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**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Hydrogen Technical Advisory Panel; Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Hydrogen Technical Advisory Panel. Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law No. 92–463, 86 Stat. 770, as amended), requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Wednesday, October 20, 1999, 8:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** California Air Resources Board, 2020 L Street, Sacramento, California 95814.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Neil Rossmeissl, Alternate Designated Federal Officer, Hydrogen Program Manager, EE–13, Office of Power Technologies, Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585; Telephone: 202–586–8668.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Purpose of the Meeting**

—The major purpose of this meeting will be to hold a round table discussion on the Role of Local, State and Federal Governments in Supporting and Encouraging the Transition to Hydrogen Energy Systems.

*Tentative Agenda*

Wednesday, October 20, 1999

8:30 am	Introduction and Opening Comments .....	D. Nahmias
8:40	HTAP Committee Reports:	
	—Coordination .....	H. Chum
	—Scenario Planning .....	H. Wedaa
	—Fuel Choice .....	R. Nichols
9:10	State of California—Hydrogen Activities—Today and Tomorrow:	
	“Science, Technology and the Economy for the 21st Century” Keynote address .....	K. Calvert (invited)
	—California Air Resources Board .....	A. Lloyd
	—California Energy Commission .....	D. Rohy
10:10	Break	
10:30	State of California—Hydrogen Activities—Today and Tomorrow, continued:	
	—South Coast Air Quality Management District .....	C. Liu
	—Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District .....	T. Taylor
	—California Hydrogen Business Council .....	D. Moard
	—Union of Concerned Scientists .....	J. Mark
	—UC Riverside .....	J. Heffel
	—UC Davis .....	J. Kraovoza
12:00 pm	Lunch	
1:00	Roundtable Discussion on Role of Local, State, and Federal Governments in Supporting and Encouraging the Transition to Hydrogen Energy Systems	
2:00	DOE Program Report .....	S. Gronich
2:45	Results of 1999 Hydrogen Program Peer Review .....	N. Rossmeissl
3:00	Hydrogen: Perspectives and Prospects .....	H. Hubbard
3:30	Break	
4:00	Public Comments (5 minutes maximum per speaker) .....	Audience
5:00	HTAP Deliberations .....	Panel
6:00	Adjourn	

**Public Participation:** This meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Mr. Neil Rossmeissl’s office at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentations in the agenda. The Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments.

**Minutes:** The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and

copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E–190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20585 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Neil Rossmeissl, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20585, or by calling (202) 586–8668.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**Notice of Application and Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment Accepted for Filing; Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests; Requesting Comments, Final Terms and Conditions, Recommendations and Prescriptions; and Requesting Reply Comments**

September 29, 1999.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application and Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment (APEA) has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.

b. *Project No.:* 2077-016.

c. *Date filed:* July 29, 1999.

d. *Applicant:* USGen New England, Inc.

e. *Name of Project:* Fifteen Mile Falls Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the Connecticut River, in Grafton and Coos Counties, New Hampshire, and Caledonia and Essex Counties, Vermont. The project would not utilize any federal lands or facilities.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Cleve Kapala, USGen New England, Inc., 46 Centerra Parkway, Lebanon, NH 03766.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to William Guey-Lee, E-mail address william.gueylee@ferc.fed.us, or telephone (202) 219-2808.

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene, protests, comments, final terms and conditions, recommendations, and prescriptions:* 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 St. NE, Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure 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, the intervenor must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. *Status of Environmental Analysis:* On April 22, 1998, the Director, Office of Hydropower Licensing approved USGen New England, Inc.'s use of the Alternative Licensing Process. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) scoping for the project was conducted through scoping documents distributed in May and August of 1998, and in public scoping meetings on June 4 and 5, 1998. The draft license application and APEA were distributed by the applicant for comment on March 3, 1999.

Commission staff has reviewed the license application and APEA and has determined that the application is acceptable for processing and no additional information or studies are needed to prepare the Commission's environmental assessment (EA).

Comments, as indicated above, are being requested from interested parties. Any comments received will be addressed in a draft EA to be issued by the Commission in early 2000. The applicant will have 45 days following the end of the comment period to respond to these comments, or may elect to seek a waiver of this deadline.

