

TABLE 10—SUMMARY OF CURRENT ECONOMIC PARAMETER ESTIMATES

Parameter	Symbol	Current estimate
Mortgage Interest Rate	I	5%.
Loan Term	M _L	30 years.
Down Payment Rate	R _D	10% of home price.
Points and Loan Fees	R _M	0.7% (nondeductible).
Discount Rate	D	5% (equal to Mortgage Interest Rate).
Period of Analysis	L	30 years.
Property Tax Rate	R _P	0.9% of home price/value.
Income Tax Rate	R _I	25% federal, state values vary.
Home Price Escalation Rate	E _H	Equal to Inflation Rate.
Inflation Rate	R _{INF}	1.6% annual.
Fuel Prices and Escalation Rates	Latest national average prices based on current DOE EIA data and projections ²⁴ (as of July 2011, 12 cents/kwh for electricity, \$0.963/therm for natural gas); price escalation rates taken from latest Annual Energy Outlook

Public Participation

A. Submission of Information

DOE will accept information in response to this notice under the timeline provided in the DATES section above. Information submitted to the Department by e-mail should be provided in WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, PDF, or text file format. Those responding should avoid the use of special characters or any form of encryption, and wherever possible, comments should include the electronic signature of the author. Comments submitted to the Department by mail or hand delivery/courier should include one signed original paper copy. No telefacsimiles will be accepted. Comments submitted in response to this notice will become a matter of public records and will be made publicly available.

B. Issues on Which DOE Seeks Information

DOE is particularly interested in receiving information on the following issues/topics:

- General comments on DOE's use of cost effectiveness calculations to evaluate code-change proposals and new code versions.
- The appropriateness of DOE's energy simulation methodology for evaluating the energy savings of code changes.
 - DOE's tool choice (EnergyPlus).
 - The default assumptions to be used in conducting energy simulations.
 - The methodology for assessing climatic/regional variation in code impacts.
 - Approaches to assessing energy savings of code changes that expand the

scope of the code, imply the need for additional measures not directly required in the new code, or are otherwise difficult to evaluate in a straightforward pre-post simulation analysis.

- The appropriateness of DOE's approach to assessing the first cost of new code requirements
 - Preferred cost data sources.
 - Arbitrating among differing costs from multiple data sources.
 - Assessing costs where a new or changed requirement can be met by multiple construction approaches with varying cost implications.
 - Desirable features for DOE's planned public cost database.
 - Adjusting current costs for likely market transformation impacts (economies of scale, learning curves, etc.).
- The appropriateness and sufficiency of DOE's cost effectiveness methodology
 - The appropriateness of the economic metrics to be calculated (life-cycle cost, annual cash flows, simple payback period).
 - The appropriateness of life-cycle cost as the primary metric for DOE's cost effectiveness determinations.
 - Whether DOE should consider constraints on payback period and/or cash flow metrics in addition to its life-cycle cost requirement in making decisions on cost effectiveness and, if so, on appropriate threshold values for those metrics
 - The appropriateness of the economic perspective (that of a home buyer with a 30-year loan) of DOE's life-cycle cost analysis and of the economic parameters chosen to represent that perspective.
 - The appropriateness of the identified data sources for economic parameters.
- Input on how DOE's methodology and process should evolve in response

to changing economic and social conditions.

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Kathleen B. Hogan,

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 459-311]

Union Electric Company, dba Ameren Missouri; Notice of Application for Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

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

- a. *Application Type:* Non-project use of project lands and waters.
- b. *Project No:* 459-311.
- c. *Date Filed:* August 16, 2011.
- d. *Applicant:* Union Electric Company, dba Ameren Missouri.
- e. *Name of Project:* Osage Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The proposed non-project use would be located at the Ozark Yacht Club marina which is located at mile marker 0.8 + 0.6 in the Jennings Branch Cove on the Lake of the Ozarks in Camden County, Missouri. The location coordinates are 38.199986 North, -92.645562 West.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Jeff Green, Shoreline Supervisor, Ameren Missouri,

²⁴ U.S. Department of Energy.2011a. Electric Power Monthly. DOE/EIA-0226. Washington, DC. U.S. Department of Energy.2011b. Natural Gas Monthly. DOE/EIA-0130. Washington, DC.

P.O. Box 993, Lake Ozark, MO 65049, 573-365-9214.

i. *FERC Contact:* Mr. Lorance Yates at 678-245-3084, or lorance.yates@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests:* October 7, 2011.

All documents may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and seven copies should be mailed to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. Please include the project number (P-459-311) on any comments, motions, or recommendations filed.

k. *Description of Request:* Ameren Missouri, licensee for the Osage Hydroelectric Project, requests Commission authorization to permit the Ozark Yacht Club to modify an existing dock and to add 3 new docks. Dock 1 would be expanded by 9 slips. Dock number 2 is a proposed T-shaped courtesy dock with 5 mooring spots, dock number 3 would serve as a courtesy dock with no watercraft mooring, and dock number 4 would contain 5 double slips, plus 4 additional moorings, thus accommodating 14 watercraft. Twenty eight watercraft mooring areas/slips would be added to the existing 79 slips for a total capacity of 107 at the marina. These improvements would serve patrons of the Ozark Yacht Club. No dredging activities, shoreline stabilization, or fueling facilities are associated with the proposal.

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 202-502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances

related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call 202-502-8659. 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.

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, .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.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents:* Any filing must (1) Bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (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 protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests 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. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. If an intervener 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. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

Dated: September 7, 2011.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 553-221]

City of Seattle, Washington; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Ready for Environmental Analysis, Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, Protests, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Fishway Prescriptions

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

a. *Type of Application:* Amendment of License.

b. *Project No.:* 553-221.

c. *Date Filed:* July 12, 2011.

d. *Applicant:* City of Seattle, Washington.

e. *Name of Project:* Skagit River Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the Skagit River in Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom Counties, Washington and occupies federal lands within the Ross Lake National Recreation Area administered by the National Park Service.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Seattle City Light, P.O. Box 34023, Seattle, WA 98124-4023, (206) 684-3974.

i. *FERC Contact:* Mr. Steven Sachs (202) 502-8666 or Steven.Sachs@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests, comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and fishway prescriptions is* November 7, 2011; reply comments are due December 20, 2011.

All documents may be filed electronically via the Internet. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and seven copies should be mailed to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>.