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Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 10942-001]

Skykomish River Hydro, Inc.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Soliciting Comments

July 28, 2000.

On March 8, 1994, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) received an application for the construction and operation of the Martin Creek Project located on Martin Creek and Kelley Creek in King County, Washington. The project would be located on about 17 acres of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest and would have an installed capacity of 10.2 megawatts.

A Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) was issued July 29, 1994. Public scoping meetings were held on August 24 and 25, 1994, in Skykomish, Washington and Bellevue, Washington, respectively. Following scoping and based on preliminary environmental analysis of the Martin Creek Project, the FERC staff has determined that licensing of the Martin Creek Project could constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, the staff intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Martin Creek Project in accordance with the NEPA.

A draft EIS will be issued and circulated for review by all interested parties. All comments filed on the draft EIS will be analyzed by the staff and considered in the final EIS. The staff's conclusions and recommendations will then be presented for the consideration of the Commission in reaching its final licensing decision.

This notice informs all interested individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns, that: (1) The Commission staff has decided to prepare an EIS; (2) the

scoping conducted on the Martin Creek Project for the EA and comments filed with the Commission still apply; (3) additional comments for the Martin Creek Project that may result from the change from an Environmental Assessment to an EIS may be filed with the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, within 60 days from the date of this notice.

All written correspondence should clearly show the following caption on the first page:

Martin Creek Hydroelectric Project, (FERC Project No. 10942-001)

Intervenor—those on the Commission's service list for this proceeding (parties)—are reminded of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, requiring parties filing documents with the Commission, to serve a copy of the document on each person whose name appears on the official service list. Further, if a party or interceder files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to David Turner at (202) 219-2844.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Surrender of Exemption and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

July 28, 2000.

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

- a. *Application Type:* Surrender of Exemption.
- b. *Project No.:* 9902-005.
- c. *Date Filed:* June 19, 2000.
- d. *Applicant:* Carlsbad Municipal Water District.
- e. *Name of Project:* Fred Maerkle Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Applicant's domestic water supply conduit which delivers water from the San Diego County Water Authority connection No. 3 on the Tri-Agencies Pipeline to the Fred Maerkle Reservoir, near Carlsbad, in San Diego County, California.

g. *Filed pursuant to:* 18 CFR 4.102.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. William Plummer, District Engineer/Deputy City Engineer, 1635 Faraday Avenue, Carlsbad, CA 92008-7314, (760) 602-2720.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions related to this notice should be addressed to Rafael Montag at (202) 208-0985, or e-mail address: rafael.montag@ferc.fed.us.

j. *Deadline for filing comments and/or motions:* August 30, 2000.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426.

Please include the project number (9902-005) on any comments or motions filed.

k. *Description of Project:* The project consisted of a powerhouse containing a single turbine-generator unit with a rated capacity of 60 kilowatts under a head of 325 feet. A 200-volt, 300-foot-long transmission line connected the project to a radio transmitter.

Carlsbad Municipal Water District requests to surrender the exemption for this constructed project because the project facilities have been removed and there are no plans to install new equipment, or in any way use the site for energy generation in conjunction with the existing exemption.

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, D.C. 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 h above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

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.