

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission, and Soliciting Additional Study Requests, and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Licensing and Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments**

December 17, 2002.

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

a. *Type of Application*: Minor original license.

b. *Project No.*: 12423-001.

c. *Date filed*: November 25, 2002.

d. *Applicant*: American Falls Reservoir District No. 2 and Big Wood Canal Company.

e. *Name of Project*: 993 Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location*: Juncture of the 993 Lateral and North Gooding Main Canal, Boise Meridian, 20 miles northwest of the Town of Shoshone, Lincoln County, Idaho. The initial diversion is the Milner Dam on the Snake River. The North Gooding Main Canal is part of a U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau) project. The project would occupy about 10-15 acres of Federal land managed by the Bureau.

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

h. *Applicant Contact*: Lynn Harmon, General Manager, American Falls Reservoir District No. 2 and Big Wood Canal Company, Box C, Shoshone, Idaho, 83352; (208) 886-2331.

i. *FERC Contact*: Allison Arnold, (202) 502-6346 or allison.arnold@ferc.gov.

j. *Cooperating agencies*: We are asking Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with us in the preparation of the environmental document. Agencies who would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing comments described in item k below.

k. Pursuant to section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of this notice, and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

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.

Additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status 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.

l. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

m. The 993 Hydroelectric Power Project would consist of: (1) A new concrete diversion structure located across the North Gooding Main Canal with a maximum height of 10 feet; (2) a new 7,000-foot-long canal with a bottom width of 25 feet that is to be excavated from rock, with some earth embankment, having a hydraulic capacity of 350 cfs; (3) a 10-foot-high gated concrete diversion structure that will divert up to 350 cfs to a concrete intake structure; (4) a 2,900-foot-long steel pipe (or HDPE) penstock (72 inch diameter); (5) a 30 by 50-foot concrete with masonry or metal walled powerhouse containing two 750 kilowatt turbines with a total installed capacity of 1,500 Kw; (6) an enlarged 100-foot-long tailrace channel with a bottom width of 40 feet that will discharge into the North Gooding Main Canal; (7) a 2.4-mile-long transmission line, and (8) appurtenant facilities. The annual generation will be approximately 5.8 gigawatt-hours (GWh).

n. 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, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available

for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

o. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the Idaho State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), as required by § 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR 800.4.

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

Issue Acceptance or Deficiency Letter—March 2003.

Issue Scoping Document—April 2003.

Notice that application is ready for environmental analysis—July 2003.

Notice of the availability of the EA—November 2003.

Ready for Commission decision on the application—January 2004.

Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****Notice of Alternative Dispute Resolution Workshop**

December 17, 2002.

The Commission's Dispute Resolution Service (DRS) will hold a workshop on alternative dispute resolution and how it can be used during the natural gas pipeline pre-filing process. The workshop will be held on January 9, 2003, at the Airport Marriott Hotel, 18700 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Houston, Texas 77032.

The workshop will describe ADR, how ADR has been used successfully, and when ADR may be an appropriate alternative to traditional means of resolving disputes. The DRS will present information about its activities and services. The DRS will explore with the participants to the workshop what they believe their dispute resolution needs are and help identify what steps could be taken to meet those needs. The workshop will also seek comment on what the DRS could do to help parties resolve disputes at the earliest possible time and at low cost. Richard Miles and