

DATES: Comments regarding this collection of information are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before May 7, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Address comments to Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Desk Officer, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. A copy of the comments should also be sent to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attention: Mr. Michael Miller, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415, by fax at (202) 273-0873, and by e-mail: mike.miller@ferc.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC Form 556 "Cogeneration and Small Power Production".

2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

3. *Control No.:* OMB No. 1902-0075. The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection. This is a mandatory information collection requirement.

4. *Necessity of Collection of Information:* Submission of the information is necessary to fulfill the requirements of section 3 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), and sections 201 and 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA). The reporting requirements associated with FERC Form 556 are codified at 18 CFR 131.80 and Part 292 of the Commission's regulations.

FERC Form 556 requires owners and/or operators of small power production or cogeneration facilities who seek qualifying status for their facilities, to file the information requested in Form 556 either as an application to the Commission for certification as a qualifying facility (QF) or to use Form 556 as a notice of self certification.

A primary objective of PURPA is conservation of energy through the efficient use of resources in the generation of electric power. One means of achieving this objective is to encourage electric power production by cogeneration facilities which make use of reject heat associated with commercial and industrial processes, and by small power production facilities

which use waste and renewable resources as fuel. PURPA, through the establishment of various regulatory benefits, encourages the development of small power production facilities which meet certain technical and corporate criteria. PURPA benefits afforded QFs include exemption from certain corporate, accounting, reporting and rate regulation under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 (PUHCA), certain state laws, and in certain instances, regulation under the FPA. Additionally, other benefits afforded to QFs are in the form of requirements for electric utilities to: (1) Make avoided cost information and system capacity needs available to the public; (2) purchase energy and capacity from QFs at the utility's avoided cost of power (ie. the cost to the purchasing utility to generate the power itself or as the cost to purchase it from another source; (3) sell backup, maintenance and other power services to QFs at rates based on the cost of rendering the services; (4) provide certain interconnection and transmission services priced on a nondiscriminatory basis; and (5) operate in "parallel" with interconnected QFs so that they may be electronically synchronized with electric utility grids. The information submitted enables the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the statutory provisions of both the EPA and PURPA by determining whether a facility meets the necessary requirements and is entitled to various PURPA benefits.

Respondent Description: The respondent universe currently comprises on average, 100 entities subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 400 total burden hours, 100 respondents, 1 response annually, 4 hours per response (average).

7. *Estimated Cost Burden to Respondents:* 400 hours ÷ 2,080 hours per year × \$115,357 per year = \$22,184 average cost per respondent \$222.

Statutory Authority: Sections 201 and 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA) (16 U.S.C. 796 as amended and 16 U.S.C. 824a-3) and sections 3 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 796).

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-53-000]

Kinder Morgan Interstate Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

March 30, 2001.

An informal settlement conference in the above docket will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2001, to address the outstanding ad valorem tax issues on the Kinder Morgan Interstate Gas Transmission, LLC system. The conference will be held in the offices of Kinder Morgan, 370 Van Gordon Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80228. The informal settlement conference will begin at 10:30 a.m.

All interested parties in the above docket are requested to attend the informal settlement conference. If a party has any questions regarding the conference, please call Richard Miles, the Director of the Commission's Dispute Resolution Service. His telephone number is 1 877 FERC ADR (337-2237) or 202/208-0702 and his e-mail address is richard.miles@ferc.fed.us. If you plan on attending the conference, please contact Ben Breland at Kinder Morgan by fax at 303-763-3116.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2031-046]

Springville City, UT; Notice of Public Scoping for the Environmental Assessment Evaluating Issuance of a New License for the Bartholomew Hydroelectric Project in Utah County, UT

March 30, 2001.

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and procedures of the Federal Regulatory Commission, the Commission staff intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) that evaluates the environmental impacts of issuing a new license for the constructed and operating Bartholomew Project, No. 2031-046, located within Bartholomew Canyon and on Hobbie Creek, in Utah County, Utah. The subject project is

partially situated on federal lands within the Uinta National Forest.

The EA will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental effects, if any, of the proposed relicensing and reasonable alternatives, and will include an economic, financial, and engineering analysis. Preparation of staff's EA will be supported by a scoping process to ensure identification and analysis of all pertinent issues.

At this time, the Commission staff does not anticipate holding any public or agency scoping meetings nor conducting a site visit. Rather, the Commission staff will issue one Scoping Document: (1) Outlining staff's preliminary evaluation of subject areas to be addressed in the EA; and (2) requesting concerned resource agencies, Native American tribes, non-governmental organizations, and individuals to provide staff with information on project area environmental resource issues that need to be evaluated in the EA.

The aforementioned scoping document will be provided to all entities and persons listed on the Commission's mailing list for the subject project. Those not on the mailing list for the Bartholomew Hydroelectric Project may request a copy of the scoping document from Jim Haines, the project's Environmental Coordinator, at (202) 219-2780 or by contacting him by E-mail at james.haines@ferc.fed.us.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

March 30, 2001.

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:* 11887-000.

c. *Date Filed:* February 12, 2001.

d. *Applicant:* Edward T. Navickis.

e. *Name of Project:* Parshall Canal Power Project.

f. *Location:* On the North Fork of the American River, near the town of Truckee in Placer County, California. The Parshall Canal is an existing canal

that transports irrigation and hydroelectric water. The canal is owned by Pacific Gas & Electric Company.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Edward Navickis, P.O. Box 910, Penn Valley, CA 95946, (530) 432-9226.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Mr. Lynn R. Miles, Sr. at (202) 219-2671, or e-mail address: lynn.miles@ferc.fed.us.

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. Comments recommendation interventions, and protests, may be electronically filed 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 the resource agency.

k. *Description of Project:* The proposed project would consist of: (1) a new powerhouse containing one generating unit with an installed capacity of 1,050 kW; (2) approximately 800 feet of new three phase power line that would tie into an existing 12 kva single phase line approximately 1,600 feet in length (The single phase line would be upgraded to three phase); and (3) appurtenant facilities.

The project would have an annual generation of 4 million kilowatt-hours that would be sold to Pacific Gas & Electric.

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 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.

n. *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.

o. *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.

p. *Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit—*A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

q. *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, 385.211, 385.214. 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