

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 notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit the original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Comment Date: January 6, 2009.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12569-001]

Public Utility District No. 1 of Okanogan County; Notice of Scoping Meetings and Site Visit and Soliciting Scoping Comments

December 16, 2008.

- a. *Type of Filings:* New Major License.
- b. *Project No.:* 12569-001.
- c. *Date Filed:* August 22, 2008.
- d. *Submitted By:* Public Utility District No. 1 of Okanogan County (Okanogan PUD).
- e. *Name of Project:* Enloe Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* On the Similkameen River, near the Town of Oroville, Okanogan County, Washington. The project occupies about 35.47 acres of federal lands under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR Part 5 of the Commission's Regulations.
- h. *Applicant Contact:* John R. Grubich, General Manager, Public Utility District No. 1 of Okanogan County, P.O. Box 912, Okanogan, Washington 98840, (509) 422-8485.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Dianne Rodman, 888 First Street, NE., Room 63-11, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-6105, dianne.rodman@ferc.gov.
- Kim A. Nguyen, 888 First Street, NE., Room 6B-02, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-6077. kim.nguyen@ferc.gov.
- j. *Deadline for filing scoping comments:* February 16, 2009.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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 the document on that resource agency.

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. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. The Enloe Project would consist of: (1) An existing 315-foot-long and 54-foot-high concrete gravity arch dam with an integrated 276-foot-long central overflow spillway with 5-foot-high flashboards; (2) an existing 76.6-acre reservoir (narrow channel of the Similkameen River) with a storage capacity of 775 acre-feet at 1049.3 feet mean sea level; (3) a 190-foot-long intake canal on the east abutment of the dam diverting flows into the penstock intake structure; (4) a 35-foot-long by 30-foot-wide penstock intake structure; (5) two above-ground 8.5-foot-diameter steel penstocks carrying flows from the intake to the powerhouse; (6) a powerhouse containing two vertical Kaplan turbine/generator units with a total installed capacity of 9.0 megawatts; (7) a 180-foot-long tailrace channel that would convey flows from the powerhouse to the Similkameen River, downstream of the Similkameen Falls; (8) a new substation adjacent to the powerhouse; (9) a new 100-foot-long, 13.2-kilovolt primary transmission line from the substation connecting to an existing distribution line; (10) new and upgraded access roads, and (11) appurtenant facilities.

m. Copies of the License Application (LA) and Scoping Document 1 (SD1) are 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 "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.

Register online at <http://ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to these or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. With this notice, we are soliciting comments on SD1. All comments on SD1 should be sent to the address above in paragraph j. In addition, all comments on the LA and SD1, study requests, requests for cooperating agency status, and all communications to Commission staff related to the merits of the potential applications (original and eight copies) must be filed with the

Commission at the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. All filings with the Commission relevant to the Enloe Hydroelectric Project must include on the first page, the project name and number (P-12569-001), and bear the heading, as appropriate, "Comments on Scoping Document 1."

Comments on SD1 and other permissible forms of communications with the Commission 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.

o. At this time, Commission staff intends to prepare a single Environmental Assessment for the project, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

p. Scoping Meetings

We will hold two scoping meetings for each project at the times and places noted below. The daytime meetings will focus on resource agency, Indian tribes, and non-governmental organization concerns, while the evening meetings are primarily for receiving input from the public. We invite all interested individuals, organizations, Indian tribes, and agencies to attend one or all of the meetings, and to assist staff in identifying particular study needs, as well as the scope of environmental issues to be addressed in the environmental document. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

Evening Scoping Meeting

When: Wednesday, January 14, 2009, 7–9 p.m.

Where: The Depot, 1210 Ironwood Street, Oroville, WA 98844.

Daytime Scoping Meeting

When: Thursday, January 15, 2009, 2–4 p.m.

Where: The Depot, 1210 Ironwood Street, Oroville, WA 98844.

SD1, which outlines the subject areas to be addressed in the environmental document, has been mailed to the individuals and entities on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of SD1 will be available at the scoping meetings, or may be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link. Follow the directions for accessing information in paragraph m. Depending on the extent of comments received, a Scoping

Document 2 (SD2) may or may not be issued.

Site Visits

Okanogan PUD and Commission staff will visit the site of the proposed project on Thursday, January 15, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. To attend the site visit, participants should meet at 9 a.m. at The Depot, 1210 Ironwood Street, Oroville, Washington. Access to the site will require 4-wheel drive vehicles only. Anyone needing a ride to the site or with questions about the site visit should contact Nick Christoph, (509) 422-8472, E-mail: NickC@okpud.org; or Dan Boettger, (509) 422-8425, Dan_B@okpud.org, at the Okanogan PUD.

Scoping Meeting Objectives

At the scoping meetings, staff will: (1) Present the proposed list of issues to be addressed in the EA; (2) review and discuss existing conditions and resource agency management objectives; (3) review and discuss existing information and identify preliminary information and study needs; (4) review and discuss the process plan and schedule for pre-filing activity that incorporates the time frames provided for in Part 5 of the Commission's regulations and, to the extent possible, maximizes coordination of federal, state, and tribal permitting and certification processes; and (5) discuss requests by any federal or state agency or Indian tribe acting as a cooperating agency for development of an environmental document.

Meeting participants should come prepared to discuss their issues and/or concerns. Please review the LA the scoping meetings. Directions on how to obtain a copy of the LA and SD1 are included in item m of this notice.

Scoping Meeting Procedures

The scoping meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will become part of the formal Commission records for the projects.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP09-42-000]

Hardy Storage Company, LLC; Notice of Technical Conference

December 16, 2008.

Take notice that the Commission will convene a technical conference in the above-referenced proceeding on Wednesday, January 14, 2009, at 10 a.m. (EDT), in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's November 25, 2008 Order¹ directed that a technical conference be held to address the issues raised by Hardy Storage Company, LLC's (Hardy) October 31, 2008 tariff filing regarding the proposed increase in Hardy's annual Retainage Adjustment Mechanism to recover company use gas and lost and unaccounted-for gas. Commission Staff and parties will have the opportunity to discuss all of the issues raised by Hardy's filing including, but not limited to, technical, engineering and operational issues, and issues related to the company's proposal to increase its total retainage percentage.

FERC conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations please send an e-mail to accessibility@ferc.gov or call toll free (866) 208-3372 (voice) or (202) 502-8659 (TTY), or send a fax to (202) 208-2106 with the required accommodations.

All interested persons are permitted to attend. For further information please contact Sebrina M. Greene at (202) 502-6309 or e-mail sebrina.greene@ferc.gov.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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¹ *Hardy Storage Co. L.L.C.*, 125 FERC ¶ 61,226 (2008).