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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2964-006, Michigan]

City of Sturgis; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

January 14, 2000.

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 relicensing of the Sturgis Hydroelectric Project, located on the St. Joseph River in St. Joseph County, Michigan, 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 existing 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 also may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

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 "Sturgis Hydroelectric Project No. 2964-006" to all comments. For further information, please contact Patrick Murphy at 202-219-2659.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1984-069 Wisconsin]

Wisconsin River Power Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

January 14, 2000.

An environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review. The EA analyzes the environmental impacts of Wisconsin River Power Company's application to sell 2,380 acres of project lands along with four recreation sites to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). All lands are part of the Castle Rock/Petenwell Hydroelectric Project located on the Wisconsin and Yellow Rivers in Adams, Juneau and Woods Counties, Wisconsin. The WDNR proposes to use these lands to expand its Buckhorn State Park and Wildlife Area. The EA was written by the WDNR and adopted by commission staff (with modifications) in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Commission staff's modifications are contained in our order approving the application issued December 22, 1999.

Copies of our order and the EA are 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 order and EA may also be viewed on the web at www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP99-624-000]

Wyoming Interstate Company, Ltd.; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Medicine Bow Lateral Phase II Project

January 14, 2000.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Wyoming Interstate Company, Ltd.

(WIC) in the above-referenced docket. The proposed project would include the construction and operation of approximately 5.6 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline, add 7,170 horsepower (hp) of compression to an existing compressor station, and a new check meter at an existing compressor station.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

WIC proposed to build a new pipeline and compression facilities to increase the transportation capacity of its existing Medicine Bow Lateral in Colorado and Wyoming. The new facilities would enable WIC to transport an additional 120,000 Dekatherms per day (Dth/d) of natural gas from the Powder River Basin.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the following proposed natural gas transmission facilities:

- about 5.6 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline in Weld County, Colorado;
- one 7,170-hp compressor unit at WIC's existing Douglas Compressor Station in Converse County, Wyoming; and
- one check meter at WIC's existing Cheyenne Compressor Station in Weld County, Colorado.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, state and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before the date specified below. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send two copies of your comments to: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental