

The EA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. The EA may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link—select "Docket #" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

For further information, contact Nick Jayjack at (202) 219-2825.

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Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project Nos. 2576-022 and 2597-019-Connecticut]

Northeast Generation Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

October 19, 2001.

On August 31, 1999, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) received an application for a New Major License for the Housatonic River Project located on the Housatonic River in Fairfield, New Haven, and Litchfield counties, Connecticut. The application for a New Major License for the Falls Village Project (P-2576) and the Housatonic Project (P-2597) proposes to combine the two projects into a single licensed project, the Housatonic River Project. Approximately 74 acres of land are within project boundaries. The project would include five developments with a total installed capacity of 114.9 megawatts.

Public scoping meetings were held on December 4, 6, and 7, 2000, in Falls Village, New Milford, and Hartford, Connecticut, respectively. Following scoping and based on preliminary environmental analysis of the Housatonic River Project, the Commission staff has determined that licensing of the Housatonic River Project could constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, the staff intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Housatonic River Project in

accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The EIS will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts and reasonable alternatives to the proposed action.

Commission staff prepared the Scoping Document 2 (SD2) to provide the public with information on: (1) the proposed action and alternatives; (2) the environmental analysis process staff will follow to prepare the EIS; and (3) a revised list of issues to be addressed in the EIS. Copies of the SD2 were distributed to the Commission's service and mailing lists for this project. The SD2 may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.gov>, and then using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

A draft EIS will be issued and circulated for review by all interested parties. All comments filed on the draft EIS will be analyzed by the Commission staff and considered in the final EIS. The staff's conclusions and recommendations will then be presented for the consideration of the Commission in reaching its final licensing decision.

This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time, therefore we are not soliciting terms and conditions at this time.

This notice informs all interested individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns, that: (1) the Commission staff has decided to prepare an EIS; and (2) that the scoping conducted on the Housatonic River Project for the Environmental Assessment (EA) and comments filed with the Commission still apply.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Jarrad Kosa, FERC Team Leader, at (202) 219-2831.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Request To Amend License To Change Effective Date and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

October 19, 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.:* 2107-011.

c. *Date Filed:* October 12, 2001.

d. *Applicant:* Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Poe Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the North Fork Feather River in Butte County, near Pulga, California. The project includes 144 acres of lands of the Plumas National Forest.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Tom Jereb, Project Manager, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, P.O. Box 770000, N11D, San Francisco, CA 94177, (415) 973-9320.

i. *FERC Contact:* Questions about this notice can be answered by John Mudre at (202) 219-1208 or e-mail address:

john.mudre@ferc.fed.us.

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.

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.

Comments, terms and conditions, motions to intervene, 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 (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

k. Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has filed a request for a change in the effective date of the license for the Poe Hydroelectric Project from October 1, 1953 to October 26, 1953. The requested change would result in a change of the license expiration date from September 30, 2003 to October 25, 2003.

PG&E is requesting this change to ensure that its application for a new license for the project, filed October 2, 2001, will be timely filed pursuant to § 15(c)(1) of the Federal Power Act (18 U.S.C. § 808). Under the existing license