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David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2145]

Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington; Notice of Scoping Meetings Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 for an Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment

November 18, 1999.

The Commission's regulations at Section 4.34 allow applicants the option of preparing their own Environmental Assessment (EA) for hydropower projects, and filing the EA with their application as part of an alternative licensing procedure. On October 25, 1999, the Commission approved the use of an alternative licensing procedure in the preparation of a new license application for Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County's (Chelan PUD), Rocky Reach Project, No. 2145.

The alternative procedures include provisions for the distribution of an initial information package (IIP), and for the cooperative scoping of environmental issues and needed studies. On July 7, 1999, Chelan PUD distributed their IIP. A public meeting on the IIP, and tour of project facilities were held on August 26, 1999.

Chelan PUD intends to distribute Scoping Document 1 (SD1) the week of November 15, 1999. Copies of SD1 can be obtained by calling Rosana Sokolowski at 509-663-8121 or via the Chelan PUD internet web site located at <http://www.chelanpud.org>. Two public meetings will be held to discuss SD1.

Scoping Meetings

Chelan PUD will hold public scoping meetings on December 15 and 16, 1999, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969. At the scoping meetings, Chelan PUD will: (1) Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the

EA; (2) outline any resources they believe would not require a detailed analysis; (3) identify reasonable alternatives to be addressed in the EA; (4) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantitative data, on the resources at issue; and (5) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EA.

Although Chelan PUD's intent is to prepare an EA, there is the possibility that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be required. Nevertheless, this meeting will satisfy the NEPA scoping requirements, irrespective of whether an EA or EIS is issued by the Commission.

The times and locations of the scoping meeting are:

Evening Scoping Meeting

December 15, 1999, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm,
Chelan PUD Auditorium, 327 North Wenatchee Ave., Wenatchee, WA 98807

Morning Scoping Meeting

December 16, 1999, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm,
Chelan PUD Auditorium, 327 North Wenatchee Ave., Wenatchee, WA 98807

All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited and encouraged to attend any or all of the meetings to assist in identifying and clarifying the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA.

Scoping Meeting Procedures

The meetings will be conducted according to the procedures used at Commission scoping meetings. Both scoping meetings will be recorded, and the transcripts will become part of the formal record of the proceedings for this project. Those who choose not to speak during the scoping meetings may instead submit written comments on the project.

Because this meeting will be a NEPA scoping meeting under the APEA process, the Commission does not intend to conduct a NEPA scoping meeting after Chelan PUD's application and EA are filed with the Commission. Instead, Commission staff will attend the meetings on December 15, and 16, 1999.

Commenting Deadline

Written comments should be mailed or e-mailed to: Mr. Gregg Carrington, Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington, P.O. Box 1231, Wenatchee, WA 98807-1231, gregg@chelanpud.org.

All correspondence should be postmarked no later than January 16,

2000. Comments should show the following caption on the first page: Scoping Comments, Rocky Reach Hydroelectric Project, Project No. 2145. Any comments sent to the Commission must include an original and eight copies and be addressed to: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. Please put the docket number, P-2145, on the first page.

For further information please contact Gregg Carrington of Chelan PUD at (509) 663-8121 or Vince Yearick of the Commission at (202) 219-3073.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Tendered for Filing, Soliciting Additional Study Requests, and Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests

November 18, 1999.

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

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

b. *Project No.:* 2866-008.

c. *Date Filed:* November 8, 1999.

d. *Applicant:* Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

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

f. *Location:* On the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, in Will County, Illinois. The project utilizes facilities of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Thomas K. O'Connor, Chief of Maintenance and Operations, or Gregory D. Cargill, Assistant Chief Engineer, General Division, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, IL 60611-5102, Telephone (312) 751-5102.

i. *FERC Contact:* Hector Perez, hector.perez@ferc.fed.us, 202-219-2843.

j. *Deadline for filing additional study requests:* January 7, 2000.

Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests: January 24, 2000.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy