

19. Virginia Electric and Power Co.

[Docket No. ER98-3231-000]

Take notice that on June 4, 1998, Virginia Electric and Power Company (Virginia Power) tendered for filing a Service Agreement between Virginia Power and City of Springfield, Illinois City Water, Light and Power under Virginia Power's FERC Electric Tariff (First Revised Volume No. 4), which was accepted by order of the Commission dated November 6, 1997 in Docket No. ER97-3561-001. Under the tendered Service Agreement, Virginia Power will provide services to City of Springfield, Illinois City Water, Light and Power under the rates, terms and conditions of the applicable Service Schedules included in the Tariff. Virginia Power requests an effective date of June 1, 1998, for the Service Agreement.

Copies of the filing were served on City of Springfield, Illinois City Water, Light and Power, the Virginia State Corporation Commission and the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

Comment date: June 24, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

20. The Empire District Electric Co.

[Docket No. ER98-3232-000]

Take notice that on June 4, 1998, The Empire District Electric Company (EDE) tendered for filing a service agreement between EDE and OGE Energy Resources, Inc., providing for non-firm point-to-point transmission service pursuant to EDE's Open Access Transmission Tariff.

EDE states that a copy of this filing has been served on OGE Energy Resources, Inc.

Comment date: June 24, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

21. Environmental Resources Trust, Inc.

[Docket No. ER98-3233-000]

Take notice that on June 4, 1998, Environmental Resources Trust, Inc. (ERT), tendered for filing an Application for Blanket Approvals, Waivers and Order Accepting Rate Schedule for Filing, requesting authorization to engage in electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. ERT also requests certain authorizations, waiver of certain regulations, and acceptance for filing of its proposed FERC Electric Rate Schedule No. 1, which provides for the sale of electric energy and/or capacity at negotiated rates.

Comment date: June 24, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

22. The Empire District Electric Co.

[Docket No. ER98-3234-000]

Take notice that on June 4, 1998, The Empire District Electric Company (EDE), tendered for filing a service agreement between EDE and American Electric Power Services Corporation providing non-firm point-to-point transmission service pursuant to EDE's Open Access Transmission Tariff.

EDE states that a copy of this filing has been served on American Electric Power Services Corporation.

Comment date: June 24, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraph

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,*Acting Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 2232-356]

Duke Energy Corporation; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

June 12, 1998.

An Environmental Assessment (EA) is available for public review. The EA was prepared for an application filed on November 17, 1997, by the Duke Energy Corporation, licensee for the Catawba-Wateree Hydroelectric Project located in North Carolina and South Carolina. In its application, the licensee requests that the Commission allow Harborside Development, LLC., to excavate an approximately 0.64 acre area of lake bottom and to stabilize 295 feet of shoreline on Lake Norman.

The EA finds that the proposed action would not be a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the EA can be obtained by calling the Commission's public reference room at (202) 208-1371.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,*Acting Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****Notice of Amendment of Application Filed With the Commission**

June 12, 1998.

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.:* P-11607-000.
- c. *Date Filed:* January 30, 1998.
- d. *Applicant:* Holyoke Gas & Electric Department, Ashburnham Municipal Light Plant, and Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company.
- e. *Name of Project:* Holyoke Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* On the Connecticut River in Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin Counties, Massachusetts.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:*

George E. Leary, Manager, Holyoke Gas & Electric Department, 99 Suffolk Street, Holyoke, MA 01040-4457, (413) 536-9311.

Roger W. Bacon, Director, Power Services Division, Massachusetts Wholesale Electric Company, Randall Road, P.O. Box 426, Ludlow, MA 01056, (413) 589-1041

John LeMieur, Acting General Manager, Ashburnham Municipal Light Plant, 78 Central Street, P.O. Box 823, Ashburnham, MA 01430-0823, (508) 827-4424

i. *FERC Contact:* Allan Creamer (202) 219-0365.

j. *Comment Date:* July 20, 1998.

k. *Description of Amendment:* On January 30, 1998, the Holyoke Gas & Electric Department (HG&E), the Ashburnham Municipal Light Plant (Ashburnham), and the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC) jointly filed an application to amend the license application filed by

Ashburnham and MMWEC on August 29, 1997, for the Holyoke Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 11607), which is pending before the Commission. The Commission staff will be acting on this license application in the future.

The amendment: (1) adds HG&E as a co-applicant to the application originally filed by Ashburnham and MMWEC; (2) specifies that HG&E, rather than MMWEC, will finance the project and sell a portion of the project power to Ashburnham; and (3) adds several new environmental measures, including (a) sponsoring the annual shad derby, (b) providing canoe portage around the Holyoke dam, and (c) installing an exclusion structure at the mouth of the No. 2 Overflow spillway. The amendment also (1) changes the location where copies of the amended application are available to HG&E's offices, (2) names the applicant contact for HG&E, and (3) makes changes to the applicant contacts for Ashburnham and R.W. Beck, the applicant's consultant.

1. Federal, state, and local agencies, as well as other interested parties, are invited to file comments on the described amendment of application. A copy of the amended application may be obtained by agencies directly from the applicant. If any agency or other party does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, as shown in paragraph (j), it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the applicant's representative(s).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application for Preliminary Permit

June 12, 1998.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Preliminary Permit.

b. *Project No.:* 11614-000.

c. *Date filed:* May 1, 1998.

d. *Applicant:* Allison Lake Hydro.

e. *Name of Project:* Allison Lake Project.

f. *Location:* On Allison Lake and Creek discharging into Port Valdez, in Valdez County, Alaska.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Earle V. Ausman, Allison Lake Hydro, 1503 West 33rd Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99503, (907) 258-2420.

i. *FERC Contact:* Mr. Robert Bell, (202) 219-2806.

j. *Comment Date:* August 18, 1998.

k. *Description of Project:* The proposed project would consist of: (1) an existing natural Allison Lake having a surface area of 245 acres with a storage capacity of 8,000 acre-feet and normal water elevation of 1,345 feet msl; (2) a proposed intake structure; (3) a proposed 3,900-foot-long, micro-drilled tunnel, and a proposed 6,800-foot-long 38-inch-diameter pipeline; (4) a proposed powerhouse having a generating unit with an installed capacity of 6,000-kW; (5) a proposed rock lined channel or culvert tailrace; and (6) appurtenant facilities.

The project would have an annual generation of 20.4 MWH and would be sold to a local utility.

1. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: A5, A7, A9, A10, B, C, and D2.

A5. Preliminary Permit—Anyone desiring to file a competing application for preliminary permit for a proposed project must submit the competing application itself, or a notice of intent to file such an application, to the Commission on or before the specified comment date for the particular application (see 18 CFR 4.36).

Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing preliminary permit application no later than 30 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing preliminary permit application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

A7. Preliminary Permit—Any qualified development applicant desiring to file a competing development application must submit to the Commission, on or before a specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent to file a development application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

A9. Notice of intent—A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal state of intent to submit, if such an application may be

filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) names in this public notice.

A10. Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit—A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

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.

C. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION", "COMPETING APPLICATION", "PROTEST", "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. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or 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