

evidentiary material in formal hearings at the FERC. While the period for filing interventions in this case has expired, motions to intervene out-of-time can be filed with the FERC in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures, 18 CFR 385.214(d). Further, anyone desiring to file a protest with the FERC should do so in accordance with 18 CFR 385.211.

Comment Procedures and Public Meeting

Any person wishing to comment on the SDEIS may do so. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before the date specified below. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send an original and two copies of your comments to: 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 Group 2, PJ11.2;
- Reference Docket No. CP98-150 et al.; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before April 30, 2001.

Comments, protests and interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm> under the link to the User's Guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create an account which can be created by clicking on "Login to File" and then "New User Account."

In addition to written comments, we will hold a public meeting in the project area to receive comments on the SDEIS. Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend and present oral comments on the environmental impact described in the SDEIS. Transcripts of the meeting will be prepared.

The public meeting will begin at 7 p.m., and is scheduled as follows:

April 9, 2001; Ossining High School, 29 South Highland Ave., Ossining, New York 10562, 914-941-7700.

After these comments are reviewed, any significant new issues are investigated, and modifications are made to the SDEIS, a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) will be published and distributed by the staff. The FEIS will contain the staff's responses to timely comments filed on the SDEIS.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make

the commentor a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).

Anyone may intervene in this proceeding based on this SDEIS. You must file your request to intervene as specified above. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

The SDEIS has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

A limited number of copies are available from the Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch identified above. In addition, copies of the SDEIS have been mailed to Federal, state and local agencies, public interest groups, individuals who have requested the SDEIS, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

In addition, this notice of availability of the SDEIS will also serve as a supplemental public Notice for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for its Application for Permit pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). The original Public Notice which described the proposed pipeline from Canada to New York is available for review at both the New York (www.nan.army.mil) and Buffalo (www.lrb.army.mil) District's web sites.

If you wish to provide written comments to the Corps of Engineers on the subject activity, please provide them within 30 days of this NOA to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District Regulatory Branch, Albany Field Office, 1 Bond Street, Troy, New York 12180, Attn: Heidi Firstencel, Permit Application No. 1999-00640.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (202) 208-1088 or on the FERC Internet 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.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

March 12, 2001.

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

a. *Application Type:* Amendment of License.

b. *Project No.:* 2310-113.

c. *Date Filed:* February 6, 2001.

d. *Applicant:* Pacific Gas & Electric.

e. *Name of Project:* Drum-Spaulding Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* Rock Creek Dam and Reservoir, developments of the Drum-Spaulding Project, are located in Placer County, California near the intersection of Bell Road and Highway 49, about 4 miles north of Auburn. Portions of the Drum-Spaulding Project occupy federal lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service (Tahoe National forest) and the Bureau of Land Management.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Richard Doble, Senior License Coordinator, Hydro Generation, Pacific Gas & Electric, 245 Market Street, P.O. Box 770000, San Francisco, CA 94177-0001, (415) 973-4480.

i. *FERC Contact:* Questions about this notice can be answered by Timothy Welch at (202) 219-2666 or e-mail address: timothy_welch@ferc.fed.us. The Commission cannot accept comments, recommendations, motions to intervene or protests sent by e-mail; these documents must be filed as described below.

j. *Deadline for Filing Comments, Terms and Conditions, Motions to Intervene, and Protests:* 30 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. Comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, protests and interventions, may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instruction 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 intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears 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. Pacific Gas & Electric (licensee) has applied for license amendment to the license for the Drum-Spaulling Hydroelectric Project. To improve the safety of Rock Creek Dam, the licensee proposes to improve spillway capacity to eliminate potential overtopping of the dam under the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF) design flood. This will be accomplished by lowering the crest of the spillway 2.5 feet. The activity would involve saw cutting and removing the top portion of the existing concrete spill crest. A new reinforced concrete slab with an ogee shaped crest, similar to the existing spill crest configuration, would be installed. The modified spillway would have an increased spill capacity of 2,220 cubic feet per second and would lower the normal maximum reservoir level by 2.5 feet. As a result, the area and volume of the reservoir would be reduced from the current 55 acres and 548 acre-feet, to 50 acres and 425 acre-feet, respectively.

l. A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room 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 <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.

Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the 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 comments date for the particular application.

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.

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

[Docket No. CP98-131-004]

Vector Pipeline L.P.; Notice of Application to Amend Presidential Permit

March 12, 2001.

Take notice that on March 2, 2001, Vector Pipeline L.P. (Vector) filed in Docket No. CP98-131-004 an application, pursuant to Part 153 of the Commission's Regulations and Executive Order No. 10485, as amended by Executive Order 12038, seeking to amend the Presidential Permit issued to Vector by Commission Order dated May 27, 1999¹ in Docket No. CP98-131-000, to authorize and allow it to use its border facilities for both the importation and exportation of natural gas between the United States and Canada, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and which is open to the public for inspection. The filing may be viewed at

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

The border facilities covered by the existing Presidential Permit consist of approximately 3,100 feet of 42-inch pipeline with a maximum capacity of 1 MMDth of gas located under the riverbed of the St. Clair River at the United States-Canada International Boundary (boundary). Vector's border facilities interconnect with Vector Canada, an affiliate, at the boundary, which is situated mid-point of the St. Clair River. Article 3 of this Presidential Permit only provides for the transportation of natural gas from the United States to Canada.

Vector states that due to market circumstances which exist, or may exist in the near term, shippers on its system would find it beneficial to move gas from Canada to the United States.

Vector claims that the shippers could avail themselves of supplies that can be provided by Union Gas Ltd.'s large storage facility in Dawn, Ontario, in order to meet current and future market needs in the United States, including acting as third party storage providers consistent with the Commission's dictates in Order No. 637. Vector also states that no new facilities are to be constructed at the connections with the border facilities, thus there will be no change to the design capacity of the border facilities or the Vector mainline. Therefore, Vector requests an amendment to Article 3 of the outstanding Presidential Permit to allow such use.

Vector requests expeditious approval by the Commission to permit the requested bi-directional service so that its shippers can avail themselves of additional cross-border marketing opportunities in the near term.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Craig R. Fishbeck, President, 38705 Seven Mile Road, Suite 245, Livonia, Michigan, 48152, (734) 462-0233, and Kim M. Clark of John & Hengerer, 1200 17th Street, NW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 429-8800.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before April 2, 2001, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be

¹ Vector Pipeline L.P., 87 FERC ¶ 61,225.