

investigated. When the DEIS has been modified as appropriate, the staff will publish and distribute a final environmental impact statement (FEIS). The FEIS will contain the staff's responses to timely comments filed on the DEIS.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentor a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a Motion to Intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (*see* 18 CFR 385.214). Anyone may intervene in this proceeding based on this DEIS. You must file your request to intervene as specified above.¹ You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

All intervenors, agencies, elected officials, local governments, Indian tribes, local libraries, media, and anyone providing written comments on the DEIS will receive a copy of the FEIS. If you do not wish to comment on the DEIS but wish to receive a copy of the FEIS, you must write to the Secretary of the Commission, indicating this request.

The DEIS has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8371.

A limited number of copies are available from the Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch identified above. In addition, copies of the DEIS have been mailed to Federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials, environmental and public interest groups; affected landowners who requested a copy of the DEIS; Native American tribes that might attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties in the area of potential effect; local libraries and newspapers; and the Commission's list of parties to this proceeding. Additional information about the proposed project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208-FERC (3372) or on the FERC Internet Web site (www.ferc.gov), using the "FERRIS" link to information in this docket number. Click on the "FERRIS" link, select "General Search" from the menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to FERRIS, the FERRIS help line can be reached at 1-866-208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659.

The FERRIS link on the FERC Internet Web site also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 6418-007]

Judith A. Burford Hydroelectric Project, CO; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

October 25, 2002.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for an original license for the Judith A. Burford Hydroelectric Project, and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA). The operating project is located on East Brush Creek, a tributary to the Eagle River, in Eagle County, Colorado. The project occupies about 1,008 acres of land within the White River National Forest, administered by the FS.

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 available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website 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) 502-8659.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Northern California Power Agency Utica Power Authority; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

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[Project Nos. 2699-001, 2019-017, & 11563-002-California]

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the applications for licenses for the Angels Hydroelectric Project, Utica Hydroelectric Project, and the Upper Utica Project. Commission staff, with the U.S. Forest Service as a cooperating agency, has prepared a Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) for the project. These projects are located on the North Fork Stanislaus River, Silver Creek, Mill Creek, and Angels Creek in Alpine, Calaveras, and Tuolumne Counties, California, partially within the Stanislaus National Forest.

The FEA contains the analysis of the potential environmental impact of the projects and concludes that licensing the projects, 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 FEA is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. The FEA may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. For assistance with FERRIS, the FERRIS help line can be reached at (202) 502-8222, TTY (202) 208-1659.

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¹ Interventions also may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.