

radial gate; (3) trash racks; (4) a 19.9 acre-foot de-silting pond; (5) an 18 to 26-inch-diameter, 18,825-foot-long steel penstock; (5) a 600-kilowatt powerhouse; and (6) appurtenant facilities.

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, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (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. Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST" or "MOTION TO INTERVENE;" (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 protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Intent to Prepare Environmental Assessment, Availability of Scoping Document, and Soliciting Scoping Comments

January 22, 2003.

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

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

b. *Project No.:* 7725-005.

c. *Date filed:* September 27, 2002.

d. *Applicant:* Barton Village Inc.

e. *Name of Project:* Barton Village Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Clyde River in the Town of Charleston, Vermont. No federal lands are affected.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Denis H. Poirier, Village Supervisor, Barton Village, Inc. 17 Village Square, P.O. Box 519, Barton, Vermont 05822. (802)525-4747.

i. *FERC Contact:* Frank Winchell at (202)502-6104 or [frank.winchell@ferc.gov](mailto:frank.winchell@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing scoping comments:* 30 days from the 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.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all interveners 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 intervener 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.

Scoping comments 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 "FERRIS" link.

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

l. The existing Barton Village Hydroelectric Project consists of: (1) a 77-foot-long, 24-foot-high masonry and concrete gravity dam; (2) 1.5-foot-high flashboards extending 57 feet across a concrete spillway; (3) a 187-acre impoundment at elevation 1,140.9 feet mean sea level (msl); (4) a 665-foot-long, 7-foot-diameter steel penstock; (5) two 105-foot-long, 5.8-foot-diameter steel penstocks leading to: (6) a powerhouse with two units having a total installed capacity of 1.4 MW; (7) two tailraces; and (8) other appurtenant facilities.

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, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto: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 g above.

n. Scoping Process Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and procedures of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC), the Commission staff intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) that evaluates the environmental impacts of issuing a new license for the continued operation of the Barton Village Hydroelectric Project, located on the Clyde River in Orleans County, Vermont. The project does not affect Federal lands.

The EA will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental effects, if any, of the proposed action and reasonable alternatives, and will include an economic, financial, and engineering analysis. Preparation of staff's EA will be supported by a scoping process to ensure identification and analysis of all pertinent issues.

We prepared the enclosed Scoping Document (SD) to provide you with information on:

- the Barton Village Hydroelectric Project;
- the environmental analysis process we will follow to prepare the EA; and
- our preliminary identification of issues that we will address in the EA.

We invite the participation of governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, and the general public in the scoping process, and have prepared this SD to provide information on the proposed project and to solicit written comments and

suggestions on our preliminary list of issues and alternatives to be addressed in the EA. The SD has been distributed to parties on the Service List for this proceeding and is available from our Public Reference Room at (202)502-8371. It can also be accessed online at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "FERRIS" link.

Given the fact that no comments have been filed related to the relicensing and that Barton Village, Inc. has not proposed any new construction, we do not anticipate at this time that there is adequate justification: (1) to arrange for Commission staff and interested members of the public to visit the project site; or (2) to hold a public meeting near the project site.

Please review this document and, if you wish to provide written input, follow the instructions contained in section 2.2. Please direct any questions about the scoping process to Frank Winchell at (202) 502-6104.

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Meeting, Notice of Vote, Explanation of Action Closing Meeting and List of Persons to Attend; Sunshine Act

January 22, 2003.

The following notice of meeting is published pursuant to Section 3(a) of the Government in the Sunshine Act (Pub. L. 94-409), 5 U.S.C. 552b:

**AGENCY HOLDING MEETING:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

**DATE AND TIME:** January 29, 2003, (Within a relatively short time before or after the regular Commission Meeting).

**PLACE:** Hearing Room 6, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

**STATUS:** Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** Non-public investigations and inquiries and enforcement related matters.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Telephone, (202) 502-8400.

Chairman Wood and Commissioners Massey and Brownell voted to hold a closed meeting on January 29, 2003. The certification of the General Counsel explaining the action closing the meeting is available for public inspection in the Commission's Public

Reference Room at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Chairman and the Commissioners, their assistants, the Commission's Secretary and her assistant, the General Counsel and members of her staff, and a stenographer are expected to attend the meeting. Other staff members from the Commission's program offices who will advise the Commissioners in the matters discussed will also be present.

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Sunshine Act Notice

January 22, 2003.

The following notice of meeting is published pursuant to section 3(a) of the Government in the Sunshine Act (Pub. L. 94-409), 5 U.S.C 552B:

**AGENCY HOLDING MEETING:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**DATE AND TIME:** January 29, 2003, 10 a.m.

**PLACE:** Room 2C, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

**STATUS:** Open.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** Agenda.

**Note:** items listed on the agenda may be deleted without further notice.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Telephone, (202) 502-8400. For a recording listing items stricken from or added to the meeting, call (202) 502-8627.

This is a list of matters to be considered by the commission. It does not include a listing of all papers relevant to the items on the agenda; however, all public documents may be examined in the reference and information center.

**817th—Meeting January 29, 2003, Regular Meeting, 10 a.m.**

#### Administrative Agenda

A-1.

Docket# AD02-1, 000, Agency Administrative Matters

A-2.

Docket# AD02-7, 000, Customer Matters, Reliability, Security and Market Operations

A-3.

Presentation on Winter Market Assessment

A-4.

Seams Resolution Presentation—RTO West, West Connect, California ISO

### Markets, Tariffs and Rates—Electric

E-1.

Docket# EL03-38, 000, Cargill Power Markets, LLC v. Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.

E-2.

Docket# EL03-30, 000, Tenaska Power Services Co. v. Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.

E-3.

Docket# EL02-101, 001, Cleco Power LLC, Dalton Utilities, Entergy Services, Inc., Georgia Transmission Corporation, JEA, MEAG Power, Sam Rayburn G & T Electric Cooperative, Inc., South Carolina Public Service Authority, Southern Company Services, Inc., and the City of Tallahassee, Florida

E-4.

Docket# ER03-265, 000, Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.

E-5.

Docket# ER02-1330, 002, Pacific Gas & Electric Company  
Other#s EL02-88, 000, Wrightsville Power Facility, L.L.C. v. Entergy Arkansas, Inc.  
ER02-1069, 001, Entergy Services, Inc.  
ER02-1151, 001, Entergy Services, Inc.  
ER02-1472, 001, Entergy Gulf States, Inc.  
ER02-2243, 002, Entergy Services, Inc.  
EL03-3, 000, Entergy Services, Inc.  
EL03-4, 000, Entergy Gulf States, Inc.  
EL03-5, 000, Entergy Services, Inc.  
EL03-12, 000, Kinder Morgan Michigan, LLC v. Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC  
EL03-13, 000, Entergy Services Inc.

E-6.

Docket# ER02-199, 000, Mississippi Power Company  
Other#s EL02-50, 000, Southern Company Services, Inc.  
ER02-218, 000, Southern Company Services, Inc.  
ER02-219, 000, Southern Company Services, Inc.  
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ER02-225, 000, Southern Company Services, Inc.  
ER02-226, 000, Southern Company Services, Inc.  
ER02-227, 000, Georgia Power Company  
ER02-228, 000, Georgia Power Company  
ER02-229, 000, Alabama Power Company  
ER02-230, 000, Alabama Power Company  
ER02-498, 000, Gulf Power Company  
ER02-788, 000, Gulf Power Company

E-7.

Docket# ER03-210, 000, New England Power Pool

E-8.

Docket# ER03-117, 000, Duke Energy South Bay, LLC

E-9.

Docket# ER03-116, 000, Duke Energy Oakland, LLC