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**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. P 11797-000]

#### Grande Pointe Power Corporation; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

November 8, 2002.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) regulations contained in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) (18 CFR part 380 [FERC Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897]), the Office of Energy Projects staff (staff) reviewed the application for an original minor license for the Three Rivers Project, located on the St. Joseph River in the city of Three Rivers, St. Joseph County, Michigan, and has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the project. In this EA, the staff has analyzed the potential environmental effects of the existing project and concluded that licensing the project, with staff's recommended measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room, or it may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866)208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202)502-8659.

Any comments should be filed within 45 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

"Three Rivers Project No. 11797-000," to all comments. For further information, please contact Sean Murphy at (202) 502-6145 or at [sean.murphy@ferc.gov](mailto:sean.murphy@ferc.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### PacifiCorp—Bear River Projects; Soda Project No. 20-019, Caribou and Franklin Counties, Idaho Grace-Cove Project No. 2401-007, Oneida Project No. 472-017; Notice of Intention To Hold Public Meeting for Discussion of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Bear River Hydroelectric Projects

November 8, 2002.

On October 23, 2002, the Commission staff mailed the Bear River Projects Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to the Environmental Protection Agency, resource and land management agencies, and interested organizations and individuals.

The DEIS was noticed in the **Federal Register** on November 1, 2002 (61 FR 6243), and comments are due December 31, 2002. The DEIS evaluates the environmental consequences of the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Bear River Projects in Idaho. The DEIS also evaluates the environmental effects of implementing the comprehensive settlement that replaces the applicant's proposal and agency recommendations, as well as evaluates staff's recommendations, and the no-action alternative. The projects are partially located on United States lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

A public meeting, which will be recorded by an official stenographer, is scheduled on Thursday, December 12, 2002, starting at 7:00 pm at the Caribou County Senior Center, 60 S. Main Street, Soda Springs, Idaho.

At this meeting, resource agency personnel and other interested persons will have the opportunity to provide oral and written comments and

recommendations regarding the DEIS for the Commission's public record.

For further information, please contact Susan O'Brien at (202) 502-8449, or [susan.obrien@ferc.gov](mailto:susan.obrien@ferc.gov), Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of Energy Projects, 888 First St. NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 11887-000]

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

November 8, 2002.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Preliminary Permit.

b. *Project No:* 12388-000.

c. *Date Filed:* October 7, 2002.

d. *Applicant:* The City of Austin Electric Utility Department d/b/a Austin Energy.

e. *Name and Location of Project:* The Austin Energy Hydroelectric Project would be located at the existing Longhorn Dam owned by the City of Austin, on the Colorado River in Travis County, Texas.

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

g. *Applicant Contact:* Bob Kahn, Vice President, Austin Energy, 721 Barton Springs Road, Austin, TX 78704-1194, (512) 322-6572.

h. *FERC Contact:* Mr. Lynn R. Miles, (202) 502-8763.

i. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene, protests and comments:* 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. 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. Please include the project number (P-12388-000) on any comments or motions filed.