

Copies of the filing have been provided to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, the Maryland Public Service Commission, the Virginia State Corporation Commission, the West Virginia Public Service Commission, and all parties of record.

*Comment date:* September 13, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

### 30. Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.

[Docket No. ER99-4200-000]

Take notice that on August 24, 1999, Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (Con Edison) tendered for filing a service agreement to provide firm transmission service pursuant to its Open Access Transmission to Southern Company Energy Marketing L.P. (Southern).

*Comment date:* September 13, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

#### Standard Paragraphs

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such 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 Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. 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 these filings are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 4737-005]

#### Morgan J. Langan; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

September 1, 1999.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application requesting the Commission's authorization to surrender the exemption from licensing for the existing Trinity Alps Hydroelectric Project, located on Trinity Alps Creek in Trinity County, California, and has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the proposed action.

In the DEA, Commission staff concludes that approval of the subject surrender of exemption from licensing would not produce any significant adverse environmental impacts; consequently, the proposal would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the DEA can be viewed at the Commission's Public Reference Room, Room 2A, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The DEA also may be viewed on the Web at [www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm](http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm). Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

Any comments on the DEA should be filed within 45 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. Please affix "Trinity Alps Project Surrender of Exemption from Licensing, Project No. 4737-005" to all comments. For further information, please contact Jim Haimes at (202) 219-2780.

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

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2169 NC/TN]

#### Tapoco, Inc.; Notice of Scoping Meetings Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 for an Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment

September 1, 1999.

Pursuant to the Energy Policy Act of 1992, and as part of the license application, Tapoco, Inc. (Tapoco) intends to prepare an Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment (APEA) to file along with the license application, with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) for the Tapoco Project, FERC No. 2169. The license for the project expires on February 28, 2005.

In June, 1998, Tapoco initiated the cooperative consultation process with federal and state resource agencies, local interests, Indian tribes and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) for the relicensing of the Tapoco Project. Tapoco obtained support from the parties involved in the cooperative process to pursue the Alternative Licensing Process (ALP) for the relicensing of the Tapoco Project. On September 30, 1998, Tapoco, Inc. requested, and on February 9, 1999, the Commission approved the use of the ALP. The process has involved identification of environmental issues associated with the relicensing of the Tapoco Project, including a project site visit for agencies/stakeholders and a public meeting to solicit comments on the Initial Consultation Document (ICD) and initiate issue identification on April 13 and 14, 1999 and additional public meetings on June 15 and 16, 1999 to continue issue identification.

As part of the ALP, Tapoco, with the Commission has prepared a Scoping Document I (SDI), which provides information on the scoping process, an APEA preparation schedule, background information, environmental issues, and proposed project alternatives.

The purpose of this notice is to: (1) Advise all parties as to the proposed scope of the environmental analysis, including cumulative effects, and to seek additional information pertinent to 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