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**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. P-2169]

#### Tapoco Hydroelectric; Notice of Site Visit

October 16, 2003.

a. *Date and Time of Site Visit:* November 3 and 4, 2003, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

b. *Place:* All participants should meet at the office of Alcoa Power Generating Inc., Tapoco Division Office at 300 North Hall Road, Alcoa, TN 37701-2516.

c. *FERC Contact:* Anyone having questions about the site visit should contact Lee Emery at (202) 502-8379 or e-mail at [lee.emery@ferc.gov](mailto:lee.emery@ferc.gov). Participants should contact Norman Pierson at (865) 977-3326 or by e-mail at [norm.pierson@alcoa.com](mailto:norm.pierson@alcoa.com) by October 29, 2003, to make arrangements for transportation from the Alcoa Office to the project development sites. All participants are responsible for their own transportation to the Alcoa Office.

d. *Purpose of site visit:* The Applicant (Alcoa Power Generating, Inc.) and FERC staff will conduct a site visit to examine environmental and engineering features proposed for the Tapoco Project. All interested individuals, organizations, Indian Tribes, and agencies are invited to attend.

e. This site visit is posted on the Commission's calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Hydro Licensing Status Workshop 2003

October 16, 2003.

In the matter of: AD04-1-000; 2069-003; 2306-008; 2205-006, 11475-000 and 11478-000; 176-018; 2964-006; 2474-004, 2539-003; 2283-005, 2612-005, and 2721-013; 2634-007; 1975-014, 2055-010, 2061-004, 2777-007, and 2778-005; 1927-008, 2342-005, and 2659-011; 2493-006; 11472-000 and 11566-003; 372-008 and 2017-011: Hydro Licensing Status Workshop 2003, Arizona Public Service Company, Citizens Utilities Company, Central Vermont Public Service Corporation, City of Escondido, California, City of Sturgis, Michigan, Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P., FPL Energy Maine, LLC, Great Lakes Hydro American, L.L.C., Idaho Power Company, PacifiCorp, Puget Sound Energy, Inc., Ridgewood Maine Hydro Partners, L.P., Southern California Edison Company

A one-day, Commissioner-led workshop will be held on Thursday, December 11, 2003, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in the Commission Meeting Room at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC. The workshop will focus on the above-listed 26 pending license applications filed at the Commission. The workshop is open to the public and all interested persons are invited to attend and participate.

The goals of the workshop are to: (1) Review and discuss the pending license applications; (2) identify unresolved issues; (3) determine next steps; (4) agree on who will take the next step; and (5) focus on solutions. The workshop will concentrate on identifying the unresolved issues associated with each project, and determining the best course of action to resolve or remove obstacles to final action on each pending license application.

A transcript of the discussions will be placed in the public record for Docket No. AD04-1-000 and in the record for each of the pending license applications.

#### Filing Requirements for Paper and Electronic Filings

Comments, papers, or other documents related to this proceeding may be filed in paper format or electronically. Those filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing.

For paper filings, the original and 8 copies of the comments should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,

888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Paper filings should, at the top of the first page, refer to Docket No. AD04-1-000 and reference the specific project name(s) and project number(s) that the comments concern. The deadline to file comments is January 10, 2004.

Comments may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. Documents filed electronically via the Internet must be prepared in WordPerfect, MS Word, Portable Document Format, or ASCII format. To file the document, access the Commission's Web site at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov), click on "e-Filing" and then follow the instructions on the screen. First-time users will have to establish a user name and password. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgment to the sender's e-mail address upon receipt of comments. User assistance for electronic filing is available at 202-502-8258 or by e-mail to [efiling@ferc.gov](mailto:efiling@ferc.gov). Comments should not be submitted to the e-mail address.

All comments will be placed in the Commission's public files and will be available for inspection in the Commission's Public Reference Room at 888 First Street, NE., Washington DC 20426, during regular business hours. Additionally, all comments may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) using the "eLibrary" link. For assistance, call toll free 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY 202-502-8659, or by e-mail to [FERCONLINESUPPORT@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCONLINESUPPORT@ferc.gov).

#### Opportunities for Listening, Participating, and Viewing the Workshop Offsite and Obtaining a Transcript

The workshop will be transcribed. Those interested in transcripts immediately for a fee should contact Ace-Federal Reporters, Inc. at 202-347-3700, or 1-800-336-6646. Transcripts will be available free to the public on the Commission's e-library system two weeks after the workshop.

The Capitol Connection offers the opportunity for remote listening and viewing of the conference. It is available for a fee, live over the Internet, by phone or via satellite. Persons interested in receiving the broadcast, or who need information on making arrangements should contact David Reininger or Julia Morelli at the Capitol Connection (703-993-3100) as soon as possible or visit the Capitol Connection Web site at <http://www.capitolconnection.org> and click on "FERC".

Anyone wishing to participate via teleconference should call or e-mail

Susan Tseng 202-502-6065 or [susan.tseng@ferc.gov](mailto:susan.tseng@ferc.gov), by December 4, 2003, to receive the toll free telephone number to join the teleconference.

Anyone interested in participating in the workshop via video teleconference from one of the Commission's regional offices should call or e-mail the

following staff, by December 4, 2003, to make arrangements. Seating capacity is limited.

