accepting Transwestern’s March 27, 2000 filing, subject to Transwestern’s submitting within 15 days of such order, tariff sheets consistent with the requirements of Order No. 637; and (2) to clarify its tariff provisions to allow a releasing shipper to subject its prearranged deal at maximum rates or above maximum rates to further posting and bidding if it desires.

Transwestern further states that copies of the filing have been mailed to each of its customers and interested State Commissions.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission’s Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission’s Regulations. 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 proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm (call 202–208–2222 for assistance).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 935, Project No. 2071, Project No. 2111, and Project No. 2213]

PacifiCorp; Public Utility District No. 1 of Cowlitz County; Notice of Scoping Meetings and Tour of Projects Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 for an Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment


The Commission’s regulations 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. 1 On April 1, 1999, the Commission approved the use of an alternative licensing procedure in the preparation of a new license application for PacificCorp’s Merwin, Yale, and Swift No. 1 Projects, and Public Utility District No. 1 of Cowlitz County’s (Cowlitz PUD) Swift No. 2 Project; project numbers. 935, 2071, 2111, and 2213, respectively. The Commission has also accelerated the Merwin license expiration and is delaying action on the Yale application (filed May 5, 1999) so all four projects can be relicensed at the same time.

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. PacifiCorp and Cowlitz PUD (licensees) distributed the IIP on March 8, 2000. During the week of May 15, 1999, the licensees will distribute a Scoping Document (SD1). 2 Two public meetings will be held to discuss these documents.

Scoping Meetings

The licensees will hold public scoping meetings on June 21, 2000, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969. At the scoping meetings, the licensees will: (1) Briefly summarize the material presented in the scoping document and the environmental issues tentatively identified in the scoping document 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 the licensees intend 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 meetings are:

Daytime Scoping Meeting
June 21, 2000, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oak Tree Restaurant, Woodland, Washington.

Evening Scoping Meeting
June 21, 2000, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Oak Tree Restaurant, Woodland, Washington.

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.

Project Tour

A public tour of the projects is scheduled for June 22, 2000. The tour will begin at the Merwin Project headquarters in Ariel, Washington. Those interested in the project tour...
Scoping Meeting Procedures

The meetings will be conducted according to the procedures used at Commission scoping meetings in that the meetings will be recorded. Because these will be NEPA scoping meetings under the ALP, the Commission does not intend to conduct further NEPA scoping meetings after the applications and EA are filed with the Commission. Instead, Commission staff will participate in the meetings on June 21, 2000.

Both scoping meetings will be recorded, and the transcripts will become part of the formal record for this project. Those who choose not to speak during the scoping meetings may instead submit written comments on the project. Written comments should be mailed or e-mailed to:

Frank Shrier, PacifiCorp, 825 NE Multnomah, Suite 1500, Portland, OR 97232; frank.shrier@pacifiCorp.com

Diana MacDonald, Cowlitz County PUD, Box No. 3007, 961 12th Avenue, Longview, WA 98632; dmacdonald@cowlitzpud.org

Commenting Deadline

All correspondence should be postmarked no later than July 17, 2000. Comments should show the following caption on the first page: Scoping Comments, Lewis River Projects, Project Nos. 935, 2071, 2111, 2213.

For further information please contact Vince Yearick of the Commission at (202) 219–3073 or vince.yearick@ferc.fed.us

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application for Approval of 1997 Pacific Northwest Coordination Agreement as a Headwater Benefits Settlement Agreement, and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests


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

a. Application Type: Coordination Agreement as Headwater Benefits Settlement Agreement.

b. Docket No.: HB02–00–1.

c. Date Filed: February 2, 2000.

d. Applicant: Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington on its own; and eight other non-federal parties to the agreement.


f. Project Location: PNCA covers ten non-federal hydropower projects licensed by the Commission in Flathead, and Sanders Counties in Montana, Bonner County in Idaho, Chelan, Douglas, and Pend Oreille Counties in Washington, and Lane and Clackamas Counties in Oregon.

g. Filed Pursuant to: 18 CFR 11.14(a)(1) and Rule 602 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure.

h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Roger A. Braden, General Manager, Public Utility District No. 1 of the Chelan County, P.O. Box 1231, Wenatchee, WA 98807–1231. Tel: (509) 663–8123.

i. FERC Contact: Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Vedula Sarma at (202) 219–3273 or by e-mail at vedula.sarma@ferc.fed.us.

j. Deadline for filing comments and/or motions: June 23, 2000.

Please include the docket number (HB02–00–1) on any comments or motions filed.

k. Description of filing: The 1997 PNCA is intended to supersede and replace the 1964 PNCA previously approved by the Commission, for the coordinated operation of a system publicly and privately owned hydroelectric generating plants and related transmission facilities through the year 2024. Section 12 of the 1997 PNCA, just like its predecessor, provides a method to calculate headwater benefits payments based upon coordinated storage releases from upstream reservoirs controlled by dams in the United States. The payments provided by section 13 are intended to constitute full satisfaction of obligations under section 10(l) of the Federal Power Act.

l. Location 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. This filing may be viewed on http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm [call (202) 208–2222 for assistance]. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item g above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission’s mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission, David P. Boegers, 888 First Street NE, Washington DC 20426.

Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments 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 comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title “COMMENTS”, “RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS,” “PROTEST,” or “MOTION TO INTERVENE,” as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission’s regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington DC 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency’s comments must also be sent to the Applicant’s representatives.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).