Universal Electric Power Commission.

e. *Name of Project:* Fulton Lock and Dam 3 Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Tombigbee River in Itawamba County, Mississippi. The project would utilize the Corp of Engineers' Fulton Lock and Dam.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Gregory S. Feltenberger, Universal Electric Power Corporation, 1145 Highbrook Street, Akron, OH 44301, (330) 535-7115.

i. *FERC Contact:* Hector M. Pérez, hector.perez@ferc.fed.us, 202-219-2843, or Robert Bell, robert.bell@ferc.fed.us, (202) 210-2806.

j. *Deadline for Filing Motions to Intervene, Protest 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 Procedure require all interveners filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person in the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervener 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.

k. The project would consist of the following facilities: (1) a 300-foot-long and 72-inch-diameter steel penstocks at the outlet works; (2) a powerhouse with a turbine generator unit with an installed capacity of 1.125 megawatts; (3) a tailrace consisting of an exhaust apron; (4) 14.7-kV, 300-foot-long transmission lines; and (5) other appurtenances.

1. 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 <http://www.ferc.fed.us/rims.htm> (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

Preliminary Permit—Public notice of the filing of the initial preliminary

permit application, which has already been given, established the due date for filing competing preliminary permit applications or notices of intent. Any competing preliminary permit or development application or notice of intent to file a competing preliminary permit or development application must be filed in response to and in compliance with the public notice of the initial preliminary permit application. No competing applications or notices of intent to file competing applications may be filed in response to this notice. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

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.

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.

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.

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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- c. *Date Filed:* June 28, 1999.
- d. *Applicant:* Universal Electric Power Corporation.
- e. *Name of Project:* Paint Creek Dam Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* On Paint Creek, Highland County, Ohio. The project would utilize the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Paint Creek Dam.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Gregory S. Feltenberger, Universal Electric Power Corporation, 1145 Highbrook Street, Akron, OH 44301, (330) 535-7115.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Héctor M. Pérez, hector.perez@ferc.fed.us, 202-219-2843, or Robert Bell, robert.bell@ferc.fed.us, 202-219-2806.
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k. The project would use the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's Paint Creek Dam and would consist of the following facilities: (1) two new 80-foot-long, 96-inch-diameter penstocks at the outlet works; (3) a new powerhouse containing 2 generating units having a total installed capacity of 2.14 MW; (4) a new Tailrace; (5) a new 500-foot-long, 14.7-KV transmission line; and (6) other appurtenances.

The project would have an annual generation of 13,100 MWh and project power would be sold to a local utility.

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