

Milltown Project, with the understanding that its notice would become moot if its request to extend the term of the license is granted.

1. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions ((202) 208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in 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.

n. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—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, 385.211, 385.214. 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.

o. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

p. Agency Comments—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 an 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Applications Ready for Environmental Analysis, Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions, and Intent To Prepare One Multi-Project NEPA Document

January 31, 2002.

Take notice that the following applications have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Applications:* Subsequent Licenses.

b. *Project Nos.:* P-6058-005, and P-6059-006.

c. *Date Filed:* January 2, 2001.

d. *Applicant:* Hydro Development Group, Inc.

e. *Name of Projects:* Hailesboro #4 Project, and Fowler #7 Project.

f. *Location:* On the Oswegatchie River in St. Lawrence County, near the town of Gouverneur, New York.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Kevin M. Webb, Hydro Development Group, Inc., 200 Bulfinch Drive, Andover, MA 01810, (978) 681-1900 ext. 1214.

i. *FERC Contact:* Monte TerHaar, (202) 219-2768 or E-mail address at monte.terhaar@FERC.fed.us.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person 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, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions 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. Status of environmental analysis: These applications have been accepted for filing and are now ready for environmental analysis. At this time we do not anticipate the need for preparing a draft EA. We intend to prepare one multi-project environmental document. The EA will include our recommendations for operating procedures and environmental enhancement measures that should be part of any new license issued by the Commission. Recipients will have 45 days to provide the Commission with any comments on that document. All comments on the EA, filed with the Commission, will be considered in an Order taking final action on the license applications. However, should substantive comments requiring reanalysis be received on the NEPA document, we would consider preparing a subsequent NEPA document.

l. Description of Projects: Hailesboro #4 Project: The existing, operating Hailesboro #4 Project consists of: (1) A concrete gravity-type dam comprising: (i) the 92-foot-long, 14-foot-high Dam #1 surmounted by a pneumatic gate; and (ii) the 58-foot-long, 5-foot-high Dam #2 surmounted by flashboards; (2) a reservoir with a 2.0-acre surface area and a gross storage volume of 20 acre-feet at normal water surface elevation 461 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD); (3) a gated intake structure with trashracks; (4) a 170-foot-long concrete-lined forebay canal; (5) a powerhouse containing a 640-kilowatt (kW) generating unit and an 850-kW generating unit for a total installed capacity of 1,490 kW; (6) a 2.4/23-kilovolt (kV) substation; (7) a 50-foot-long, 23-kV transmission line; (8) a tailrace; and (9) appurtenant facilities. The applicant estimates that the total average annual generation would be 11.0 megawatt-hours (MWh).

Fowler #7 Project: The existing, operating Fowler #7 Project consists of: (1) A concrete gravity-type dam surmounted by flashboards comprising: (i) the 75-foot-long, 25-foot-high Dam #1; (ii) the 192-foot-long, 20-foot-high Dam #2; and (iii) the 154-foot-long, 15-foot-high Dam #3; (2) a reservoir with a 3.0-acre surface area and a gross storage volume of 30-acre-feet at normal water surface elevation 542 feet NGVD; (3) an intake structure with trashracks; (4) a powerhouse containing three, 300-kW generating units for a total installed capacity of 900-kW; (5) a 1,000-kVA 2.3/23-kV transformer; (6) a 4,000-foot-long,

23-kV overhead transmission line; (7) a tailrace; and (8) appurtenant facilities. The applicant estimates that the total average annual generation would be 6.0 MWh.

m. Locations of the Applications: Copies of the applications are available for inspection or reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, located at 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-2326. The applications 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). Copies are also available for inspection and reproduction at the Hydro Development Group, Inc., 200 Bulfinch Drive, Andover, MA 01810, (978) 681-1900 ext. 1214.

n. The Commission directs, pursuant to section 4.34(b) of the Regulations (see Order No. 533 issued May 8, 1991, 56 FR 23108, May 20, 1991) that all comments, recommendations, terms and conditions and prescriptions concerning the application be filed with the Commission within 60 days from the issuance date of this notice. All reply comments must be filed with the Commission within 105 days from the date of this notice.

Anyone may obtain an extension of time for these deadlines from the Commission only upon a showing of good cause or extraordinary circumstances in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2008.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "REPLY COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in

accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b), and 385.2010.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM01-9-000]

Reporting of Natural Gas Sales to the California Market

January 30, 2002.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of decision not to seek an extension of reporting period.

SUMMARY: On July 25, 2001, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) issued an order imposing certain reporting requirements on natural gas sellers and transporters serving the California market for the period ending January 31, 2002 (see 66 FR 40245, August 2, 2001). The Commission, by this notice, will not seek an extension of the reporting period provided for in the July 25, 2001 order.

DATES: The reporting period will terminate with the report covering activities ending January 31, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jacob Silverman, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-2078.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 25, 2001, the Commission issued an order (July 25 order) imposing a reporting requirement on natural gas sellers and transporters serving the California market for the six-month period August 2001, through January 2002.¹ The order stated that the Commission believed the reporting period should cover the same period as the Commission's mitigation plan regarding wholesale electricity prices in California and the West, and therefore the Commission intended to seek an extension of the reporting requirement, and approval by Office of Management and Budget (OMB), through September 30, 2002, to coincide with the termination date of the mitigation order.² However, in light of changed

circumstances since the July 25th order, the Commission has decided that it will not seek an extension of the reporting requirement. This action is in the public interest because the price disparity that was the reason for imposing the reporting requirement no longer exists, and the continued submissions may not lead to a further understanding of the California gas market.

The July 25 order stated that the information was needed by the Commission to help it understand why the disparity between the price of natural gas in California and the prices in the remainder of the country had occurred, and was continuing, by gaining a better understanding of how the California market operates. The July 25 order explained that due to the emergency nature of the California price disparity, the Commission sought emergency processing by OMB for the collection of information under 5 CFR § 1320.13 (2001). Under that procedure the OMB approval is limited to 180 days. Accordingly, the order provided for the information to be submitted monthly for the six-month period covering August 1, 2001, through January 31, 2002, with the reports due 30 days after the end of each month. The first report was due October 1, 2001, and the last will be due March 1, 2002.³

The purpose of the reporting requirement was to investigate why there was a substantial disparity between spot natural gas prices in California and the rest of the nation by gaining a better understanding of how the California market operates. A preliminary analysis of the data furnished to date indicates that the data for the six month period ending January 31, 2002, will provide information about the California market, as well as some guidance on how to improve data collection and processing should another emergency reoccur. However, the crisis which led the Commission to impose the reporting requirement no longer exists. In May 2001, when the Commission first proposed to impose a reporting requirement, 95 FERC ¶ 61,262, the spot price of natural gas in the California market, as that order noted, ranged between \$11.79⁴ and \$18.80, while the price range in all other markets was between \$4 and \$7. However, natural gas prices are now, and have been for a number of months, far lower than they were last spring in

¹ 96 FERC ¶ 61,119, *reh'g denied*, 97 FERC ¶ 61,029 (2001).

² See San Diego Gas & Electric Company, *et al.*, 95 FERC ¶ 61,418 (2001).

³ On September 17, 2001, OMB granted the Commission's request and approved the information collection through January 31, 2002, and assigned it OMB No. 1902-0187.

⁴ All prices are per MMBtu.