

*Comment Date:* June 24, 2002.

### 12. Southern Company Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER02-2015-000]

Take notice that on June 5, 2002, Southern Company Services, Inc. (SCS), acting on behalf of Georgia Power Company (GPC), filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) the Interconnection Agreement (Agreement) between Athens Development Company, L.L.C. and GPC. The Agreement allows Athens Development Company to interconnect its generating facility in Clarke County, Georgia to and operate in parallel with GPC's electric system. The Agreement is dated as of May 6, 2002.

An effective date of May 6, 2002 has been requested.

*Comment Date:* June 26, 2002.

### 13. Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.

[Docket No. ER02-2016-000]

Take notice that on June 5, 2002, the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (Midwest ISO), pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act and Section 35.12 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations, 18 CFR 35.12, submitted for filing an Interconnection and Operating Agreement among Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Inc., the Midwest ISO, and the Otter Tail Power Company.

A copy of this filing was sent to Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Inc. and the Otter Tail Power Company.

*Comment Date:* June 26, 2002.

### 14. Southeast Chicago Energy Project, LLC

[Docket No. ER02-2017-000]

Take notice that on June 5, 2002, Southeast Chicago Energy Project, LLC (Southeast Chicago) tendered for filing a cost-based rate wholesale power sales agreement between Southeast Chicago and Exelon Generation Company, LLC.

*Comment Date:* June 26, 2002.

### 15. Blythe Energy, LLC

[Docket No. ER02-2018-000]

Take notice that on June 5, 2002, Blythe Energy, LLC tendered for filing an application for authorization to sell energy, capacity and ancillary services at market-based rates pursuant to section 205 of the Federal Power Act.

*Comment Date:* June 26, 2002.

### 16. Oncor Electric Delivery Company

[Docket No. ER02-2020-000]

Take notice that on June 5, 2002, Oncor Electric Delivery Company (Oncor) tendered for filing its FERC

Electric Tariff, Seventh Revised Volume No. 1 for Transmission Service To, From and Over Certain HVDC Interconnections to supersede Oncor's current FERC Electric Tariff, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1.

Oncor states that this filing has been served upon each customer taking service under the tariff and the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

*Comment Date:* June 26, 2002.

#### Standard Paragraph

E. Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing should file 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). 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. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date, and, to the extent applicable, must be served on the applicant and on any other person designated on the official service list. This filing is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). 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 under the "e-Filing" link.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 7118-007]

#### State of Maine Department of Marine Resources; Notice of Availability and Adoption of Environmental Assessment

June 11, 2002.

*Summary:* Pending before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) is a request for surrender of exemption and removal of dam for the Smelt Hill Dam and Hydroelectric Project No. 7118. In

accordance with the Commission's procedures for complying with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and consistent with the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) for implementing NEPA at 40 CFR 1506.3, the Commission has decided to adopt an environmental assessment (EA) produced by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), New England District in January 2001. The EA is titled: "Smelt Hill Dam Environmental Restoration Study—Falmouth, Maine." The EA concludes that removal of the Smelt Hill Dam would not be a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The FERC staff has independently reviewed the EA, and agrees with its analysis and conclusions. The staff therefore finds that the EA meets the standards for an adequate environmental analysis under NEPA, and can be adopted.

*Availability:* On September 10, 2001, the State of Maine Department of Marine Resources (MDMR) filed an application for surrender and removal of dam. MDMR's application included a copy of the Corps' EA. Copies of this filing are available for inspection at the Public Reference Room of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. The application and EA are also available in electronic format on the FERC's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>.

*Supplementary information:* On March 14, 2002, MDMR completed its purchase of the Smelt Hill Dam and Hydroelectric Project facilities from the previous exemptee, Central Maine Power Company (CMP). The facilities are located at the head-of-tide on the Presumpscot River in Falmouth, Maine. The hydroelectric facilities have not been in operation since October 1996, when they were damaged by a flood. CMP elected not to rehabilitate the facilities and sought a buyer. MDMR entered into a purchase agreement with CMP on September 4, 2001, with the express purpose of removing the Smelt Hill Dam in order to restore the aquatic ecosystem of the lower Presumpscot River. On January 16, 2002, the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) approved the dam removal under the Maine Waterway Development and Conservation Act and the Clean Water Act. MDMR requested that the Commission accept surrender of the exemption and authorize removal of the Smelt Hill Dam. While the surrender of an exemption is an administrative matter before the FERC, removal of the dam is essentially the same proposed action that the Corps examined in its EA.

Removal of the dam and hydroelectric facilities would be done by the Corps as an Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Project under Section 206 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1966. On October 26, 2000, the Corps held a public meeting in Falmouth, Maine to discuss the project. The Corps released its draft EA on November 2, 2000, with a public comment period ending on November 30, 2000. The Corps addressed comments in its final EA issued in January 2001. The final EA included the Corps' Finding of No Significant Impact dated January 22, 2001.

