

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

Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions

September 13, 2002.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

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

b. *Project No.:* 469-013.

c. *Date filed:* October 30, 2001.

d. *Applicant:* ALLETE, Inc., d.b.a. Minnesota Power Inc.

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

f. *Location:* On the Kawishiwi River, near the Town of Ely, in Lake and St. Louis Counties, Minnesota. The project occupies federal lands within the Superior National Forest.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* John Paulson, Minnesota Power, 30 West Superior Street, Duluth, MN 55802, jpaulson@mnpower.com, 218-722-5642, ext. 3569.

i. *FERC Contact:* Tom Dean, thomas.dean@ferc.gov, 202-502-6041.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

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.

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. 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, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. 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. This application has been accepted, and is now ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. *Description of the Project:* The project consists of the following two developments:

The Winton Development consists of the following existing facilities: (1) The Winton Dam comprising: (a) a 227-foot-long earth dike; (b) a 29-foot-high, 176-foot-long spillway section; (c) an 84-foot-long Taintor gate and log sluice section; (d) an 80-foot-long stop-log gate section; (e) an 111-foot-long and a 120-foot-long non-over-flow section; (f) a 176-foot-long forebay; and (g) a 1,250-foot-long earth dike; (3) a 2,982-acre reservoir comprising the Garden, Farm, South Farm, and Friday Lakes at a normal water surface elevation of 1,385.67 feet USGS; (4) two 215-foot-long, 9-foot-diameter underground penstocks extending to; (5) a powerhouse containing two generating units with a total installed capacity of 4,000 kW; and (6) other appurtenances.

The Birch Lake Reservoir Development consists of: (1) A 7-foot high, 227-foot-long dam comprising: (a) a 72-foot-long Taintor gate section; and (b) an 85-foot-long sluice gate section; and (2) the 7,624-acre Birch Lake

reservoir at normal water surface elevation of 1,420.5 feet USGS. This development provides water storage for the Winton Development.

m. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call (202) 502-8222 or for TTY, (202) 208-1659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

n. The Commission directs, pursuant to section 4.34(b) of the Regulations (see Order No. 533 issued May 8, 1991, 56 FR 23108, May 20, 1991) that all comments, recommendations, terms and conditions and prescriptions concerning the application be filed with the Commission within 60 days from the issuance date of this notice. All reply comments must be filed with the Commission within 105 days from the date of this notice.

Anyone may obtain an extension of time for these deadlines from the Commission only upon a showing of good cause or extraordinary circumstances in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2008.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "REPLY COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS;" (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 submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b), and 385.2010.

o. *Procedural schedule:* The application will be processed according to the following Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Notice of availability of the draft EA—
March 2003

Notice of availability of the final EA—
May 2003
Ready for Commission's decision on the
application—May 2003

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD02-22-000]

Conference on Energy Infrastructure; Notice of Conference

September 13, 2002.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) will hold a conference on energy infrastructure issues in the midwestern states on Wednesday, November 13, 2002 at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers, 301 East North Water Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The conference is for the purpose of discussing the adequacy of the electric, gas, and other energy infrastructure in the Midwest.

In addition to specialized panelists, the Governors and state utility commissioners of the midwestern states are being invited to participate. The goal is to identify the current state of infrastructure in the Midwest, present and future infrastructure needs, and the means and barriers to fulfilling those needs. We look forward to an informative discussion of the issues to clarify how we can facilitate and enhance a comprehensive collaborative approach to energy infrastructure development and reliability of the midwestern states. It is our firm belief that an adequate, well-functioning energy infrastructure is necessary to realize workable, competitive markets.

The one-day meeting will begin at 1 p.m. and conclude at 6 p.m. All interested parties are invited to attend. Hotel rooms have been blocked at the Sheraton under the code NAK07 for any attending guests to reserve a one-or two-night stay but will be released by October 13. You can still reserve a room after that date, but on a room and rate availability basis. Reservations can be made by calling 312-329-7000, or their toll free number, 877-242-2558.

To attend, please register online on the Commission Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/calendar/courses-outreach/coursesoutreach.htm>. Scroll down and click on "Midwest Energy Infrastructure Conference". There is no

registration fee. We will issue further details on the conference, including the agenda and a list of participants, as plans evolve. For additional information, please contact Carol Connors in the Office of External Affairs at carol.connors@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

National Nuclear Security Administration

Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Relocation of Technical Area 18 Capabilities and Materials

AGENCY: National Nuclear Security Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy's (DOE) National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Proposed Relocation of Technical Area 18 Capabilities and Materials (hereafter referred to as the TA-18 Relocation Final EIS). The TA-18 Relocation Final EIS evaluates the environmental impacts associated with relocating a portion of the TA-18 capabilities and materials to the following alternative locations: (1) A different site at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) at Los Alamos, New Mexico; (2) the Nevada Test Site (NTS) near Las Vegas, Nevada (the preferred alternative); (3) the Sandia National Laboratory (SNL) at Albuquerque, New Mexico; and (4) the Argonne National Laboratory—West (ANL-W) near Idaho Falls, Idaho. The TA-18 Relocation Final EIS also evaluates the alternative of upgrading the existing facilities at TA-18, and the no-action alternative of maintaining the missions at the current TA-18 location.

DATES: The NNSA intends to issue a Record of Decision on the TA-18 Final EIS no sooner than 30 days after the Environmental Protection Agency publishes a notice of filing of the TA-18 Final EIS in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the TA-18 Relocation Final EIS or its Summary may be obtained upon request in writing (DOE/NNSA, TA-18 Relocation Final EIS, Attn: Mr. Jay Rose, NA-53, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585); by fax (202-586-5324); by phone (1-800-832-0885,

ext. 65484), or by E-mail (James.Rose@ns.doe.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information on the NNSA NEPA process, please contact: Mr. James J. Mangeno, NNSA NEPA Compliance Officer, U.S. Department of Energy/NNSA, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; or telephone 1-800-832-0885, ext. 68395. For general information on the DOE NEPA process, please contact: Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (EH-42), DOE, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, telephone 202-586-4600, or leave a message at 1-800-472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NNSA is responsible for providing the Nation with nuclear weapons, ensuring the safety and reliability of those nuclear weapons, and supporting programs that reduce global nuclear proliferation. These missions are accomplished through the use of a core team of highly trained nuclear experts. The TA-18 facilities at LANL are the Nation's only facilities capable of performing general-purpose nuclear materials handling and criticality experiments. These experiments provide unique training to a variety of federal agencies, including DOE, NNSA, and Nuclear Regulatory Commission personnel in areas such as nuclear materials safety, emergency response in support of counterterrorism activities, and safeguards and arms control in support of programs aimed at controlling excess nuclear materials.

The TA-18 buildings and infrastructure are near the end of their useful life, and action is required to assess alternatives for continuing these activities for the next 25 years. The TA-18 Relocation Final EIS identifies siting options to assist the NNSA in determining a long-range strategy for maintaining nuclear criticality missions, infrastructure, and expertise currently residing at TA-18.

The TA-18 Relocation Final EIS evaluates the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts associated with relocating the TA-18 mission to the the following DOE sites: (1) A different site at LANL; (2) NTS (the preferred alternative); (3) SNL; and (4) ANL-W. The TA-18 Relocation Final EIS also analyzes upgrading the TA-18 facilities at LANL and the no-action alternative of maintaining the operations at the current TA-18 location.

In the Final EIS, the acting Administrator of the NNSA designated the NTS alternative as the preferred