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*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### **Notice of Application Accepted for Filing; Notice That the Application Is Not Ready for Environmental Analysis; Notice of Solicitation of Interventions and Protests; Notice of Intent To Conduct Public Scoping Meetings and Site Visit; and Notice of Solicitation of Written Scoping Comments**

November 13, 1997.

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

- a. *Type of Application:* Major License.
- b. *Project No.:* 2017-011.
- c. *Date Filed:* February 26, 1997.
- d. *Applicant:* Southern California Edison Company.
- e. *Name of Project:* Big Creek No. 4 Hydropower Project.
- f. *Location:* On the San Joaquin River near the town of Auberry in Madera, Tulare, and Fresno Counties.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 791(a)-825(r) and 18 CFR sections 4.51 and 16.9.
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. C. Edward Miller, Manager of Hydro Generation, Southern California Edison Company, 2244 Walnut Grove Avenue, P.O. Box 800, Rosemead, CA 91770, (818) 302-1564.
- i. *FERC Contact:* John Ramer, (202) 219-2833.
- j. *Deadline Date:* January 16, 1998.
- k. *Status of Application and Environmental Analysis:* This application has been accepted for filing, but it is not ready for environmental analysis—see attached paragraph E1.
- l. *Invitation for Written Scoping Comments:* Interested individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise are invited to assist the staff in identifying the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the environmental analysis once the application is determined ready for environmental analysis by submitting written scoping comments. To help focus these comments, a scoping document outlining subject areas which could be addressed in an environmental analysis will be mailed to all agencies and interested

individuals on the Commission mailing list. Copies of the scoping document may also be requested from the staff.

Persons who have views on the issues or information relevant to the issues may submit written statements for inclusion in the public record. Those written comments should be filed with the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., 20426, by the deadline date shown in item (j) above. All written correspondence should clearly show the following caption on the first page: Big Creek No. 4 Hydropower Project, FERC No. 2017-011.

m. *Invitation to Participate in Public Scoping Meetings and Site Visit:* A scoping meeting oriented towards the public will be conducted on December 15, 1997, beginning at 6:00 PM, at Sierra National Forest, Minaret District Office in North Fork, California. A scoping meeting oriented towards the agencies will be conducted on December 16, 1997, beginning at 8:00 AM, at the Sierra National Forest Supervisor's Office at 1600 Tollhouse Road, in Clovis, California.

Interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend either or both meetings and assist staff in identifying the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in any environmental analysis the Commission's staff undertakes.

#### **Objectives**

At the scoping meetings the FERC staff will: (1) outline preliminary environmental issues they believe are related to the proposed project and need to be evaluated; (2) identify preliminary resource issues that are not important and do not require detailed analysis; (3) identify reasonable alternatives to be addressed in an environmental analysis; (4) solicit from meeting participants all available information relevant to the identified resource issues; and (5) request that the meeting participants provide comments on staff's preliminary assessment of the issues and alternatives that should be evaluated in an environmental analysis, including any suggestions for additional issues and alternatives which should be evaluated.

#### **Procedures**

The meetings will be recorded by a court recorder and all statements thereby become a part of the record of the Commission proceedings on the Big Creek No. 4 Project. Individuals presenting statements at the meeting will be asked to identify themselves for the record.

Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meetings and assist the staff in defining and clarifying issues to be addressed in any environmental analysis.

Persons choosing not to speak at the meetings, but who have views on the issues or relevant information related to the issues, may submit written statements for inclusion in the public record at the meetings. In addition, written scoping comments may be filed with Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426, until January 16, 1998.

All written correspondence should show the following caption on the first page: Big Creek No. 4 Hydropower Project, FERC Project No. 2017-011.

#### **Site Visit**

A site visit to the Big Creek No. 4 Hydropower Project is planned for December 15, 1997. Those who wish to attend should plan to meet at the Auberry Post Office, in Auberry, California at 1:00 PM.

Any questions regarding this notice should be directed to John Ramer (environmental coordinator), at (202) 219-2833.

n. *Invitation to Intervene or Protest:* Intervenor's are reminded of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure requiring parties filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of the document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if a party or 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. See attached paragraph B1.

o. *Description of the Project:* The proposed project would consist of: (1) an existing 875-foot-long, 250-foot-high concrete dam, impounding a 35,033-acre-foot reservoir; (2) a combination penstock/pressure tunnel about 11,770 feet long; (3) one powerhouse with a total installed capacity of 98,822 kilowatts; (4) two, 220-kilovolt transmission lines totaling about 87 miles in length; (5) a bypassed river reach totaling about 6.3 river miles; and (6) appurtenant facilities.

p. This notice contains the standard paragraphs B1 and E1.

q. *Locations of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection or reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference and

Files Maintenance Branch, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A-1, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-2326. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at C.E. Miller, Southern California Edison Company, 2244 Walnut Grove Avenue, P.O. Box 800, Rosemead, California, 91770, at (818) 302-1564.

**B1. Protest or Motions to Intervene—**Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Rules of Practice and Procedures, 18 C.F.R. sections 385.210, .211, and .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests 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 protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

**E1. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—**The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time; therefore, the Commission is not now requesting comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions.

When the application is ready for environmental analysis, the Commission will issue a public notice requesting comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions.

All filings must: (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTESTS" or "MOTION TO INTERVENE"; (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. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Any of these documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies required by the Commission's regulations to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. An additional copy must be sent to: Director, Division of Licensing and Compliance, Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Room 62-15, at the above address. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each

representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Extension of License Term

November 13, 1997.

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

- a. *Type of Application:* Extension of License Term.
- b. *Project No.:* 3030-012.
- c. *Licensee:* Antrim County, Michigan.
- d. *Name of Project:* Elk Rapids.
- e. *Location:* Elk River, Antrim County, Michigan.
- f. *Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 792-828c.
- g. *Licensee Contact:* Peter Garwood, Office of Coordinator/Planner, P.O. Box 187, Bellaire, MI 49615, (616) 533-6265.
- h. *FERC Contact:* Dean C. Wight, (202) 219-2675.
- i. *Comment Date:* December 2, 1997.
- j. *Description of Proposed Action:* The licensee requests an extension of the 20-year term of the project license. The current term expires February 28, 2001. The requested extension would cause the license to expire on December 31, 2014.

The licensee states that, in setting the license term for 20 years, the Commission erroneously relied on precedent for projects which operated prior to receiving licenses. The licensee further states that the project will not support the cost of relicensing (the licensee must file a relicense application in February 1999) and that the present 20-year term is insufficient for it to recover the cost of developing the project.

k. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, and D2.

B. 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.

C1. 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, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

D2. 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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Transfer of License

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

- a. *Type of Application:* Transfer of License.
- b. *Project No.:* 11077-018.
- c. *Date Filed:* October 1, 1997.
- d. *Applicants:* Alaska Power & Telephone Company Goat Lake Hydro, Inc.
- e. *Name of Project:* Goat Lake.
- f. *Location:* Pitchfork Falls, near the town of Skagway, in the First Judicial District in Southeast Alaska.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Robert S. Grimm, Alaska Power & Telephone