

delivered to a collector transmission line between the Soda Springs powerhouse substation and the Toketee switching station.

Slide Creek: (1) a 30-foot-high diversion dam on the North Umpqua River, about 900 feet downstream of the Toketee powerhouse and impounding a 43-acre-foot reservoir with no active storage; (2) 9,653 feet of canal and flumes; (3) a forebay with no storage capacity at the intake of a 374-foot-long penstock; (4) a 2-mile-long bypassed reach; and (5) a powerhouse containing an 18,000-kW turbine generator unit on the North Umpqua River at the mouth of Slide Creek, approximately 1.3 miles above the Soda Springs dam. Power is delivered to a collector transmission line running between the Soda Springs powerhouse substation and the Toketee switching station.

Soda Springs: (1) a 77-foot-high diversion dam on the North Umpqua River downstream of the Slide Creek powerhouse, impounding a 412-acre-foot reservoir; (2) 2,112 feet of steel pipe; (4) a surge tank; (5) a 168-foot-long penstock; (6) a 0.5-mile-long bypassed reach; and (7) a powerhouse with a 11,000-kW turbine generator unit located on the North Umpqua River about 1.5 miles downstream of Medicine Creek. Power is delivered to the Soda Springs substation, adjacent to the Soda Springs powerhouse.

(2) The licensee proposes to make the following facility modifications:

A new enlarged forebay would be added to Lemolo No. 1 to virtually eliminate the risk of spill events. Instream flow outlet and measurement facilities would be modified or added in the bypassed reaches of all project developments. A new instream release structure would be constructed at the extreme lower end of the Clearwater bypassed reach to provide flows to the historic river channel and provide aquatic connectivity between the Clearwater and North Umpqua Rivers. Canal flow gages would be installed on Lemolo No. 1, Lemolo No. 2, Clearwater No. 1, Clearwater No. 2, Fish Creek, and Slide Creek conveyance systems. A penstock flow meter would be installed on the Toketee development to measure flows through the powerhouse. These facilities would measure conveyance system flows for both water rights compliance and conveyance system monitoring. In addition, the following enhancement measures would be implemented to improve aquatic and terrestrial connectivity: (a) reconnect Bear Creek, currently diverted into Stump Lake, by rerouting it through its historic channel to the mainstream Clearwater River; (b) reconnect 27 small

tributaries that are currently intercepted by project canals by constructing artificial channels for water to cross the canal and providing pre-cast concrete canal covers; (c) reconnect 36 small tributaries that are currently intercepted by flumes or flow under flumes through culverts too small to allow passage of small wildlife by installing 10-foot-wide culverts in a shallow excavation under each flume; (d) reconnect 8 tributary streams that are currently diverted into Lemolo No. 1 and Lemolo No. 2 waterways by removing diversion structures, except for Deer Creek, and allowing the streams to flow down their natural channels; (e) reconfigure the historic stream channels for Potter and White Mule Creeks that have been disturbed by activities in the vicinity of project waterways to provide riparian function; (f) create 4 ponds or similar stillwater habitat areas to provide stable, predator-free environments for breeding amphibians; and (g) provide 26 new 12-foot-wide wildlife bridges, install up to 175 new 2-foot-wide wildlife bridges, and expand 29 existing wildlife bridges across water conveyance systems.

(3) The licensee proposes to operate the project as follows:

The functional relationship of the 8 projects would remain relatively unchanged from the existing operations. Generally, the project developments above the Soda Springs development would continue to operate to meet daily high energy demands during most of the year. The Soea Springs development would be operated continuously to provide uniform flows in the North Umpqua River below the project. Proposed increases in instream flow in the bypassed reaches to more closely resemble a natural hydrograph, meet water quality standards, and improve resident and anadromous fish habitat would result in a decrease in gross project generation.

m. Copies of the application and the February 22, 2000, amendments are available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2-A Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The application and amendments may be viewed on <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance). Copies are also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

n. The Commission directs that all comments, recommendations, terms and conditions and prescriptions concerning the application be filed with the Commission by March 1, 2001. All reply

comments must be filed with the Commission by April 16, 2001.

Anyone may obtain an extension of time for these deadlines from the Commission only upon a showing of good cause or extraordinary circumstances in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2008.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "REPLY COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS", "TERMS AND CONDITIONS", or "PRESCRIPTIONS"; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b), and 385.2010.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Extension of Time for Notice of Transfer of Licenses, Substitution of Relicense Applicant, and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

November 15, 2000.

In light of requests in recent filings for an extension of time to comment regarding this proceeding, the Commission hereby extends the comment date 45 days.

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

a. *Application Types:* (1) Transfer of Licenses and (2) Request for Substitution of Applicant for New License (in Project No. 2064-004).

b. *Project Nos:* 2064-005, 2684-005, and 2064-004.

c. *Date Filed:* August 16, 2000.

d. *Applicants*: North Central Power Co., Inc. (transferor) and Flambeau Hydro, LLC (transferee).

e. *Name and Location of Project*: The Winter and Arpin Dam Hydroelectric Projects are on the East Fork of the Chippewa River and on the Chippewa River, respectively, in Sawyer County, Wisconsin. The Winter Project occupies federal lands within the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, but no tribal lands. The Arpin Project does not occupy federal or tribal lands.

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

g. *Applicant Contacts*: Mr. Frank F. Dahlberg, North Central Power Co., Inc., P.O. Box 167, Grantsburg, WI 54840, (715) 463–5371 and Mr. Donald H. Clarke, Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP, 2300 N Street NW., No. 700, Washington, DC 20037, (202) 783–4141.

h. *FERC Contact*: Any questions on this notice should be addressed to James Hunter at (202) 219–2839.

i. *Deadline for filing comments and or motions*: December 18, 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>.

Please include the noted project numbers on any comments or motions filed.

j. *Description of Proposal*: The applicants state that the transfer will assure the continued operation of these renewable energy projects and will effect the desired change of ownership of the generating facilities consistent with the restructuring plans of these members of the electric industry.

The transfer application was filed within five years of the expiration of the license for Project No. 2064, which is the subject of a pending relicensing application. In Hydroelectric Relicensing Regulations Under the Federal Power Act (54 Fed. Reg. 23, 756; FERC Stats. and Regs., Regs. Preambles 1986–1990 30,854 at p. 31,437), the Commission declined to forbid all license transfers during the last five years of an existing license, and instead indicated that it would scrutinize all such transfer requests to determine if the transfer's primary purpose was to give the transferee an advantage in relicensing (id. at p. 31,438 n. 318).

The transfer application also contains a separate request for approval of the substitution of the transferee for the

transferor as the applicant in the pending relicensing application, filed by the transferor on November 26, 1999, in Project No. 2064–004.

k. *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) 208–2222 for assistance. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the addresses in item g above.

l. 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 Responsible Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTESTS", 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.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–6904–9]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Soil Ingestion Research Study

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit the following proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Soil Ingestion Research Study (EPA ICR Number 1965.01). Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 22, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments submitted by regular U.S. Postal Service mail should be sent to: Docket Coordinator, Superfund Docket Office, Mail Code 5201G, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number SOIL–INGEST in the subject line on the first page of your comment. Comments may also be submitted electronically or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for these submission methods as provided in unit III of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section. Copies of the ICR may be obtained from this office (contact Larry Zaragoza 703–603–8867), or the Office of Environmental Information's ICR website at <http://www.epa.gov/icr/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry Zaragoza, Office of Emergency and Remedial Response, at 703–603–8867/703–603–9133 (fax), email: Zaragoza.Larry@EPA.Gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected Entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those which