

i. *Deadline for filing comments and or motions:* June 11, 2001.

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, protests, and motions to intervene 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:* Nantahala Power and Light Company (Nantahala), the original licensee of these projects, has merged into Duke Energy Corporation (Duke) and no longer exists. Duke now seeks after-the-fact approval of the transfer of the licenses from Nantahala to Duke, as well as a name change to Duke Power, a division of Duke Energy Corporation, Nantahala Area. (In response to a notice filed by Duke on May 12, 2000, the Commission inadvertently issued, on June 28, 2000, an order changing the name of the licensee to Nantahala Power and Light, a division of Duke Energy Corporation. See 91 FERC ¶ 62,235, which of course lacked the prerequisite step of Commission approval for transfer of the project licenses to Duke.)

The transfer application was filed within five years of the expiration of the licenses all of these projects. 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. 31438 n. 318).

The transfer application also contains a separate request for the substitution of Duke Power, a division of Duke Energy Corporation, Nantahala Area for Nantahala Power and Light, a division of Duke Energy Corporation as the applicant in the pending relicensing application, filed on September 27, 1999, in Project No. 2694–002.

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) 208–1371. The application may be

viewed on the web at [www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm](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 addresses in item g above.

1. 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 commenters 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 Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title “COMMENTS”, “PROTEST”, “MOTION TO INTERVENE”, as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. An additional copy must be sent to the Director, Division of Hydropower Administration and Compliance, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. 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.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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

May 4, 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.:* 8315–005.

c. *Date Filed:* April 2, 2001.

d. *Applicant:* International Paper Company (Transferee).

e. *Name of project:* Sartell.

f. *Location:* On the Mississippi River near Sartell, Stearns and Benton Counties, Minnesota. The project does not utilize federal lands.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* William J. Madden, Jr., Winston & Strawn, 1400 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005–3502, (202) 371–5700; Michael Chapman, Esq., International Paper Company, 6400 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38197, (901) 763–5888.

i. *FERC Contact:* Regina Saizan, (202) 219–2673.

j. *Deadline for filing comments or motions:* June 22, 2001.

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, 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 (8315–005) on any comments or motions filed.

k. *Description of Transfer:* Champion International Corporation (Champion/Transferor), formerly a wholly-owned subsidiary of International Paper Company (IPC/Transferee), has merged into IPC and no longer exists. IPC seeks Commission approval to transfer the license for the Sartell Project from Champion to IPC.

l. *Location 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) 208–1371. This filing may be

viewed on <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call (202) 208-222 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.

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o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents:* 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.

p. *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.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

#### Regulations Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

May 4, 2001.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(h), of the receipt

of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive an exempt or a prohibited off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested on-the-record proceeding, to deliver a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication, to the Secretary.

Prohibited communications will be included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such requests only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication should serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications will be included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications received in the Office of the Secretary within the preceding 14 days. The documents may be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Exempt

1. CP04-49-000, 04-23-01, Bobby Biller
2. Project Nos. 10865 and 11495, 04-23-01, Steven W. Reneaud
3. Project No. 18, 04-23-01, Scott Larrando
4. Project No. 2899-000, 04-23-01, Scott Lorrando
5. CP01-49-000, 04-24-01, Douglas Sipe
6. Project No. 1494, 04-25-01, Joanne Mallet-Eakin

7. CP00-6-000, 04-25-01, James J. Slack
8. Project No. 2042, 04-25-01, Frank Winchell
9. Project No. 2042, 04-24-01, Tim Bachelder

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6977-1]

### Notice of Agency Information Collection Activities for Superfund Cooperative Agreements and State Contracts

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Cooperative Agreements and State Contracts for Superfund Response Actions (OMB Control No. 2010-0020; EPA ICR No. 1487.06) expiring September 30, 2001. 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 July 9, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Kirby Biggs, Office of Emergency and Remedial Response, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 5204G, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, (703) 308-8506, e-mail: [Biggs.Kirby@epa.gov](mailto:Biggs.Kirby@epa.gov)

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kirby Biggs, at the address and telephone number listed above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Affected entities: Entities potentially affected are those States, Federally recognized Indian tribes, and political subdivisions that apply to EPA for financial assistance under a Superfund cooperative agreement or a Superfund State Contract.

*Title:* Cooperative Agreements and Superfund Contracts for Superfund Response Actions (OMB Control No.