

**Standard Paragraph**

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, N.E., Washington, D.C. 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. 2588-004 Wisconsin]

**City of Kaukauna; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment**

December 9, 1999.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for major license for the existing Little Chute Hydroelectric Project located on the Fox River in Outagamie County, Wisconsin, and has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the project. In the DEA, the Commission's staff has analyzed the potential environmental impacts of the project and has concluded that approval of the project, with appropriate environmental protection measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the DEA are available for review in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2-A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. The DEA may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/>

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Any comments 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, NE, Room 1-A, Washington, DC 20426. Please affix "Little Chute Hydroelectric Project No. 2588-004" to all comments. For further information, contact Steve Kartalia at (202) 219-2942 or by e-mail at [stephen.kartalia@ferc.fed.us](mailto:stephen.kartalia@ferc.fed.us).

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

*Acting Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 2233]

**Willamette Falls Hydroelectric Project, Portland General Electric Company, and Smurfit Newsprint Corporation; Notice of Scoping Meetings Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 for an Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment**

December 9, 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 December 10, 1999, the Commission approved the use of an alternative licensing procedure in the preparation of a new license application for the Willamette Falls Hydroelectric Project, No. 2233.

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 December 31, 1998, Portland General Electric (PGE) distributed the Willamette Falls Project IIP. Public meetings were held on the IIP on February 17 and February 18, 1999. Several tours of project facilities were conducted during 1999.

PGE intends to distribute Scoping Document 1 (SD1) the week of December 13, 1999. Copies of SD1 can be obtained by calling the PGE hydro licensing department at 503-464-8683 or via the PGE hydro licensing web site located at <http://www.pge-hl.com>. Two public meetings will be held to discuss SD1.

**Scoping Meetings**

PGE will hold public scoping meetings on January 20, 2000, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969. At the scoping meetings, PGE 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 PGE'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:

**Morning Scoping Meeting**

January 20, 2000

9 am to 12 pm Two World Trade Center—Rooms A&B, 121 SW Salmon Street, Portland, OR 97204

**Evening Scoping Meeting**

January 20, 2000

7 pm to 9 pm Oregon City High School Cafeteria, 1306 12th Street, Oregon City, OR 97045

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 PGE's application and EA are filed with the Commission. Instead, Commission staff will attend the meetings on January 20, 2000.

*Commenting Deadline*

Written comments should be mailed or e-mailed to: Mr. David Heintzman, Portland General Electric (3WTC-BRHL), 121 SW Salmon Street, Portland, OR 97204; David\_Heintzman@pgn.com

All correspondence should be postmarked no later than March 21, 2000. Comments should show the following caption on the first page: Scoping Comments, Willamette Falls Hydroelectric Project, Project No. 2233. 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, NE, Washington, DC 20426. Please put the docket number, P-2233, on the first page.

For further information please contact Julie Keil PGE at (503) 464-8864 or John Blair of the Commission at (202) 219-2845.

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

*Acting Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Southwestern Power Administration****Integrated System Rate Schedules**

**AGENCY:** Southwestern Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of rate order.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Sections 301(b) and 302(a) of the Department of Energy Organization Act (Pub. L. 95-91) and Section 5 of the Flood Control Act of 1944 (16 U.S.C. 825s) the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Energy has approved and placed into effect on an interim basis Rate Order No. SWPA-42 which provides the following Integrated System Rate Schedules:

- Rate Schedule P-98C, Wholesale Rates for Hydro Peaking Power
- Rate Schedule NFTS-98C, Wholesale Rates for Non-Federal Transmission Service

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Forrest E. Reeves, Assistant Administrator, Office of Corporate Operations, Southwestern Power Administration, Department of Energy, PO Box 1619, Tulsa, OK 74101, (918) 595-6696, [reeves@swpa.gov](mailto:reeves@swpa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FY 1999 Power Repayment Studies for the Integrated System indicate that rates prescribed by Rate Schedules P-98B, Wholesale Rates for Hydro Peaking Power, and NFTS-98B, Wholesale Rates

for Non-Federal Transmission Service, are adequate to meet repayment criteria within the plus-or-minus two percent rate adjustment threshold. However, certain aspects of the terms and conditions set forth in the rate schedules need to be revised to expand the Real Power Loss provisions and to more accurately reflect actual regional operating conditions for Spinning and Supplemental Operating Reserves. The names of the rate schedules have been changed from P-98B and NFTS-98B to P-98C and NFTS-98C to reflect that revisions have been made.

Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern) has followed Title 10, Part 903, Subpart A of the Code of Federal Regulations, "Procedures for Public Participation in Power and Transmission Rate Adjustments," in connection with the minor rate schedule revisions being proposed. The public was advised by notice published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 49483), September 13, 1999, of proposed rate schedule changes and of the opportunity to participate in a 30-day public comment period. Written comments on the proposed rate schedule changes were due on or before October 13, 1999. No written comments were received. In addition, several informal meetings were held with customers and interested parties to discuss the proposed changes.

Information regarding these rate schedule revisions, including supporting material, is available for public review and comment in the offices of Southwestern Power Administration, One West Third Street, Suite 1400, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103.

Following review of Southwestern's proposal within the Department of Energy, I hereby approve Rate Order No. SWPA-42 on an interim basis, through

September 30, 2001, or until confirmed and approved on a final basis by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Dated: December 2, 1999.

**T.J. Glauthier,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

**Order Confirming, Approving and Placing Revised Power Rate Schedules in Effect on an Interim Basis (January 1, 2000)**

[Rate Order, No. SWPA-42]

Pursuant to Sections 301(b) and 302(a) of the Department of Energy Organization Act, Public Law 95-91, the functions of the Secretary of the Interior and the Federal Power Commission under Section 5 of the Flood Control Act of 1944, 16 U.S.C. 825s, for the Southwestern Power Administration

(Southwestern) were transferred to and vested in the Secretary of Energy. By Delegation Order No. 0204-108, effective December 14, 1983, 48 FR 55664, the Secretary of Energy delegated to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on an exclusive basis the authority to confirm, approve and place in effect on a final basis, or to disapprove power and transmission rates. This rate order is issued by the Secretary of Energy pursuant to the Department of Energy Organization Act, Public Law 95-91, as noted above.

**Background**

In September 1999, Southwestern completed its review of the adequacy of the current rate schedules for the Integrated System and finalized its FY 1999 Power Repayment The FY 1999 Power Repayment for the Integrated System indicates that rates prescribed by Rate Schedules P-98B, Wholesale Rates for Hydro Peaking Power, and NFTS-98B, Wholesale Rates for Non-Federal Transmission Service, are sufficient to meet repayment criteria within the plus-or-minus 2 percent rate adjustment threshold. However, certain aspects of the terms and conditions set forth in the rate schedules need to be revised to expand the Real Power Loss provisions and to more accurately reflect actual regional operating conditions for Spinning and Supplemental Operating Reserves. Since the proposed changes to the rate schedules are associated with the terms and conditions of service, the net results of the 1997 Integrated System Power Repayment Studies, which was the basis for the existing rate schedules, will not be altered. The designations of the aforementioned rate schedules have been changed from P-98B and NFTS-98B to P-98C and NFTS-98C, respectively, to reflect the fact that revisions have been made.

Title 10, Part 903 Subpart A, of the Code of Federal Regulations, "Procedures for Public Participation in Power and Transmission Rate Adjustments and Extensions" (Part 903) have been followed in connection with the proposed revisions to the rate schedules. An opportunity for customers and other interested members of the public to review and comment on the proposed Rate Schedules P-98C and NFTS-98C was announced by notice published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 49483), September 13, 1999, with written comments due on or before October 13, 1999. In addition, Southwestern held informal meetings with customers to discuss proposed changes and to provide opportunity for input in the development of these