l. *Description of Project:* The project consists of the following: *The Moore Development*, located 283.5 miles from the mouth of the Connecticut River, consists of: an 11-mile-long, 3,490 surface-acre reservoir with 114,176 acre-foot storage capacity at 809.0 feet mean sea level (msl); an earth and concrete gravity dam with a length of 2,920 feet and a max. height of 178 feet; a 373-foot-long concrete spillway with 15-foot-wide by 20-foot-high sluice gate, four 50-foot bays of 17-foot-high stanchions, and three bays of 36-foot-wide by 30-foot high Taintor gates; four steel penstocks each 296 feet long; and a powerhouse with four Francis type turbines at a combined rating of 225,600 hp at a design head of 150 feet, for a plant capability of 191,960 kilowatts (kW). *The Comerford Development*, located 275.2 miles from the mouth of the Connecticut River, consists of: an 8-mile-long, 1,093 surface-acre reservoir with 29,356 acre-foot storage capacity at 650.0 feet msl; an earth and concrete gravity dam with a length of 2,253 feet and a max. height of 170 feet; and 850-foot-long concrete spillway with six 7-foot-wide by 9-foot-high sluice gates, four bays of 8-foot-high flashboards and seven 10-foot-high stanchion bays; four steel penstocks each 150-foot-long; and a powerhouse with four Francis type turbines at combined rating of 216,800 hp at a design head of 180 feet, for a plant capability of 163,960 kW. *The McIndoes Development*, located 268.2 miles from the mouth of the Connecticut River, consists of: a 5-mile-long, 543 surface-acre reservoir with 4,581 acre-foot storage capacity at 454.0 feet msl; a concrete gravity dam with a length of 730 feet and a max. height of 25 feet; a 520-foot-long concrete spillway with a 12-foot-wide by 13-foot-high skimmer gate, three 24-foot-wide by 25-foot-high Taintor gates, a 300-foot-long spillway flashboard section with 60-foot flashboards, and two 50-foot-wide by 18-foot-high stanchion bays; four steel penstocks each 150-foot-long; and a powerhouse with four Kaplan type turbines at combined rating of 3,800 hp at a design head of 29 feet, for a plant capability of 13,000 kW.

m. *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, DC 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.

n. *Protests or Motions to Intervene—* Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Rules of Practice and Procedures, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, and .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests 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 protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline data for the particular application and APEA.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—* The Commission is requesting comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, prescriptions, and reply comments.

The Commission directs, pursuant to 18 CFR 4.34(b) of the regulations, that all comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions concerning the application and APEA be filed with the Commission within 60 days from the issuance date of this notice. All reply comments must be filed with the Commission within 105 days from the date of this notice.

Anyone may obtain an extension of time for these deadlines from the Commission only upon a showing of good cause or extraordinary circumstances in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2008.

p. All filings must: (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST," "MOTION TO INTERVENE," "COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," "PRESCRIPTIONS," or "REPLY COMMENTS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application and APEA to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application and APEA directly from the applicant. Any of these documents must be filed by providing

the original and the number of copies required by the Commission's regulations to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. An additional copy must be sent to: Director, Division of Licensing and Compliance, Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above address. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

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

*Acting Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6452-1]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Applications for NPDES Permits and the Sewage Sludge Management Permits

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Applications for NPDES Discharge Permits and the Sewage Sludge Management Permits, OMB Control No. 2040-0086, EPA ICR No. 0226.15, which expires on November 30, 1999. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before November 4, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by email at farmer.sandy@epa.gov. You may download a copy of the ICR from the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 0226.15.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Applications for NPDES Discharge Permits and the Sewage Sludge Management Permits, (OMB Control No. 2040-0086; EPA ICR No. 0226.15) which expires on 11/30/99.

**Abstract:** This ICR calculates the burden and costs associated with permit applications for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) discharges and sewage sludge management activities. It is an update of the ICR, and also integrates and updates application requirements discussed in one amendment ICR approved by OMB, "National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Application Requirements—Form 2A and 2S (Final Rule)," OMB Control No. 2040-0086, ICR No. 0226.14, approved January 13, 1999. EPA uses the data contained in applications and supplemental information requests to set appropriate permit conditions, issue permits, and assess permit compliance. EPA maintains national applications information in databases, which assist permit writers in determining permit conditions. Depending on the application form they are using, applicants may be required to supply information about their facilities, discharges, treatment systems, sewage sludge use and disposal practices, pollutant sampling data, or other relevant information. In its burden and cost calculations, this ICR includes requests for information supplemental to permit applications. Application information is necessary to obtain an NPDES or sewage sludge permit. This ICR also includes the development of a storm water pollution prevention plan as part of the requirements for the multi-sector general permit, for industrial activities. The average time for this activity is 80 hours and there are an estimated 16,350 respondents. The estimated annualized burden is 1,307,963 hours. This is a newly covered area under this ICR and represents the major portion of the increase in burden.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15. The **Federal Register** document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on 04/23/98 (63 FR 20182); no comments were received.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 23.4 hours per response (combining reporting and recordkeeping). Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide

information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

#### *Respondents/Affected Entities:*

Publicly owned treatment works (POTWs), privately owned treatment works, new and existing industrial manufacturing and commercial dischargers, storm water dischargers, treatment works treating domestic sewage (TWTDS), and States and territories.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 88,209.

**Frequency of Response:** varies.

**Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:** 2,038,694 hours.

**Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden (non-labor costs):** \$1,004,710.

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 0226.15 and OMB Control No. 2040-0086 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Policy, Regulatory Information Division (2137), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460;

and

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: September 29, 1999.

**Richard T. Westlund,**

*Acting Director, Regulatory Information Division.*

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