

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

[Docket No. ER97-3663-000]

**Union Electric Development Corporation; Notice of Filing**

August 19, 1997.

Take notice that on August 7, 1997, Union Electric Development Corporation tendered for filing an amendment in the above-referenced docket.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 285.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before August 29, 1997. 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,***Acting Secretary.*

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

[Docket No. RP97-410-001]

**Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company; Notice of Compliance Filing**

August 19, 1997.

Take notice that on August 15, 1997, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (Williston Basin), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets, with an effective date of August 1, 1997:

Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 202  
Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 232C  
Original Sheet No. 232D  
Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 292  
First Revised Sheet No. 292A

Williston Basin states that it is filing the above tariff sheets in compliance with the Commission's July 31, 1997, "Order Accepting Tariff Sheets Subject to Conditions" which ordered that

Williston Basin refile certain tariff sheets to clarify that a prepayment on a bid for capacity will be returned to the Shipper if the bid is withdrawn prior to the end of the bidding period.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,***Acting Secretary.*

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

[Project No. 2000-010 New York]

**Power Authority of the State of New York; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Hold Public Scoping Meetings on Project Relicensing**

August 19, 1997.

Power Authority of the State of New York (NYPA) is the licensee for the St. Lawrence-FDR Power Project, which is located on the St. Lawrence River in St. Lawrence County, New York. The license for the project expires October 31, 2003.

On June 3, 1996, NYPA filed a Notice of Intent to seek a new license to continue to operate and maintain its St. Lawrence-FDR Project.

NYPA, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission), the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), resource agencies, local governments, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and many interested members of the public have been conducting a Cooperative Consultation Process (CCP) to identify resource issues to be addressed during the relicensing of the project. The establishment of the CCP Team and the commencement of the Scoping Process for the relicensing were announced in a Notice of Memorandum of Understanding, Formation of Cooperative Consultation Process Team,

and Initiation of Scoping Process Associated with Relicensing the St. Lawrence-FDR Power Project, issued May 2, 1996, and published in the **Federal Register** dated May 8, 1996, Volume 61, No. 90, on page 20813. Representatives of the Canadian government, the International Joint Commission, and Mohawk Nation communities have also attended some of the meetings. The Scoping Process will assist the FERC and the DEC in satisfying their requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

**Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement**

The Commission and DEC staffs have determined that relicensing the existing project could constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, the staffs intend to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the relicensing of the St. Lawrence-FDR Project in accordance with NEPA. The DEC is a cooperating agency and is responsible for the issuance of a water quality certificate under the Clean Water Act.

The EIS will consider both site specific and cumulative environmental impacts of the proposed project and reasonable alternatives, and will include an economic and engineering analysis.

A draft EIS will be issued and circulated for review by all interested stakeholders and the public. All comments filed on the draft EIS will be analyzed by the Commission staff and considered in a final EIS.

As part of the relicensing process, the CCP Team has prepared a Scoping Document I (SDI), which provides information on the scoping process, relicensing schedule, background information, environmental issues, and the proposed project and alternatives. The issues contained in SDI are based on agency and public comments at the CCP and other meetings.

The purpose of this notice is to: (1) advise all interested individuals, organizations, and agencies as to the proposed scope of the environmental analysis, including cumulative effects, and to seek additional information pertinent to this analysis; (2) advise all individuals, organizations, and agencies of their opportunity for comment; and (3) extend for 30 days the current 60-day comment period, which closes August 25, 1997, on SDI.

**Scoping Process**

The staffs' scoping objectives are to: