

26. Central Vermont Public Service Corporation

[Docket No. ER98-2607-000]

Take notice that on April 20, 1998, Central Vermont Public Service Corporation (Central Vermont), tendered for filing a Service Agreement with Sonat Power Marketing L.P., under its FERC Electric Tariff No. 5. The tariff provides for the sale by Central Vermont of power, energy, and/or resold transmission capacity at or below Central Vermont's fully allocated costs.

Central Vermont requests waiver of the Commission's Regulations to permit the service agreement to become effective on April 22, 1998.

Comment date: May 8, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

27. Northern Alternative Energy, Allendorf, L.L.C.

[Docket No. ER98-2608-000]

Take notice that on April 20, 1998, Northern Alternative Energy, Allendorf L.L.C. (NAEA), tendered for filing an Alternate Energy Production Electric Service Agreement (the Agreement) between itself and IES Utilities, Inc., (IES). Under the Agreement, IES will purchase all electric energy produced by NAEA's wind-driven electric power generation facility located near Allendorf, Iowa and IES will supply NAEA's net electric service requirements.

Comment date: May 8, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

28. Interstate Power Company

[Docket No. ER98-2612-000]

Take notice that on April 20, 1998, Interstate Power Company (IPC), tendered for filing a Network Transmission Service between IPC and Wisconsin Power and Light (WPL). Under the Service Agreement, IPC will provide Network Integration Transmission Service to WPL for the City of Albany.

Comment date: May 8, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

29. South Carolina Electric & Gas Company

[Docket No. ER98-2613-000]

Take notice that on April 20, 1998, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G), submitted service agreements establishing Allegheny Power (AP) and Amoco Energy Trading Corporation (AETC), as customers under the terms of SCE&G's Open Access Transmission Tariff.

SCE&G requests an effective date of one day subsequent to the filing of the service agreements. Accordingly, SCE&G requests waiver of the Commission's notice requirements.

Copies of this filing were served upon AP, AETC, and the South Carolina Public Service Commission.

Comment date: May 8, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

30. Illinois Power Company

[Docket No. ER98-2614-000]

Take notice that on April 20, 1998, Illinois Power Company (Illinois Power), 500 South 27th Street, Decatur, Illinois 62526, tendered for filing a Power Sales Tariff, Service Agreement under which VTEC Energy, Inc., will take service under Illinois Power Company's Power Sales Tariff. The agreements are based on the Form of Service Agreement in Illinois Power's tariff.

Illinois Power has requested an effective date of April 13, 1998.

Comment date: May 8, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

31. Northwestern Public Service Company

[Docket No. ES98-27-000]

Take notice that on April 13, 1998, Northwestern Public Service Company submitted an application under Section 204 of the Federal Power Act for authorization to issue short-term debt in an aggregate principal amount of not more than \$200 million during the period of two years starting with the date of the letter order.

Comment date: May 13, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraph

E. 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 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. 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 these filings are on file with the

Commission and are available for public inspection.

David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 11549-001 Wisconsin]

Dunkirk Water Power Company, Inc.; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

April 24, 1998.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for exemption from licensing for the Dunkirk Hydroelectric Project, located on the Yahara River in Dane County, Wisconsin, and has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the project.

Copies of the DEA are available in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2-A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to David P. Boergers, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. For further information, contact Chris Metcalf at (202) 219-2810.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 8656-007]

William K. Fay; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

April 24, 1998.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47910), the Office of Hydropower Licensing (OHL) has reviewed the revocation of the Bannister Mill Project. William K. Fay,

the project exemptee, failed to complete construction of the project within the required time frame. Under article 3 of the exemption, the Commission has the authority to revoke the exemption should the exemptee fail to complete project construction within the required time frame. In the environmental assessment (EA), staff concludes that revocation of the project would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The Bannister Mill Project is located on Sewall Brook near the town of Boylston in Worcester County, Massachusetts.

