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k. *Description of Project:* The applicant requests that the license for the Otter Rapids Project No. 1957 be amended to delete the 250-kW Unit #3 from the license and decrease the licensed install capacity from 700 kW to 450 kW. Unit #3 is not operational and is in need of numerous repairs. The licensee states that repairing Unit #3 is not economically justified.

l. *Location of the Filing:* A copy of the filing is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371 and may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the project number excluding the last three digits in the project number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments 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 comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing an original and eight copies to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. A copy of any

motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

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.

Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application for Surrender of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

February 21, 2003.

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

a. *Application Type:* Surrender of License.

b. *Project No.:* P-696-013.

c. *Date Filed:* December 31, 2002.

d. *Applicant:* PacifiCorp.

e. *Name of Project:* American Fork Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On American Fork Creek, near the City of American Fork, Utah County, Utah, about 3 miles east of Highland, Utah. The project affects about 28.8 acres of federal lands within the Uinta National Forest. Also, approximately 2,000 feet of flowline passes through the Timpanogos Cave National Monument, administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Monte Garrett, Licensing Manager, PacifiCorp 825 NE Multnomah, suite 1500, Portland, Oregon, 97232 (503) 813-6629.

i. *FERC Contact:* Kenneth Hogan (202)502-8434, e-mail at kenneth.hogan@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 documents described in item k below.

k. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, protests, and requests for cooperating agency status:* 30 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.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears 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.

l. PacifiCorp filed an application to surrender its minor license for the American Fork Hydroelectric Project. PacifiCorp proposes to continue operation of the project through August 2006, at which time they will begin the project's decommissioning, with completion by December 31, 2007. PacifiCorp proposes to do the following: (1) Demolish, remove, and dispose of the existing concrete diversion dam, Tainter gates, hoists and steel structures, trash racks, and control building; (2) repair the powerhouse structure and retaining wall for the protection of the powerhouse for conveyance to the U.S. Government; (3) remove the spillway, transformer pad, tender's house, garage; (4) reconstruct the stream channel as necessary; (5) remove exposed sections of the penstock and support structures; (6) re-vegetate and/or re-habilitate disturbed areas.

m. A copy of the application is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link—select "Docket #" and follow the

instructions. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866)208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202)502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above. To facilitate the subject surrender, the Commission will incorporate into the record for this proceeding, all documents filed with or issued by the Commission as part of the earlier relicensing proceeding (P-696-010).

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

o. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

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Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Boulder Canyon Project

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of proposed base charge and rates adjustment.

SUMMARY: The Western Area Power Administration (Western) is proposing an adjustment to the Boulder Canyon Project (BCP) firm power base charge and rates. The current base charge and rates expire September 30, 2003. The current base charge is not sufficient to pay all annual costs including operation, maintenance, replacement, and interest expenses, and to repay investment obligations within the required period. The proposed base charge will provide sufficient revenue to pay all annual costs, including operation, maintenance, replacement, and interest expenses, and to repay investment obligations within the allowable period. A detailed rate package that identifies the reasons for the base charge and rates adjustment will be available in April 2003. The proposed base charge and rates are scheduled to become effective on October 1, 2003, the beginning of Federal fiscal year (FY) 2004, and will remain in effect through September 30, 2004. This **Federal Register** notice initiates the formal process for the proposed base charge and rates.

DATES: The consultation and comment period will begin today and will end May 28, 2003. Western representatives will explain the proposed base charge and rates at a public information forum on April 1, 2003, beginning at 10:30 a.m. MST, in Phoenix, AZ. Interested parties can provide oral and written comments at a public comment forum on April 23, 2003, beginning at 10:30 a.m. MST, at the same location.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Desert Southwest Customer Service Regional Office, located at 615 South 43rd Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona. Please send comments to: Mr. J. Tyler Carlson, Regional Manager, Desert Southwest Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005-6457, e-mail carlson@wapa.gov. Western must receive comments by the end of the consultation and comment period to be assured consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jack Murray, Rates Team Lead, Desert Southwest Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005-

6457, telephone (602) 352-2442, e-mail jmurray@wapa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Base Charge and Rates for BCP Firm Power

The proposed base charge and rates for BCP firm power service are designed to recover an annual revenue requirement that includes the investment repayment, interest, operation and maintenance, replacements, payment to states, visitor services, and uprating payments. These annual costs are reduced by the projected revenue from water sales, visitor services, water pump energy sales, facility use charges, regulation services, miscellaneous leases, and late fees. The projected annual revenue requirement is the base charge for firm power service and is divided equally between capacity dollars and energy dollars. Annual energy dollars are divided by annual energy sales, and annual capacity dollars are divided by annual capacity sales to determine the proposed energy rate and the proposed capacity rate.

The Deputy Secretary of the Department of Energy (DOE) approved the existing rate formula for calculating the base charge and rates in Rate Schedule BCP-F6 for BCP firm power service on September 18, 2000, (Rate Order No. WAPA-94, October 13, 2000). The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) confirmed and approved the rate formula on a final basis in Docket No. EF00-5092-000 issued July 31, 2001. Rate Schedule BCP-F6 became effective on October 1, 2000, for the period ending September 30, 2005. Under Rate Schedule BCP-F6, for FY 2003, the base charge is \$50,761,729, the forecasted energy rate is 5.58 mills per kilowatt-hour (mills/kWh) and the forecasted capacity rate is \$1.08 per kilowatt month (kWmonth). The composite rate is 11.16 mills/kWh.

The FY 2004 proposed base charge is \$53,284,854, the forecasted energy rate is 5.92 mills/kWh, and the forecasted capacity rate is \$1.14/kWmonth. The proposed composite rate is 11.84 mills/kWh. This is approximately a 6-percent increase from the current composite rate. The proposed base charge and rates are based on the FY 2003 operating plan for Western and the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), and also account for the lower revenue level due to restriction of public tours at Hoover Dam following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack in the United States. The following table compares the current and proposed base charge and rates.