

government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed amendment under these general headings:

- Sediments
- Cultural resources
- Endangered and threatened species
- Water resources, fisheries
- Vegetation

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed modifications, and, if necessary, make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section in this NOI beginning on page 5.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

No additional environmental concerns beyond those identified in the final environmental impact statement³ for the approved project have been identified for this amendment. As a result we do not anticipate revisiting many of the issues already covered by the final environmental impact statement prepared for the approved project. We also do not anticipate the need to issue the EA for public comment.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the amendment. By becoming a commenter, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the amendment, alternatives to the amendment, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. 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 letter to:

Magalie R. Salas, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission 888 First St., NE, Room 1A
Washington, DC 20426

- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas Branch 2.

- Reference Docket Nos. CP01-4-001 and CP01-5-002.

- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before April 17, 2002.

Please note that we are continuing to experience delays in mail deliveries from the U.S. Postal Service. As a result, we will include all comments that we receive within a reasonable time frame in our environmental analysis of this amendment. However, the Commission encourages electronic filing of any comments or interventions or protests to this proceeding. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link and 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."

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor". Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 1).⁴ Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed amendment is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088 (direct line) or you can call the FERC operator at 1-800-847-8885 and ask for External Affairs. Information is also available on

the FERC Web site, www.ferc.gov, 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 Web site provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings. From the FERC Internet Web site, 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) 208-2222.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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

March 18, 2002.

a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.

b. *Project No.:* P-401-027.

c. *Date Filed:* September 14, 2001.

d. *Applicant:* Indiana Michigan Power Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Mottville Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the St. Joseph River, in Mottville Township, St. Joseph County, Michigan. The project does not affect federal lands.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* J.F. Norris, Jr., American Electric Power Service Corporation, 1 Riverside Plaza, Columbus, OH 43215, (614) 223-1700, or jfnorris@aep.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Lee Emery (202) 219-2779 or lee.emery@FERC.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protest:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project.

³Phase III/HubLine Project Final Environmental Impact Statement, FERC/EIS-0136, November 2001.

⁴Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

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.

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, <http://www.ferc.gov>, under the "e-Filing" link.

k. *Status of environmental analysis:* This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. *Description of Project:* The existing Mottville Project consists of: (1) Two 17-foot high earth-filled embankments extending towards the center of the river from both riverbanks, including (i) a west embankment that is 140 feet long and has a crest width of 15 feet and extends to the powerhouse, and (ii) an east embankment that is 365 feet long and has a crest width of 8 feet and extends from the east riverbank to the spillway; (2) a 237-foot long, reinforced concrete spillway with 10 steel Taintor gates along the crest of the spillway, which are separated by 2.5-foot-wide piers between Bays 1 and 2, and 3 and 4 and 1.5-foot-wide piers between the remaining Bays with the Taintor gates being 22-feet-wide and 13-feet-high in Bays 1 and 2 and 22-feet-wide and 7.5-foot-high in Bays 3 through 10; (3) a combined powerhouse-intake structure, made of brick and concrete, that is 118 feet long, 28 feet wide, and 25 feet long; (4) 4 vertical shaft, single runner, propeller type generating units with an installed generating capacity of 420 kW each; (5) a 14.5-foot-long, 28-foot-wide, and 25-foot-long switchboard bay attached to the west end of the powerhouse; (6) a 50 horsepower, 460-volt, 3-phase air bubbler system; (7) a 15-ton overhead traveling crane; (8) a 20-foot-wide stilling basin extending across the length of the spillway; (9) a 12-inch-thick, reinforced concrete spillway apron; (10) an inoperable 4-foot-wide by 150-foot-long concrete fishway with a slope of about 25 percent; (11) sets of angled steel intake trashracks that are 3-feet 2-inches wide by 14-feet-high with 3/8-inch steel bars with 4-inch spacing between the bars; (12) a five-mile-long, 378-acre reservoir with a gross storage capacity of 2,900-acre-feet at the normal operating pool surface elevation of 770.4 NGVD; (13) a three phase, 2.4/34.5 kV transformer; and (14) other appurtenant facilities. The applicant estimates that the total average annual generation would be 7,800 MWh. All generated power is sold

to Indiana Michigan Power Company's customers.

m. *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, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. This filing may also be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link'select "Docket #" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

n. *Procedural schedule:* The application will be processed according to the following milestones, some of which may be combined to expedite processing:

Notice of NEPA scoping—March 2002

Notice that the application is ready for environmental analysis—April 2002

Notice of availability of the NEPA document—August 2002

Order issuing the Commission's decision on the application December 2002

o. *Protests or Motions to Intervene—* Anyone may submit a protest or motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules and Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests 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 protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST" or "MOTION TO INTERVENE;" (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 protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Sunshine Act Meeting

March 20, 2002.

The following notice of meeting is published pursuant to section 3(A) of the Government in the Sunshine Act (Pub. L. No. 94-409), 5 U.S.C 552B:

AGENCY HOLDING MEETING: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

DATE AND TIME: March 27, 2002, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Room 2C, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Agenda.

Note: Items listed on the agenda may be deleted without further notice.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Telephone (202) 208-0400; For a recording listing items stricken from or added to the meeting, call (202) 208-1627.

This is a list of matters to be considered by the Commission. It does not include a listing of all papers relevant to the items on the agenda; however, all public documents may be examined in the reference and information center.

788th—Meeting, March 27, 2002; Regular Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

Administrative Agenda

A-1.

Docket# AD02-1, 000, Agency Administrative Matters

A-2.

Docket# AD02-7, 000, Customer Matters, Reliability, Security and Market Operations

Markets, Tariffs and Rates—Electric

E-1.

Omitted

E-2.

Docket# ER02-913, 000, American Electric Power Company

E-3.

Docket# ER02-854, 000, Florida Power & Light Company

E-4.

Docket# ER02-851, 000, Southern Company Services, Inc.

Other#s EL02-67, 000, Southern Company Services, Inc.

E-5.

Docket# ER02-922, 000, California Independent System Operator Corporation

Other#s EL02-51, 000, California Electricity Oversight Board v. Williams Energy Services Corporation, AES Huntington Beach LLC, AES Alamitos LLC, AES Redondo Beach LLC, Mirant Americas Energy Marketing L.P., Mirant Delta LLC, Reliant Energy Services, Inc.,