

**23. Northern Lights Power Company**

[Docket No. ER01-1414-000]

Take notice that on March 5, 2001, Northern Lights Power Company (NLPC) petitioned the Commission for acceptance of NLPC Rate Schedule FERC No. 1; the granting of certain blanket approvals, including the authority to sell electricity at market-based rates; and the waiver of certain Commission regulations.

NLPC intends to engage in wholesale electric power generation and energy purchases and sales as a marketer.

*Comment date:* March 26, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**24. Michigan Electric Transmission Company**

[Docket No. ES01-23-000]

Take notice that on March 1, 2001, Michigan Electric Transmission Company submitted an application pursuant to section 204 of the Federal Power Act requesting authorization to issue short-term debt in an amount not to exceed \$10 million.

*Comment date:* March 28, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**Standard Paragraphs**

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 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. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

**David P. Boergers,***Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Project No. 2031-046]****Springville City, Utah; Notice of Public Scoping for the Environmental Assessment Evaluating Issuance of a New License for the Bartholomew Hydroelectric Project in Utah County, Utah**

March 9, 2001.

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and procedures of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Commission staff intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) that evaluates the environmental impacts of issuing a new license for the constructed and operating Bartholomew Project, No. 2031-046, located within Bartholomew Canyon and on Hobbie Creek, in Utah County, Utah. The subject project is partially situated on federal lands within the Uinta National Forest.

The EA will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental effects, if any, of the proposed relicensing and reasonable alternatives, and will include an economic, financial, and engineering analysis. Preparation of staff's EA will be supported by a scoping process to ensure identification and analysis of all pertinent issues.

At this time, the Commission staff does not anticipate holding any public or agency scoping meetings nor conducting a site visit. Rather, the Commission staff will issue one Scoping Document: (1) Outlining staff's preliminary evaluation of subject areas to be addressed in the EA; and (2) requesting concerned resource agencies, Native American tribes, non-governmental organizations, and individuals to provide staff with information on project area environmental resource issues that need to be evaluated in the EA.

The aforementioned scoping document will be provided to all entities and persons listed on the Commission's mailing list for the subject project. Those not on the mailing list for the Bartholomew Hydroelectric Project may request a copy of the scoping document from Jim Haimes, the project's Environmental Coordinator, at (202) 219-2780 or by

contacting him by E-mail at [james.haimes@ferc.fed.us](mailto:james.haimes@ferc.fed.us).

**David P. Boergers,***Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****Notice of Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests**

March 9, 2001.

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

a. *Application Type:* Amendment of License.

b. *Project No.:* 2145-040.

c. *Dated Filed:* February 28, 2001.

d. *Applicant:* Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington.

e. *Name of Project:* Rocky Reach Hydroelectric Project

f. *Location:* On the Columbia River near the city of Wenatchee, in Chelan and Douglas Counties, in Washington state. The project occupies lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Roger Braden, Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington, P.O. Box 1231, Wenatchee, WA, 98807-1231; (509) 663-8121.

i. *FERC Contact:* Questions about the notice can be answered by Bob Easton at (202) 219-2782 or e-mail address: [robert.easton@ferc.fed.us](mailto:robert.easton@ferc.fed.us). The Commission cannot accept comments, recommendations, motions to intervene or protests sent by e-mail; these documents must be filed as described below.

j. *Deadline for Filing Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protests:* 30 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. Comments and protests 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 at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

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

k. *Description of Filing:* Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington, filed an application requesting that its license be amended to include the construction and operation of a permanent juvenile fish bypass system as the Rocky Reach Hydroelectric Project. The bypass system would consist of a surface collector and intake screens located at the entrances to generating units 1 and 2 and a large diameter bypass conduit to transport fish to the tailrace. The bypass system would likely become a component of any long-term anadromous fish protection plan for the Rocky Reach Hydroelectric Project. If approved, construction of the proposed facility could begin on or near September 1, 2001, and the facility would be operable by April 2002. Comments and reply comments on the Amendment of License are due on the dates listed in item j above.

l. A copy for the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room at 888 First Street NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The application may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm>. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

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

Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .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.

Any filing must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS," "PROTESTS," or "MOTION TO INTERVENE," as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

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 any agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

**David P. Boergers,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission

March 9, 2001.

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

- a. *Type of Application:* Major New (Non-power) License.
- b. *Project No.:* 2852-015.
- c. *Dated Filed:* February 27, 2001.
- d. *Applicant:* New York State Electric & Gas Corporation
- e. *Name of Project:* Keuka.
- f. *Location:* Project is located on the Waneta and Lamoka Lakes, Keuka Lake, and Mud Creek, in Steuben and Schuyler Counties, New York. Project would not utilize any federal lands or facilities.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(f).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Robert L. Malecki, Manager Licensing & Environmental Operations, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation Corporate Drive, Kirkwood Industrial Park Binghamton, NY 13902, (607) 762-7763.

Ms. Carol Howland, Project Environmental Specialist, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, Corporate Drive, Kirkwood Industrial Park Binghamton, NY 13902, (607) 762-8881.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to William Guey-Lee, E-mail address [william.gueylee@ferc.fed.us](mailto:william.gueylee@ferc.fed.us), or telephone (202) 219-2808.

j. *Status of Environmental Review:* This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

k. *Description of Project:* The project consists of the following: (1) The Bradford Dam with an overall length of about 580 feet and crest elevation of 1,099 feet msl, consisting of a concrete section, earthen embankments, outlet works, and spillway; (2) Waneta and Lamoka Lakes with surface areas of 781 acres and 826 acres at election 1,099 feet msl, and total storage of 27,200 acre-feet; (3) a 9,300-foot-long power canal having an average width of 48 feet and an average depth of 3 feet; (4) a twin gated concrete box culvert, known as Wayne Gates, measuring 8 feet high by 6 feet wide; and 5) a 70-foot-long by 16-foot-high headgate structure. Under the non-power license, the 3,450-foot-long, 4-foot-diameter concrete penstock, the 835-foot-long, 42-inch-diameter steel penstock, and the 2.0-MW generating unit would be removed.

l. Locations of the application: A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The application may be viewed on the web at [www.ferc.fed.us](http://www.ferc.fed.us). Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

**David P. Boergers,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

#### Regulations Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

March 9, 2001.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(h), of the receipt of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive an exempt or a prohibited off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of