

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****Notice of Intent To Surrender Exemption**

August 17, 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.*: P-3615-002.
- c. *Date Filed*: June 30, 2000.
- d. *Applicant*: Drew River Mill, Inc.
- e. *Name of Project*: Branch River Mill Project.
- f. *Location*: The Branch River Mill Project is located on the Branch River in Carroll County, New Hampshire.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact*: David Klein, C/O John E. Bowker, P.E., 102 Old Governor's Road, Brookfield, NH 03872, (603) 522-3704.
- i. *FERC Contact*: Stefanie Damiani at stefanie.damiani@ferc.fed.us, or telephone (202) 219-2684.
- j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions, or protests*: September 18, 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, D.C. 20426.

Please include the project number (P-3615-002) on any comments or motions filed.

k. *Description of Project*: The project consists of: (1) A 10-foot-high, 50-foot-long, concrete cap dam; (2) a reservoir with a surface area of 3 acres; (3) a powerhouse containing a single generating unit with a net rating of 30 kW; and (4) appurtenant facilities. The exemptee requesters surrender of the exemption, stating that the Branch River Mill Dam stopped supplying electric power to the Public Service of New Hampshire as of October 20, 1999.

l. *Locations of the application*: A copy of the notices and letters 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 application may be viewed on the web at www.ferc.fed.us. 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.

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, N.E., Washington, D.C. 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.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions to Intervene, Protests, and Comments**

August 17, 2000.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed

with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Type of Application*: Preliminary Permit.
- b. *Project No.*: 11854-000.
- c. *Date filed*: August 7, 2000.
- d. *Applicant*: Ketchikan Public Utilities.
- e. *Name of Project*: Connell Lake Project.
- f. *Location*: On Connell Lake and Ward Creek, in Ketchikan Gateway Borough, Alaska. The project would utilize federal lands within Tongass National Forest.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact*: Karl R. Amylon, General Manager, Ketchikan Public Utilities, 2930 Tongass Avenue, Ketchikan AK 99901.
- i. *FERC Contact*: Robert Bell, 202-219-2806.
- j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene, protests and comments*: 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all interveners filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person in the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervener 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.

k. *Description of Project*: The proposed project would consist of: (1) a 600-foot-long, 70-foot-high concrete gravity dam; (2) having an impoundment with a surface area of 400 acres and storage capacity of 8,370 acre-feet, with normal water surface elevation of 254 feet msl; (3) an intake structure; (4) a 2.4-mile-long, 60-inch wood stave pipe; (5) a 0.3-mile-long concrete lined tunnel; (6) a 0.3-mile-long, 48-inch wood stave pipe; (7) a 0.1-mile-long, 48-inch-diameter steel pipe; (8) 1,800-foot-long, 48-inch-diameter steel penstock; (9) a powerhouse containing one generating unit with an installed capacity of 1.9 MW; (10) a tailrace; (11) a 1,400-foot-long, 34.5 kV transmission line; and (13) appurtenant facilities.

The project would have an annual generation of 11,640 MWh that would be sold to a local utility.

l. 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. The application 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.

Preliminary Permit—Anyone desiring to file a competing application for preliminary permit for a proposed project must submit the competing application itself, or a notice of intent to file such an application, to the Commission on or before the specified comment date for the particular application (see 18 CFR 4.36). Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing preliminary permit application no later than 30 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing preliminary permit application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

Preliminary Permit—Any qualified development applicant desiring to file a competing development application must submit to the Commission, on or before a specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent to file a development application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

Notice of intent—A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit—A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation

of a development application to construct and operate the project.

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", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION", "COMPETING APPLICATION", "PROTEST", "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, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Hydropower Administration and Compliance, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or 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.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Interim Approval

AGENCY: Southeastern Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Rate Order.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Department of Energy, confirmed and approved, on an interim basis, Rate Schedules JW-1-F and JW-2-C. The rates were approved on an interim basis through September 19, 2005, and are subject to confirmation and approval by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on a final basis.

DATES: Approval of rate on an interim basis is effective through September 19, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leon Jourolmon, Assistant Administrator, Finance & Marketing, Southeastern Power Administration, Department of Energy, Samuel Elbert Building, 2 South Public Square, Elberton, Georgia 30635-2496, (706) 213-3800.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, by Order issued November 17, 1995, in Docket No. EF95-3031-000, confirmed and approved Wholesale Power Rate Schedules JW-1-E and JW-2-B. Rate schedules JW-1-F and JW-2-C replace these schedules.

Dated: August 11, 2000.

T. J. Glauthier,
Deputy Secretary.

[Rate Order No. SEPA-39]

Southeastern Power Administration— Jim Woodruff Project Power Rates; Order Confirming and Approving Power Rates on an Interim Basis)

Pursuant to Sections 302(a) and 301(b) 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, relating to the Southeastern Power Administration (Southeastern) were transferred to and vested in the Secretary of Energy. By Delegation Order No. 0204-108, effective May 30, 1986, 51 FR 19744 (May 30, 1986), the Secretary of Energy delegated to the Administrator the authority to develop power and transmission rates, and delegated to the Under Secretary the authority to confirm, approve, and place in effect such rates on an interim basis and delegated to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) the authority to confirm and approve on a final basis or to disapprove rates developed by the Administrator under the delegation. On November 24, 1999, the Secretary of Energy issued Delegation Order No. 0204-172, granting the Deputy Secretary authority to confirm, approve, and place into