

Facility will be sold by EPIN exclusively at wholesale.

Comment date: April 16, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice. The Commission will limit its consideration of comments to those that concern the adequacy or accuracy of the application.

Standard Paragraph

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make 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). Comments, protests, and interventions 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>.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

[FR Doc. 01-7973 Filed 3-30-01; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2585-002]

Northbrook Carolina Hydro, L.L.C.; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

March 27, 2001.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, the Office of Energy Projects has received the application filed on January 4, 1999, by Northbrook Carolina Hydro, L.L.C. (licensee) to surrender its license for the Idols Hydroelectric Project and has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) for the proposed and alternative actions.

The licensee indicates that the cost to replace the project powerhouse and generation equipment, which were destroyed in a fire on February 8, 1998, is not justified based on current and foreseeable electric power rates. The project site is situated near the town of Clemmons, a suburban area located 15 miles southwest of the City of Winston-Salem. The project does not utilize federal lands.

Copies of the Draft EA can be viewed at the Commission's Public Reference Room, Room 2A, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The document also may be viewed on the Web at www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

Any comments on the Draft EA should be filed within 30 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 "Idols Projects Surrender of License, No. 2585-002" to the first page of your comments. Comments, protests and interventions 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>.

For further information, please contact Jim Haimes, staff environmental protection specialist, at (202) 219-2780 or at his E-mail address: james.haimes@ferc.fed.us.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

[FR Doc. 01-8005 Filed 3-30-01; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-M

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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

March 27, 2001.

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

a. *Application Type:* Transfer of License.

b. *Project No.:* 2233-038.

c. *Date Filed:* January 9, 2001, supplement filed March 19, 2001.

d. *Applicants:* Smurfit Newsprint Corporation, Portland General Electric Company, and Blue Heron Paper Company.

e. *Name and Location of Project:* The Willamette Falls Hydroelectric Project is located on the Willamette River in Clackamas County, Oregon. The project does not occupy federal or tribal land.

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

g. *Applicant Contacts:* Mr. Craig A. Hunt, Smurfit Newsprint Corporation, 150 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60601; Ms. Julie A. Keil, Portland General Electric Company, 121 SW Salmon Street, Portland, OR 97204, (503) 464-7717; and Mr. Mike Siebers, Blue Heron Paper Company, 419 Main Street, Oregon City, OR 97045, (503) 650-4239.

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:* May 3, 2001.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NW, Washington, DC 20426. Comments, motions to intervene, 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 project number (P-2233-038) on any comments or motions filed.

j. *Description of Proposal:* The applicants request after-the-fact approval of a partial transfer of the license for Project No. 2233, to substitute Blue Heron Paper Company for Smurfit Newsprint Corporation as a co-licensee. The applicants state that Blue Heron Paper Company resulted from a management-led buyout of the assets of Smurfit Newsprint Corporation and that the buyout effected no change in the personnel responsible for operation of the project under the license.

The transfer application was filed within five years of the expiration of the license for the project. In Hydroelectric Relicensing Regulations Under the Federal Power Act (54 FR 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).

k. *Locations of the application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the