

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission

[Project No. 2145-060]

Rocky Reach Hydroelectric Project;
Notice of Availability of Draft
Environmental Impact Statement

September 1, 2005.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) regulations contained in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) (18 CFR Part 380 [FERC Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897]), the Office of Energy Projects staff (staff) reviewed the application for a New Major License for the Rocky Reach Project. Staff prepared a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for the project, located on the Columbia River in Chelan County, Washington.

The DEIS contains staff's analysis of the potential environmental effects of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with staff's recommended measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the DEIS is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "e-Library" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits, to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Any comments should be filed within 60 days from the notice date in the **Federal Register** and should be addressed to Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please affix Rocky Reach Project, P-2145-060 to all comments. For further information, please contact Kim A. Nguyen at (202) 502-6105 or at kim.nguyen@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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Federal Energy Regulatory
CommissionNotice of Application To Amend
License and Soliciting Comments,
Motions To Intervene, and Protests

August 31, 2005.

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

- a. *Type of Application*: Request to amend license article 412.
- b. *Project No.*: 2496-119.
- c. *Date Filed*: August 4, 2005.
- d. *Applicant*: Eugene Water and Electric Board.
- e. *Name of Project*: Leaburg-Waltherville Project.
- f. *Location*: The project is located on the McKenzie River, in Lane County, Oregon.
- g. *Filed pursuant to*: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r) and 799 and 801.
- h. *Applicant Contact*: Mr. Steven Newcomb, Eugene Water and Electric Board, P.O. Box 10148, Eugene, OR 97440-2148.
- i. *FERC Contact*: Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Diana Shannon (202) 502-8887, or diana.shannon@ferc.gov.
- j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene, protests, comments*: September 30, 2005.

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

k. *Description of Proposed Action*: Article 412 originally required the licensee to develop a spawning gravel augmentation plan, which was approved by the Commission in March 2003. Alternatively, the licensee now proposes to create fund whereby the licensee would provide \$64,192 annually (increasing 2.5 percent a year) to the McKenzie Watershed Council for 20 years. These funds would be used to support habitat restoration and enhancements to improve ecological conditions in the lower McKenzie River and its tributaries.

l. The filing 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, call toll free 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. For TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h.

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

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene*: Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules and Practice and Procedure 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, 385.214. 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.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents*: Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the docket number (P-2496-119) on any comments or motions filed. 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 e-filings. All documents should be filed with: 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.

p. *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