The EA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the EA are available for review at the Commission's Reference and Information Center, Room 2-A, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2487-006]

John M. Skorupski; Notice of Site Visit and Scoping Meetings Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969

April 24, 1998.

On March 27, 1998, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) issued a letter accepting the John M. Skorupski's application for new license for the Hoosick Falls Hydro Project, located on the Hoosick River in Rensselaer County, New York.

The purpose of this notice is to: (1) advise all parties as to the proposed scope of the staff's environmental analysis, including cumulative effects, and to seek additional information pertinent to this analysis; and (2) advise all parties of their opportunity for comment.

Scoping Process

The Commission's scoping objectives are to:

- Identify significant environmental issues;
- Determine the depth of analysis appropriate to each issue;
- Identify the resource issues not requiring detailed analysis; and
- Identify reasonable project alternatives.

The purpose of the scoping process is to identify significant issues related to the proposed action and to determine what issues should be addressed in the environmental document to be prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). The document entitled "Scoping Document" (SD) will be circulated shortly to enable appropriate federal, state, and local resource agencies, developers, Indian tribes, nongovernmental organizations (NGO's), and other interested parties to effectively participate in and contribute to the scoping process. SD provides a brief description of the proposed action, project alternatives, the geographic and temporal scope of a cumulative effects analysis, and a list of preliminary issues identified by staff.

Project Site Visit

The applicant and the Commission staff will conduct a site visit of the Hoosick Falls Hydro Project on May 19, 1998, at 1:00 p.m. They will meet at the project powerhouse, located off Rt. 22, north of Hoosick Falls. All interested individuals, NGO's and agencies are invited to attend. All participants are responsible for their own transportation. For more details, interested parties should contact Mr. Douglas Clark, the applicant contact, at (518) 794-8613, prior to the site visit date.

Scoping Meetings

The Commission staff will hold scoping meetings on May 18 and 19, 1998, in preparation for completing an Environmental Assessment (EA), under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), for relicensing the Hoosick Falls Project.

Commission staff will hold the scoping meetings in the vicinity of the Hoosick Falls Project: one evening meeting and one morning meeting. The evening will focus on receiving input from the public, whereas the afternoon meeting will focus on resource agency concerns. We invite all interested agencies, NGOs, and individuals to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist staff in identifying the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA. The times and locations of these meetings are shown below.

Evening Scoping Meeting

Date: May 18, 1998.

Time: 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Place: Hoosick Falls Town Hall, 80 Church St., Hoosick Falls, NY 12090, (518) 686-4571.

Morning Scoping Meeting

Date: May 19, 1998.

Time: 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Place: Hoosick Falls Town Hall, 80 Church St., Hoosick Falls, NY 12090, (518) 686-4571.

To help focus discussions, we will distribute a Scoping Document (SD) outlining the areas to be addressed at the meetings to the parties on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of the SD also will be available at the scoping meetings.

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 on environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA, including opinions in favor of, or in opposition to, the staff's preliminary list of issues; (4) determine the depth of analysis for issues addressed in the EA; and (5) identify resource issues that will not require detailed analysis in the EA.

The scoping meetings will be recorded by a court reporter, and all statements (oral and written) will become part of the Commission's public record for the project. Before each meeting starts, all individuals who attend, especially those individuals that intend to make statements during the meeting, will be asked to sign in and clearly identify themselves for the record prior to speaking. Time allotted for presentations will be determined by staff based on the length of the meetings and the number of people wanting to speak. All individuals wishing to speak will be provided at least five minutes to present their views.

Interested parties who choose not to speak, or are unable to attend the scoping meetings, may provide written comments and information to the Commission until June 1, 1998. Written comments and information should be submitted to the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

The first page of all filings should indicate "Hoosick Falls Project, FERC No. 2487-006" at the top of the page. All filings sent to the Secretary of the Commission should contain an original and eight copies. Failure to file an original and eight copies may result in appropriate staff not receiving the benefit of your comments in a timely manner. Furthermore, participants in this proceeding are reminded that if they file comments with the Commission, they must serve a copy of