

a. *Type of Application:* Settlement Agreement.

b. *Project No.:* 5334-019.

c. *Date Filed:* August 7, 2003.

d. *Applicant:* Charter Township of Ypsilanti, MI.

e. *Name of Project:* Ford Lake Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Huron River, Washtenaw County, within the township of Ypsilanti, Michigan. The project does not affect Federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Rule 602 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.602.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Ms. Joann Brinker, Administrative Services/Human Resources Director, Charter Township of Ypsilanti, 7200 South Huron River Driver, Ypsilanti, MI 48197, (734) 484-0065.

i. *FERC Contact:* Monte TerHaar, (202) 502-6035 or monte.terhaar@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for Filing Comments:* The deadline for filing comments on the Settlement Agreement is 20 days from the date of this notice. The deadline for filing reply comments is 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

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.

Comments may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions of the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-filing" link.

k. Charter Township of Ypsilanti filed a partial Settlement Agreement on behalf of itself, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and the Michigan Hydro Relicensing Coalition. The purpose of the Settlement Agreement is to resolve, among the signatories, issues related to the Township's pending Application for a New Major License for the Ford Lake Hydroelectric Project. The Settlement Agreement covers compliance monitoring of impoundment levels and tailrace elevations; maintenance of natural riparian habitat; and establishes an escrow account for future fish

protection, fisheries habitat improvement, and, in the event of license surrender, dam decommissioning.

l. A copy of the Settlement Agreement 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 eLibrary (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.

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Linda Mitry,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. DI02-3-002]

AquaEnergy Group Ltd.; Notice of Combined Initial Information Meeting and Scoping Meeting, Site Visit, and Solicitation of Scoping Comments

August 8, 2003.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations allow applicants to prepare their own Environmental Assessment (EA) for hydropower projects and file it with the Commission along with their license application as part of an alternative licensing procedure (ALP).¹ On July 22, 2003, the Commission noticed the request of AquaEnergy Group Ltd. (AquaEnergy) to use the ALP and set a deadline for comments of August 21, 2003. AquaEnergy wishes to hold combined Initial Information/Scoping Meetings on August 26 and 27, 2003. Because the Commission will need ample time to fully consider comments received from interested stakeholders on AquaEnergy's request to use the ALP, the Commission may not have decided on AquaEnergy's request to use the ALP

prior to the combined meetings. However, the ALP allows greater flexibility than the traditional licensing process, and the Commission believes that it is in the public interest to solicit scoping comments in this notice. The Commission has not pre-judged AquaEnergy's request to use the ALP.

Public Meeting and Site Visit

AquaEnergy distributed a combined Initial Information Package (IIP)/Scoping Document 1 (SD1) for the Makah Bay Offshore Wave Energy Pilot Project on August 5, 2003, to the mailing list for this proceeding.

AquaEnergy will hold combined Initial Information/Scoping Meetings on Tuesday, August 26 and Wednesday, August 27, 2003. The purposes of the meetings are to review the information presented in the IIP/SD1 and to initiate the identification of areas of interest that should be addressed in the licensing and any related Applicant-Prepared Environmental Assessment (APEA) processes. The meetings will be held as follows:

Agency Meeting

When: Tuesday, August 26, 2003, 5 p.m.–6 p.m.

Where: Makah Tribal Offices, Neah Bay, Washington.

Public Meeting

When: Tuesday, August 26, 2003, 7 p.m.–9 p.m.

Where: Makah Tribal Community Center, Neah Bay, Washington.

Public Meeting

When: Wednesday, August 27, 2003, 7 p.m.–9 p.m.

Where: Clallam County Public Utility District, 2431 Highway 101 East, Port Angeles, Washington.

AquaEnergy will also conduct a site visit to the project on Tuesday, August 26, 2003. Those wishing to attend the site visit should meet at Makah Tribal Council Offices in Neah Bay, Washington. Please RSVP Mary Jane Parks, AquaEnergy, at (626) 253-1981, if you plan to attend the site visit.

The deadline for filing comments is September 26, 2003. All documents (an original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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

¹ 81 FERC ¶ 61,103 (1997).

site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the “e-Filing” link.

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 that document on that resource agency.

Based on feedback received on the IIP/SD1 and the project site visit, AquaEnergy will prepare a Scoping Document 2 (SD2). SD2 will include a revised list of issues based on the meeting and written comments. AquaEnergy expects to issue SD2 on October 27, 2003.

All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited and encouraged to attend the meetings and site visit and to assist in the identification of environmental issues that should be included in SD2.

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 Commission’s EA. Agencies who would like to request cooperating agency status should file such a request (original and eight copies) with the Secretary at the aforementioned address. Please put the docket number, DI-02-3-002, on the first page of your filing.

For further information regarding the informational and scoping meeting and project site visit or to be added to the mailing list for the project, please contact Ms. Mary Jane Parks of AquaEnergy or Nicholas Jayjack of the Commission’s staff at (202) 502-6073.

A copy of the IIP/SD1 is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission’s Web site <http://www.ferc.gov> using the “FERRIS” link. Enter the docket number (DI02-3) in the docket 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.

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Magalie R. Salas,
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD02-1-000]

eLibrary (Federal Energy Regulatory Records Information System); Notice Announcing Renaming of FERRIS to eLibrary

August 11, 2003.

On May 13, 2002, the Commission issued a Notice announcing the establishment of the Federal Energy Regulatory Records Information System, or FERRIS. This online system replaced three document management systems that were previously available at the Commission’s Internet Web site: the Commission Issuance Posting System (CIPS), the Record Information Management System (RIMS), and the Docket Sheet System.

The Commission now gives notice that, effective August 11, 2003, FERRIS is renamed to eLibrary. This action coincides with the launch of the Commission’s new Internet Web site today at <http://www.ferc.gov>.

The name eLibrary is in keeping with the e-Government services the Commission has planned as part of its FERC Online initiatives. See www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ferconline.asp.

eLibrary will have essentially the same features as FERRIS. Over the next coming year, eLibrary will be improved to meet the needs of the Commission’s customers. eLibrary users will also continue to see references to FERRIS. The referenced materials will be changed to eLibrary over the next couple of months.

For additional information on this topic, you may contact Ellen Brown, OED, Division of Chief Information Officer, at 202-502-8663 or ellen.brown@ferc.gov; or Brooks Carter, Assistant Secretary for Information Resources, OSEC, at 202-502-8145 or brooks.carter@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas,
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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Regulations Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

August 12, 2003.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(b), of the receipt of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive an exempt or prohibited off-the-record communication relevant to the merit’s of a contested on-the-record proceeding, to deliver a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication, to the Secretary.

Prohibited communications will be included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not a part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become a part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such a request only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication shall serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications will be included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of prohibited and exempt communications recently received in the Office of the Secretary. The communications listed are grouped by docket numbers. These filings are 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 eLibrary (FERRIS) link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the