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David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulation Commission

Notice of Application and applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment Accepted for Filing; Requesting Interventions and Protests; Establishing Procedural Schedule and Final Amendment Deadline; Requesting Comments, Final Terms and Conditions, Recommendations and Prescriptions; Requesting Reply Comments

December 6, 1999.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission. An Applicant-Prepared Environment Assessment (APEA) for the Upper Menominee River Basin Projects, which includes the project below, has been filed with the Commission. Both documents are available for public inspection.

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

b. *Project No.:* 1759-036.¹

c. *Date filed:* October 1, 1999.

d. *Applicant:* Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WE).

e. *Name of Project:* Way Dam Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the Michigamme River, near Crystal Falls, in Iron and Dickinson Counties, Michigan. The project would not utilize Federal lands or facilities.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Ms. Rita L. Hayen, P.E., Wisconsin Electric Power Company, 231 West Michigan Street, P.O. Box 2046, Milwaukee, WI 53201-2046.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Patti Leppert-Slack, E-mail address particia.lepperslack@ferc.fed.us, or telephone (202) 219-2767.

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.

¹Project No. 1759, currently consists of three developments, Way Dam, Twin Falls, and Peavy Falls Hydroelectric Projects. Wisconsin Electric requests that the Commission issue separate licenses for these three developments. The Commission has designated these three developments as P-1759-036 (Way Dam), P-11830-000 (Peavy Falls), and P-11831-000 (Twin Falls).

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 March 25, 1996, the Director, Office of Hydropower Licensing, approved WE's use of the Alternative Licensing Process. Scoping, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, for the project was conducted through scoping documents issued in July 1996 and January 1997, and in public scoping meetings on September 16 and 17, 1996. The draft license application and APEA were distributed by the applicant for comment on October 20, 1998.

The 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. Comments, as indicated above, are being requested from interested parties. The applicant will have 45 days following the end of this period to respond to those comments, or may elect to seek a waiver of this deadline.

l. *Description of Project:* The project consists of the following: (1) A 256-foot-long, 50-foot-high dam; (2) six earth embankments; (3) a powerhouse about 40 feet long and 47 feet wide containing a single generating unit rated at 1,800 kilowatts; (4) Michigamme Reservoir with a 6,400-acre surface area and a 100,600 acre-feet storage capacity at normal full summer pool elevation 1,374.3 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum; (5) an 87.5-foot-long, 26-foot-high concrete spillway; (6) a step-up transformer; and (7) appurtenant facilities.

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 Sections 385.210, .211, .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 date 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 section 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.

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

b. *Project No.:* 2074-007.

c. *Date filed:* October 1, 1999.

d. *Applicant:* Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WE).

e. *Name of Project:* Hemlock Falls Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the Michigamme River, near Crystal Falls, in Iron County, Michigan. The project would not utilize Federal lands or facilities.

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

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l. *Description of Project:* The project consists of the following: (1) A 17.5-foot-long concrete gravity left abutment; (2) a 101.5-foot-long, 40.5-foot-high gated spillway; (3) a 15-foot-long, 15-foot-high non-overflow left gravity dam; (4) a 98-foot-long, 23-foot-high non-overflow right gravity dam; (5) a 120-foot-long, 17.5-foot-high uncontrolled spillway; (6) a 17.5-foot-long right abutment; (7) an impoundment with a 75-acre surface area at normal pool elevation 1,335.5 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum; (8) an 88-foot-long, 47-foot-side powerhouse, containing a single generating unit rated at 2,800 kilowatts; (9) a step-up transformer; and (10) appurtenant facilities.

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