

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.

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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.