

- Construct and operate a 16,000-horsepower Cross Bay Compressor Station and Cross Bay Meter Station at the same location in Middlesex County, New Jersey.

The applicants also request the abandonment of Transco's pipeline facilities by transfer to Cross Bay. The location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.²

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would require about 49.9 acres of land. Following construction, about 11.5 acres would be maintained as new aboveground facility sites. The remaining 38.4 acres of land would be restored and allowed to revert to its former use.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. We³ call this "scoping." The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands
- Vegetation and wildlife
- Endangered and threatened species
- Land use
- Cultural resources
- Air quality and noise
- Public safety

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or

²The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

³"We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects.

portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section below.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentator, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative locations), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send two copies of your letter 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 Gas 1.
- Reference Docket No. CP00-412-000.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before October 16, 2000.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor". Intervenor status is a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's

service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 2). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at 208-0004 or on the FERC website (www.ferc.fed.us) using the "RIMS" link to information in this docket number. Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to RIMS, the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

Similarly, the "CIPS" link on the FERC Internet website provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices and rulemakings. From the FERC Internet website, click on the "CIPS" link, select "Docket #" from the CIPS menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2474.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary,

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application for Transfer of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protests

September 14, 2000.

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

- Application Type:* Transfer of License.
- Project No:* 3511-011.
- Date Filed:* August 15, 2000.
- Applicants:* UAH-Groveville Hydro Associates and Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation.
- Name of Project:* Groveville Power.

f. *Location*: The project is located on Fishkill Creek in Dutchess County, New York. The project does not utilize federal or tribal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 791(a)–825(r).

h. *Applicant Contacts*: UAH-Groveville Hydro Associates: Judith Lagano, UAH Management Corp., c/o United American Hydropower Corp., 50 Tice Blvd., Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07675; and Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation: William J. Madden, Jr., John A. Wittaker, IV, Winston & Strawn, 1400 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005, (202) 371-5700 and Ronald P. Brand, Senior Vice President—Special Projects, Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation, 284 South Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601, (845) 486-5260.

i. *FERC Contact*: Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Dave Snyder at (202) 219-2385.

j. *Deadline for filing comments and or motions*: October 19, 2000.

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

Please include the Project Number (3511-011) on any comments or motions filed.

k. *Description of Transfer*: UAH-Groveville Hydro Associates (transferor), licensee of the Groveville Power Project, and Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation (transferee) jointly and severally apply for approval of the transfer of the project license to the transferee.

l. *Locations 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. The application may be viewed on the web at 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.

n. 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.

o. 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. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

p. 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.

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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

September 14, 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.*: 11586-000.

c. *Date filed*: July 15, 2000.

d. *Applicant*: Town of Telluride, Colorado.

e. *Name of Project*: San Miguel Project.

f. *Location*: On San Miguel River, in San Miguel County, Colorado. The project would utilize no federal lands or facilities.

g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 791(a)–825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact*: Ms. Margaret Curran, Town Manager, Town of Telluride, P.O. Box 397, Telluride, Colorado 81435, (970) 728-3071.

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, DC 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 9-foot-high concrete Diversion weir; (2) an impoundment having a surface area of 6 acres with negligible storage and a normal water surface elevation of 8,610 feet msl; (3) a 7,000-foot-long, 54-inch-diameter steel penstock; (4) a powerhouse containing one generating unit with an installed capacity of 4.6 MW; (5) a 150-foot-long 12.5 kV transmission line; and (6) appurtenant facilities.

The project would have an annual generation of 1 GWh that would be sold to a local utility. Please Note that Public Law number 105-212 authorizes the Commission to grant the current licensee of this project an extension providing the record supports it. An extension request is pending before the Commission. If this extension is granted, the license for this project would be reinstated and this preliminary permit application would be denied.

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, DC 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.

m. 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