Regional office	Staff contact	Telephone No.	E-mail address
Atlanta .....	Charles Wagner .....	770-452-3765	<a href="mailto:charles.wagner@ferc.gov">charles.wagner@ferc.gov</a>
Chicago .....	John Hawk .....	312-596-4437	<a href="mailto:john.hawk@ferc.gov">john.hawk@ferc.gov</a>
New York .....	Chuck Goggins .....	212-273-5910	<a href="mailto:charles.goggins@ferc.gov">charles.goggins@ferc.gov</a>
Portland .....	Pat Regan .....	503-552-2741	<a href="mailto:patrick.regan@ferc.gov">patrick.regan@ferc.gov</a>
San Francisco .....	John Wiegel .....	415-369-3336	<a href="mailto:john.wiegel@ferc.gov">john.wiegel@ferc.gov</a>

By December 1, 2003, an agenda for the workshop and information about the pending license applications will be posted on the Commission's web site under Hydro Licensing Status Workshop 2003. Anyone without access to the Commission's Web site, or who has questions should contact Mark Pawlowski at 202-502-6052, or e-mail [mark.pawlowski@ferc.gov](mailto:mark.pawlowski@ferc.gov) or Nick Jayjack at 202-502-6073, or e-mail [nicholas.jayjack@ferc.gov](mailto:nicholas.jayjack@ferc.gov). This meeting is posted on the Commission's calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx> along with other related information.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Southwestern Power Administration

#### Robert Douglas Willis Power Rate Schedule

**AGENCY:** Southwestern Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of rate order.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Delegation Order No. 00-037.00 and 00-001-00A, effective December 6, 2001 and September 17, 2002, respectively, the Deputy Secretary of Energy has approved and placed into effect on an interim basis Rate Order No. SWPA-50 which increases the power rate for the Robert Douglas Willis Hydropower (Robert D. Willis) Project pursuant to the following Robert D. Willis Rate Schedule: Rate Schedule RDW-03, Wholesale Rates for Hydro Power and Energy Sold to Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency (Contract No. DE-PM75-85SW00117).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Forrest E. Reeves, Assistant Administrator, Office of Corporate Operations, Southwestern Power Administration, Department of Energy, One West Third Street, Tulsa, OK

74103-3519, (918) 595-6696, [gene.reeves@swpa.gov](mailto:gene.reeves@swpa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The existing hydroelectric power rate for the Robert D. Willis project is \$353,700 per year. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approved this rate on a final basis on October 22, 2001, for the period ending September 30, 2005. The FY 2003 Robert D. Willis Power Repayment Studies indicates the need for an increase in the annual rate by \$99,952 or 28.1 percent beginning November 1, 2003.

The Administrator of Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern) has followed Title 10, Part 903 Subpart A, of the Code of Federal Regulations, "Procedures for Public Participation in Power and Transmission Rate Adjustments and Extensions" in connection with the proposed rate schedule. On June 24, 2003, Southwestern published notice in the **Federal Register**, 68 FR 37483, of a 60-day comment period, together with a Public Information Forum and a Public Comment Forum, to provide an opportunity for customers and other interested members of the public to review and comment on a proposed rate increase for the Robert D. Willis project. Both public forums were canceled when no one expressed an intention to participate. Written comments were accepted through August 25, 2003. The only comment received was from Gillis & Angley, Counsellors at Law, on behalf of Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency (SRMPA), which stated that SRMPA (the sole hydropower customer) had no objection to the proposed rate adjustment.

Information regarding this rate proposal, including studies and other supporting material, is available for public review and comment in the offices of Southwestern Power Administration, Suite 1400, One West Third Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103.

Following review of Southwestern's proposal within the Department of Energy, I approved Rate Order No. SWPA-50, which increases the existing Robert D. Willis rate to \$452,952 per

year for the period November 1, 2003, through September 30, 2007.

Dated: October 10, 2003.

**Kyle E. McSlarrow,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

### Department of Energy

#### Deputy Secretary of Energy

*In the matter of:* Southwestern Power Administration, Robert Douglas Willis Hydropower Project; Rate Order No. SWPA-50.

#### Order Confirming, Approving and Placing Increased Power Rate Schedule in Effect on an Interim Basis

Pursuant to Sections 302(a) and 301(b) of the Department of Energy Organization Act, Public Law 95-91, the functions of the Secretary of the Interior and the Federal Power Commission under Section 5 of the Flood Control Act of 1944, 16 U.S.C. 825s, relating to the Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern) were transferred to and vested in the Secretary of Energy. By Delegation Order No. 00-037.00 (December 6, 2001), the Secretary of Energy delegated to the Administrator of Southeastern the authority to develop power and transmission rates, and delegated to the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Energy the authority to confirm, approve, and place in effect such rates on an interim basis and delegated to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) the authority to confirm and approve on a final basis or to disapprove rates developed by the Administrator under the delegation. This rate order is issued by the Deputy Secretary pursuant to said delegation, and pursuant to Delegation Order No. 00-001-00A, effective September 17, 2002.

#### Background

Dam B (Town Bluff Dam), located on the Neches River in eastern Texas downstream from the Sam Rayburn Dam, was originally constructed in 1951 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and provides streamflow regulation of releases from the Sam