

protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of these filings are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1981-010-Wisconsin]

Oconto Electric Cooperative; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

November 8, 2000.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for a new license for the existing Stiles Hydroelectric Project, located on the Oconto River, in the township of Stiles, Oconto County, Wisconsin, and has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project. In the draft EA, the Commission staff has analyzed the potential environmental effects of the project and has concluded that the approval of the project, with appropriate environmental measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the draft EA 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 draft EA may also be viewed on the internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm>. Please 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, Washington, DC 20426. Please affix "Stiles Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 1981-010" to all comments. For further information, please contact Patti Leppert at (202) 219-2767. Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in

lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1984-056 Wisconsin; Project No. 11162-002 Wisconsin]

Wisconsin River Power Company, Wisconsin Power and Light Company; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

November 8, 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 Energy Projects has reviewed the application for new major license for the Petenwell and Castle Rock Hydroelectric Project located on the Wisconsin River in Wood, Juneau, and Adams Counties near Necedah, Wisconsin, and the application for original major license for the Prairie du Sac Hydroelectric Project located on the Wisconsin River in Sauk and Columbia Counties near Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin.

On June 23, 1998, the Commission staff issued a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the proposed licensing actions and requested that comments be filed with the Commission within 45 days. Comments on the DEA were filed and are addressed in the Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) for the proposed licensing actions.

The FEA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed licenses, and concludes that the approval of the proposed licenses, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute major federal actions that would significantly affected the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the FEA are available for review in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. These filings may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/>

[online/rims.htm](http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm) (please call (202) 208-2222 for assistance).

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Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Tendered for Filing with the Commission and Soliciting Additional Study Requests

November 8, 2000.

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

a. *Type of Application:* New Minor License.

b. *Project No.:* P-2835-005.

c. *Date Filed:* October 27, 2000.

d. *Applicant:* New York State Electric & Gas Corporation.

e. *Name of Project:* Rainbow Falls Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Ausable River, in the townships of Ausable and Chesterfield, Clinton and Essex counties, New York. The project would not use federal lands.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Carol Howland, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, Corporate Drive—Kirkwood Industrial Park, P.O. Box 5224, Binghamton, NY 13902-5224; (607) 762-8881.

i. *FERC Contact:* Jarrad Kosa, (202) 219-2831.

j. *Deadline for filing additional study requests pursuant to 18 CFR 4.32(b)(7) of the Commission's regulations:* December 26, 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. Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor 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. The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. *The Rainbow Falls Hydroelectric Project consists of:* (1) An existing 345-foot-long and 16-foot-high dam; (2) an existing 17-acre reservoir having a storage capacity of 180-acre-feet at an elevation of 307.0 feet above mean sea level; (3) a powerhouse containing two generating units for a total installed capacity of 2,640 kilowatts; and (4) existing transmission and appurtenant facilities. The project is estimated to generate an average of 14 million kilowatt hours annually. The dam and project facilities are owned by the applicant.

m. 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 2-A, 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.

n. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the *New York State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)*, as required by § 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR 800.4.

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

November 8, 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.:* 11858-000.

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

d. *Applicant:* Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District.

e. *Name of Project:* Lake Elsinore Project.

f. *Location:* On Lake Elsinore, Lion Springs, and San Juan Creek, in

Riverside County, California. The project would utilize federal lands within Cleveland National Forest.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Rob Bakondy, Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage, L.L.C., Enron North America Corp., 101 California Street, Suite 1950, San Francisco, CA 94111, (415) 782-7806.

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. Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

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 pumped storage project would have two upper reservoirs (one in Morrell Canyon the other in Decker Canyon) and would use the natural Lake Elsinore as the lower reservoir. The project would consist of: (1) A proposed 550-foot-long, 220-foot-high concrete-face rockfill Morrell Canyon Dam; (2) a proposed 575-foot-long, 100-foot-high impervious core rock fill downstream Morrell Canyon Dam; (3) a proposed impoundment having a surface area of 142 acres, with a storage capacity of 7,400 acre-feet, and normal maximum water surface elevation of 2,860 feet msl; (3) a proposed 1,800-foot-long, 220-foot high impervious core rock filled Decker Canyon Dam; (4) a proposed impoundment having a surface area of 95 acres, with a storage capacity of 5,000 acre-feet, and normal maximum water surface elevation of 2,740 feet msl; (5) the existing Lake Elsinore impoundment having a water surface elevation of 3,412 acres, with a storage capacity of 68,006 acre-feet, and a normal maximum water surface elevation of 1,249 feet msl; (6) two

proposed excavated canals designed to pass flows in both the generating and pumping directions; (7) a proposed powerhouse containing three pumping/generating units with a total installed capacity of 330 MW; (8) a proposed 5.9-mile-long, 115 kV transmission line; and (9) appurtenant facilities.

The project would have an annual generation of 1.848 GWh 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.