

**14. PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.**

[Docket No. ER04-342-000]

Take notice that on December 29, 2003, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. (PJM) submitted for filing revisions to the PJM Open Access Transmission Tariff and the Amended and Restated Operating Agreement of PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. to adjust the allocation period for excess congestion revenues from a calendar year basis to a PJM planning period (June 1 to May 31) basis. PJM requests an effective date of December 31, 2003.

PJM states that copies of the filing have been served on all PJM members, and each State electric utility regulatory commission in the PJM region.

*Comment Date:* January 20, 2004.

**Standard Paragraph**

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date, and, to the extent applicable, must be served on the applicant and on any other person designated on the official service list. This filing is available for review at the Commission 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 filed to access the document. For assistance, call (202) 502-8222 or TTY, (202) 502-8659. 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.

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 1893-042]

**Public Service Company of New Hampshire; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission, Soliciting Additional Study Requests, and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Relicensing and a Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments**

January 7, 2004.

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

- a. *Type of Application:* New major license.
- b. *Project No.:* P-1893-042.
- c. *Date Filed:* December 30, 2003.
- d. *Applicant:* Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH).
- e. *Name of Project:* Merrimack River Project.
- f. *Location:* On the Merrimack River, in Merrimack and Hillsborough counties, New Hampshire. The project does not occupy Federal lands of the United States.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791 (a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* James J. Kearns, 780 North Commercial Street, P.O. Box 330, Manchester, NH, (603) 634-2936.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Steve Kartalia, [stephen.kartalia@ferc.gov](mailto:stephen.kartalia@ferc.gov) (202) 502-6131.
- j. *Cooperating Agencies:* We are asking Federal, State, and local agencies and Indian tribes 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 l 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 a factual basis for 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 after the application filing and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

l. Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status: February 27, 2004.

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 may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. 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.

m. The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. *Project Description:* The project consists of the following three developments:

The Amoskeag Development consists of the following existing facilities: (1) A 29-foot-high, 710-foot-long concrete gravity dam comprised of: (i) a low crest section with 5-foot-high flashboards; and (ii) a high crest section with 3-foot-high flashboards; (2) a 7-mile-long, 478-acre reservoir; (3) a powerhouse, integral with the dam, containing three generating units with a total installed capacity of 16,000 kW; (4) a 415-foot-long, 34.5-kV double circuit transmission line; and (5) other appurtenances.

The Hooksett Development consists of the following existing facilities: (1) A dam comprised of: (i) a 340-foot-long stone masonry section with 2-foot-high flashboards connected to; (ii) a 250-foot-long concrete section with 2-foot-high flashboards; (2) a 15-foot by 20-foot Taintor gate; (3) a 5.5-mile-long, 405-acre reservoir; (4) a powerhouse containing a single generating unit with an installed capacity of 1,600 kW; and (5) other appurtenances.

The Garvins Falls Development consists of the following existing facilities: (1) An 18-foot-high, 550-foot-long concrete and granite gravity dam comprised of: (i) a low crest section with 3-foot-high flashboards; and (ii) a high crest section with 1.2-foot-high flashboards; (2) an 8-mile-long reservoir; (3) a 500-foot-long water canal with a 10-foot-wide waste gate; (4) two powerhouses, each containing two generating units for a total installed capacity of 12,300 kW; (5) a 340-foot-long, 34.5-kV transmission line; and (6) other appurtenances.

o. A copy of the application is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may also be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" 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.

p. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support. To view upcoming FERC events, go to <http://www.ferc.gov> and click on "View Entire Calendar".

q. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the New Hampshire 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.

r. *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. The Commission staff proposes to issue one environmental assessment rather than issue a draft and final EA. Comments, terms and conditions, recommendations, prescriptions, and reply comments, if any, will be addressed in an EA issued in the summer of 2005.

Issue Acceptance or Deficiency Letter—April 2004

Issue Scoping Document—July 2004

Notice that application is ready for environmental analysis—January 2005

Notice of the availability of the EA—June 2005

Ready for Commission decision on the application—December 2005

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.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7610-2]

### Draft Toxicological Review of Toluene: In Support of Summary Information on the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of external peer-review panel meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing an external peer-review panel meeting to review the external review draft document entitled, "Toxicological Review of Toluene: In Support of Summary Information on the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)" (NCEA-S-1264). The document was prepared by EPA's National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) of the Office of Research and Development. EPA will use comments and recommendations from the expert panel meeting to finalize the draft document.

**DATES:** The peer-review panel meeting will begin on February 5, 2004, at 8:30 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. Members of the public may attend as observers.

**ADDRESSES:** The external peer-review panel meeting will be held at the Jurys Washington Hotel, 1500 New Hampshire Ave., NW., Washington, DC. Under an Interagency Agreement with EPA and the Department of Energy, the Oak Ridge Institute of Science and Education (ORISE) is organizing, convening, and conducting the peer-review panel meeting. To attend the meeting, register by January 23, 2004, by calling ORISE, PO Box 117, MS 17, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-0117, at (865) 241-5784 or (865) 241-3168 (facsimile). Interested parties may also register online at: [ShapardL@orau.gov](mailto:ShapardL@orau.gov). Space is limited, and reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

A limited number of paper copies are available by contacting the IRIS Hotline at (202) 566-1676 or (202) 566-1749 (facsimile). If you are requesting a paper copy, please provide your name, mailing address, and the document title and number, "Draft Toxicological Review of Toluene: In Support of Summary Information on the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)" (NCEA-S-1264). Copies are not available from ORISE.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions regarding registration and logistics should be directed to Leslie

Shapard, ORISE, PO Box 117, MS 17, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-0117, at 865-241-5784 (telephone), (865) 241-3168 (facsimile), [ShapardL@orau.gov](mailto:ShapardL@orau.gov) (email).

If you have questions about the document, contact Lynn Flowers, IRIS Staff, National Center for Environmental Assessment, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone: (202) 564-1537; facsimile: (202) 565-0075; e-mail: [flowers.lynn@epa.gov](mailto:flowers.lynn@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The draft report is a reassessment of the chronic health effects of toluene which was first entered into the IRIS data base in 1987. The report provides the scientific basis for deriving an oral reference dose (RfD) and inhalation reference concentration (RfC) for the noncancer health risk from exposure to toluene. A cancer assessment is also included in the draft report.

IRIS is a data base that contains scientific Agency consensus positions on potential adverse human health effects that may result from chronic (or lifetime) exposure to specific chemical substances found in the environment. The data base (available on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/iris>) contains qualitative and quantitative health effects information for more than 500 chemical substances that may be used to support the first two steps (hazard identification and dose-response evaluation) of the risk assessment process. When supported by available data, the data base provides RfDs and RfCs for chronic health effects, and oral slope factors and inhalation unit risks for carcinogenic effects. Combined with specific exposure information, government and private entities use IRIS to help characterize public health risks of chemical substances in a site-specific situation and thereby support risk management decisions designed to protect public health.

Toluene (CASRN 108-88-3) or methylbenzene is used as a gasoline additive to increase octane ratings, in benzene production, and as a solvent in paints, coatings, inks, adhesives, and cleaners. Toluene is also used in the production of nylon, plastics and polyurethanes. Toluene is released to the environment, mostly into the atmosphere during the production, transport, and use of gasoline. Toluene has been detected in drinking water supplies, particularly in locations near leaking underground storage tanks containing fuel products. Toluene has also been detected in soil and water at or near certain hazardous waste sites and in smoke from wood and cigarettes.