The EA evaluated three alternatives: partial dam removal, complete dam removal, and rehabilitation of the existing hydraulic fish lift at the dam. The EA recommended complete removal of the Smelt Hill Dam, with primary disposal of debris in upland areas on-site. Under this plan, anadromous and other fish would be able to migrate unimpeded past Presumpscot Falls. Seven miles of former reservoir would be restored to riffle and pool complexes, with habitat suitable for cold water fish spawning, and warm water fish populations would be reduced.

The FERC staff carefully reviewed the Corps' EA and conducted an independent assessment of MDMR's proposal to surrender its exemption and remove the Smelt Hill Dam. Based on this review and assessment, the FERC staff concludes that the EA adequately assesses the environmental impacts of the proposed action and can be adopted. The FERC staff further concludes that the information in the record is adequate, and no supplemental or additional environmental review is required to evaluate the application.

In its regulations implementing NEPA, the CEQ encourages agencies to reduce paperwork and duplication of efforts. One means of accomplishing these goals is adopting environmental documents prepared by other agencies, pursuant to 40 CFR 1500.4(n). Because the actions analyzed by the Corps are substantially the same as those being proposed by MDMR, the FERC may adopt the Corps EA without recirculating it, pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.3(b). The FERC staff agrees with the EA's findings that removing the dam would facilitate upstream migration of anadromous fish and improve riverine habitat. The FERC also agrees with the EA's finding that removal of the dam is not a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, and finds that no supplemental or additional environmental data or analyses are

necessary to complete the staff's review of MDMR's proposal.

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Intent To File for New License

June 11, 2002.

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File an Application for New License.

b. *Project No.:* 9184-000.

c. *Date Filed:* April 3, 2002.

d. *Submitted By:* Flambeau Hydro, LLC—current licensee.

e. *Name of Project:* Danbury Dam Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Yellow River near the City of Danbury, in Burnett County, Wisconsin. The project does not occupy federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Section 15 of the Federal Power Act.

h. *Licensee Contact:* Loyal Gake, North American Hydro Inc., 116 State Street, P.O. Box 167, Neshkoro, WI 54960 (920) 293-4628.

i. *FERC Contact:* Tom Dean, [thomas.dean@ferc.gov](mailto:thomas.dean@ferc.gov), (202) 219-2778.

j. *Effective date of current license:* June 10, 1957.

k. *Expiration date of current license:* June 9, 2007.

l. *Description of the Project:* The project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) A 30-foot-high, 54-foot-long concrete spillway dam with stoplog gates; (2) a 300-foot-long earthen dike; (3) a reservoir with a maximum pool elevation of 929.7 feet NGVD; (4) a gated intake structure; (5) two 25-foot-long, 69-inch diameter penstocks; (6) a powerhouse (Plant 1) containing two generating units with a total installed capacity of 476-kW; (7) an ungated canal headworks; (8) a 2,150-foot-long in-situ power canal; (9) a gated penstock intake structure; (10) a 95-foot-long, 96-inch diameter penstock, (11) a powerhouse (Plant 2) containing a single generating unit with an installed capacity of 600-kW; (12) a 200-foot-long tailrace; (13) a 2.4-kV, 2,325-foot-long transmission line from Plant 1; (14) a 2.4-kV, 200-foot-long transmission line from Plant 2; and (15) appurtenant facilities.

m. Each application for a license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications

for license for this project must be filed by June 9, 2005.

n. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. 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 by contacting the applicant identified in item h above.

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-431-000]

#### Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Motion To Defer Review Meeting

June 11, 2002.

Take notice that on June 5, 2002, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural) filed a motion to defer the meeting to be held in June 2002 to review Natural's procedures for posting and allocating capacity in its system. Natural proposes that the meeting be deferred for one year, with the deferred review meeting to be held prior to the end of June 2003.

On October 26, 2000, the Commission issued an order<sup>1</sup> accepting with modifications a Stipulation and Agreement (Settlement) filed by Natural that adopted procedures to govern the posting and awarding of firm capacity on Natural's system. Article IV of that Settlement provides that a meeting is to be held between 17 and 19 months after the effective date of the tariff sheets implementing the Settlement to review how the capacity award procedures are working. That provision would require that the meeting be held before the end of June 2002.

In its motion to defer the meeting, Natural states that no significant issue regarding the operation of its capacity award procedures has arisen over the 18 months that the procedures have been in effect, and that Natural does not believe that there is any need for the review meeting at this time. Natural states that pursuant to the Commission's order approving the Settlement, Natural

<sup>1</sup> 93 FERC ¶ 61,075 (2000), *reh'g denied*, 94 FERC ¶ 61,310 (2001).