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Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2004-075]

Holyoke Gas & Electric Department; Notice of Settlement Agreement and Soliciting Comments

March 19, 2004.

Take notice that the following settlement agreement has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

- a. *Type of Application:* Settlement agreement.
- b. *Project No.:* 2004-075.
- c. *Date Filed:* March 12, 2004.
- d. *Applicant:* The City of Holyoke Gas & Electric Department.
- e. *Name of Project:* Holyoke Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* Located on the Connecticut River in Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin Counties, Massachusetts. No Federal lands are occupied by the project works or located with the project boundary.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Rule 602 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure, 18 CFR 385.602.
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Paul S. Ducheny, Superintendent of Hydro Operations, City of Holyoke Gas & Electric Department, 99 Suffolk Street, Holyoke, MA 01040; (413) 536-9300.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Allan Creamer at (202) 502-8365, or by e-mail at allan.creamer@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. After logging into the e-Filing system, select "Comment on Filing" from the Filing Type Selection screen and continue with the filing process. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing.

k. The City of Holyoke Gas & Electric Department filed the Settlement Agreement on behalf of itself and 7 other stakeholders. The purpose of the Settlement Agreement is to resolve, among the settling parties, all issues presented in the pending requests for rehearing of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's August 20, 1999, "Order Issuing New License and Denying Competing Application," for the Holyoke Project. The issues resolved through the settlement relate to run-of-river operations, bypass minimum flows and canal system flows, flow prioritization, and upstream and downstream fish passage. The settlement also addresses compliance issues with plans previously filed and approved by the Commission, pursuant to the 1999 license and the revised 2001 water quality certification. The City of Holyoke Gas & Electric Department and the settling parties request that the Commission, pending completion of formal consultation with NOAA Fisheries on the shortnose sturgeon, approve the Settlement Agreement and incorporate various proposed license articles into modified license articles for the project.

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" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field (P-2004) 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.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other

pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 906-000]

Dominion Virginia Power; Notice of Scoping Meetings and Soliciting Comments

March 19, 2004.

- a. *Type of Application:* Initial Consultation Document (ICD) for a new major license.
- b. *Project No.:* 906-000.
- c. *Date Filed:* ICD filed July 11, 2003; license application anticipated June 15, 2006.
- d. *Applicant:* Dominion Virginia Power.
- e. *Name of Project:* Cushaw Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* On the James River in Amherst and Bedford Counties, Virginia. The project occupies about 4.0 acres of Federal land administered by the U.S. Forest Service.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791 (a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. James Thornton, Technical Advisor, F & H Operations Support, 5000 Dominion Blvd., 1 N.E., Glen Allen, VA 23060, telephone (804) 273-3257.
- i. *FERC Contact:* John Smith, telephone (202) 502-8972, e-mail john.smith@ferc.gov.
- j. *Deadline for Filing Scoping Comments:* May 24, 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.

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 "e-Filing" link.

k. The Cushaw Project consists of the following features: (1) A 1,550-foot-long and 27-foot-high reinforced concrete dam extending diagonally across the James River; (2) a 138-acre reservoir at a surface elevation of 656 feet mean sea level; (3) an integrated powerhouse containing five generating units with a

total installed capacity of 7,500 kilowatts; (4) 2.3-kilovolt (kV) generator leads; (5) a 2.3-kV cable connecting the powerhouse to the Cushaw substation; and (6) appurtenant facilities.

l. A copy of the ICD 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" 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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m. *Scoping Process:* The Commission staff intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act once the final license application is filed. The EA will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts and reasonable alternatives to the proposed action.

Scoping Meetings

The Commission staff will conduct a site visit, one agency scoping meeting and one public meeting. The agency scoping meeting will focus on resource agency, Indian tribes, and non-governmental organization concerns, while the public scoping meeting is primarily for public input. All interested individuals, organizations, resource agencies, and Indian tribes are invited to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist the staff in identifying the scope of the environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

Site Visit

When: Thursday, April 22, 2004, 10 a.m. to noon.

Where: Meet at Rocky Row Run Boat Ramp off Routes 501 and 130 between the towns of Glasgow and Big Island, Virginia; RSVP to Applicant Contact (item h) by April 14.

Agency Scoping Meeting

When: Thursday, April 22, 2004, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Holiday Inn Express, 850 North Lee Highway, Lexington, VA.

Public Scoping Meeting

When: Thursday, April 22, 2004, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Where: Big Island Elementary School, 1114 Schooldays Road, Big Island, VA.

Copies of the Scoping Document (SD1) outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the EA were distributed to the parties on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of the SD1 will be available at the scoping meeting or may be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link (see item l above).

Objectives

At the scoping meetings, the staff will: (1) Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the EA; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantifiable data, on the resources at issue; (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EA, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views; (4) determine the resource issues to be addressed in the EA; and (5) identify those issues that require a detailed analysis, as well as those issues that do not require a detailed analysis.

Procedures

The meetings are recorded by a stenographer and become part of the formal record of the Commission proceeding on the project.

Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meeting and to assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the EA.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Project No. 2030-036]

Portland General Electric and the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon; Notice of Meeting To Discuss the Pelton Round Butte Hydroelectric Project Collaborative Settlement Process and Procedural Schedule

March 19, 2004.

a. *Date and Time of Meeting:* Tuesday, April 6, 2004, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., eastern daylight saving time.

b. *Place:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC.

c. *FERC Contact:* Nicholas Jayjack.

d. *Purpose of Meeting:* Portland General Electric has requested a meeting with Commission staff to discuss both an agreement in principle that has been reached in ongoing settlement negotiations and a procedural schedule for concluding the Pelton Round Butte Hydroelectric Project relicensing proceeding. The project is located on the Deschutes River in north central Oregon.

e. *Proposed Agenda:* (1) Introduction of participants; (2) Portland General Electric presentation on the purpose of the meeting; (3) discussion; and (4) conclusion.

f. Commission staff will not issue a Final Environmental Impact Statement for the project prior to this meeting.

g. All local, State, and Federal agencies, Indian tribes, and other interested parties are invited to participate either in person or by phone. Please call Nicholas Jayjack at (202) 502-6073 by April 2, 2004, to RSVP and to receive specific instructions on how to participate.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2004-0092; FRL-7351-8]

Pesticide Registration Fee Waivers; New Information Collection Activities and Request for Comments

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44