

the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for license for the Vail Hydroelectric Project and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project. The project is located on the Passumpsic River, in the Village of Lyndonville, within the county of Caledonia, Vermont. No federal lands or facilities are occupied or used by the project.

The EA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. The EA 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).

Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. Please affix Project No. 3090-008 to all comments. Comments 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. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

For further information, contact Timothy Looney at (202) 219-2852.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 10855-002, Michigan]

Upper Peninsula Power Company, Marquette Board of Light and Power Project No. 2589-024, Michigan; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

August 1, 2002.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations

contained in the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 380 (18 CFR part 380) [FERC Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897], the Office of Energy Projects Staff (Staff) has reviewed the application for an initial license for the Dead River Project and a new license for the Marquette Project, both located on the Dead River in Marquette County, Michigan, and has prepared a final environmental assessment (FEA) for the projects. In this FEA, the Staff has analyzed the potential environmental effects of the existing projects and has concluded that licensing the projects, with staff's recommended measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the FEA are available for review in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2-A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. This FEA may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link; select "Docket#" and follow the instructions. Please call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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

August 1, 2002.

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.:* 1895-012.

c. *Date Filed:* July 10, 2002.

d. *Applicants:* South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (Transferor) and the City of Columbia, South Carolina (Transferee).

e. *Name of Project:* Columbia.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the Broad and Congaree Rivers in the City of Columbia and Richland County, South Carolina. The project does not occupy any federal lands.

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

h. *Applicants Contacts:* Brian J. McManus, Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue, 51 Louisiana Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20001-2113, (202) 879-5452 (for the Transferor); Frances E. Francis and

William S. Huang, Spiegel & McDiarmid, 1350 New York Avenue, NW., Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20005-4798, (202) 879-4000 (for the Transferee).

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

j. *Deadline for filing comments and or motions:* August 16, 2002.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please include the Project Number (1895-012) on any comments or motions filed.

k. *Description of Transfer:* As consideration for entering into a franchise agreement to supply electricity and gas service, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G) has agreed (pursuant to a Conveyance Agreement), to convey to the City of Columbia, South Carolina (City), the Columbia area transit system operated by SCE&G, and the Columbia Project No. 1895. Consequently, SCE&G and the City seek Commission approval to transfer the license for the Columbia Project from SCE&G to the City. On May 30, 2002, the Commission issued SCE&G a new license for the project. 99 FERC ¶ 62,152 (2002), reh'g filed, July 1, 2002. The application also includes a request to delete (as inapplicable to the City) Article 204 (requirement for maintaining amortization reserves) of the new license, upon approval of the transfer.

l. *Location of the Application:* 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). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the addresses in item h above.

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 under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. 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