

scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of this notice and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission

April 27, 1998.

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

- a. *Type of Application:* Exemption of a Constructed Small Hydroelectric Power Project 5 Megawatts or less.
- b. *Project No.:* 11613-000.
- c. *Date filed:* February 25, 1998.
- d. *Applicant:* Ronald Lizotte.
- e. *Name of Project:* HE 257.
- f. *Location:* In the Tiller Ranger District, Umpqua National Forest, Francis Creek, Sections 27 and 28, Tn.29S., R.1W. Willamette Meridian, Douglas County, Oregon.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Ronald Lizotte, P.O. Box 193, Tiller, Oregon 97484, (541) 825-3942.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Gaylord W. Hoisington, (202) 219-2756.
- j. *Brief Description of Project:* The project consists of: (1) a 24-inch-high concrete diversion dam; (2) a 1,280-foot-long, 3-inch-diameter PVC pipe; (3) a 12-inch pelton wheel; (4) a 55-volt, 53-amp Davidson Marine alternator; (5) a 5,000-watt inverter; (6) a 1,800-foot-long transmission line; (7) a 0.6-mile-long access road; and (8) other appurtenances.
- k. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the Oregon State

Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), as required by § 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR 800.4.

1. Under Section 4.32(b)(7) of the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 4.32(b)(7)), if any resource agency, SHPO, Indian Tribe, or person believes that the applicant should conduct an additional scientific study to form an adequate, factual basis for a complete analysis of this application on its merits, they must file a request for the study with the Commission, together with justification for such request, not later than 60 days after application is filed, and must serve a copy of the request on the applicant. In this case, we will extend the comment period until June 25, 1998.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. PL98-5-000 through -007]

Inquiry Concerning the Commission's Policy on Independent System Operators; Notice of Regional Conferences

April 27, 1998.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will convene seven public conferences of one day or less to discuss regional factors relevant to our policy concerning Independent System Operators (ISOs). The conferences will be held between May 28 and June 8, 1998.

I. Introduction

In Order Nos. 888 and 889 and their progeny,¹ the Commission established fundamental principles of non-discriminatory open access transmission services and encouraged, but did not require, the formation of ISOs. On March 13, 199, the Commission initiated an Inquiry Concerning the Commission's Policy on ISOs in Docket

No. PL98-5-000. A two-day public conference was held at the Commission's headquarters in Washington, D.C. on April 15-16, 1998. The Commission received input on a range of ISO issues from 40 speakers participating on seven topical panels. Approximately 400 individuals attended the conference on each day, while numerous others observed the proceedings electronically. By design, this first conference addressed the Commission's general ISO policies.

To comprehensively examine ISO issues, the Commission believes it is important to provide an adequate forum to explore regional factors that should be taken into account in the Commission's consideration of its ISO policy. For this reason, the Commission will hold seven regional conference between May 28 and June 8, 1998.

The Commission intends each regional conference to examine specific regional characteristics and institutional factors that bear upon the formation, governance, design and functions of ISOs or other types of organizations formed to administer the electric transmission grid on a regional basis. It wishes to examine whether the incorporation of such considerations into the Commission's policy on ISOs will foster more rapid ISO formation. The Commission also wishes to examine whether regional factors present barriers to the formation of ISOs, including ISOs of appropriate size, scope and membership as may be necessary to promote competition and reliability in bulk power markets and to support state initiatives providing for retain customer choice and direct access, and, if so, what actions can be undertaken to remove or reduce such barriers.

II. Regional Conferences

The Commission will hold seven regional conferences as described below. A single Commissioner will preside at each conference. The Commissioner will be accompanied by a Commission staff member who will help direct questions to the panelists. Starting and ending times will be announced in a subsequent order.

Presiding commissioner	Conference date	City and conference location	Docket No.
Comm. Massey	May 28, 1998	Phoenix, AR, Hyatt Regency Phoenix, 122 North Second Street, Phoenix, AR 85004, (602) 252-1234.	PL98-5-001

¹ See Promoting Wholesale Completion Through Open Access Nondiscriminatory Transmission Services by Public Utilities; and Recovery of Stranded Costs by Public Utilities and Transmitting Utilities, Order No. 888, 61 Fed. Reg. 21,540 (1996), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,036 (1996), *order on reh'g*,

Order No. 888-A, 62 Fed. Reg. 12,274 (1997), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,048 (1997), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 888-B, 81 FERC ¶ 61,248 (1997), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 888-C, 82 FERC ¶ 61,046 (1998). Open-Access Same-Time Information System and Standards of Conduct, Order No. 889, 61 Fed. Reg.

21,737 (1996), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,035 (1996), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 889-A, 62 Fed. Reg. 12,484 (1997), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,049 (1997), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 889-B, 81 FERC ¶ 61,253 (1997).