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The purpose of this notice is to invite any additional comments on KPU's request to use the alternative procedure, as required under the final rule for Regulations for the Licensing of Hydroelectric Projects.² Additional notices seeking comments on the specific project proposal, interventions and protests, and recommended terms and conditions will be issued at a later date.

The alternative procedure being requested here combines the prefilings consultation process with the environmental review process, allowing the applicant to complete and file an Environmental Assessment (EA) in lieu of Exhibit E of the license application. This differs from the traditional process, in which the applicant consults with agencies, Indian tribes, and NGOs during preparation of the application for the license and before filing it, but the Commission staff performs the environmental review after the application is filed. The alternative procedure is intended to simplify and expedite the licensing process by combining the prefilings consultation and environmental review processes into a single process, to facilitate greater participation, and to improve communication and cooperation among the participants.

Applicant Prepared EA Process and Whitman Lake Project Schedule

On November 14, 1998, KPU distributed a schedule for the proposed project to state and federal resource agencies, Indian tribes, and NGOs. KPU scheduled a consultation meeting and site visit for all interested parties in early January 1999. Notices announcing the meeting and site visit would be published locally, as required by Commission regulations.

Public scoping meetings are planned for Spring 1999. Based on study requests from the January meetings, study plans would be developed early in 1999. Studies would be conducted during spring, summer, and fall 1999, as needed. The application, including the applicant-prepared EA, would be filed with the Commission on or before May 2000, the expiration date of KPU's preliminary permit is June 05, 2000.

Comments

Interested parties have 30 days from the date of this notice to file with the Commission, any comments on KPU's proposal to use the alternative

procedures to file an application for the Whitman Lake Hydroelectric Project.

Filing Requirements

The comments must be filed by providing an original and 8 copies as required by the Commission's regulations to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary, Dockets—Room 1A, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

All comment filings must bear the heading "Comments on the Alternative Procedure," and include the project name and number (Whitman Lake Hydroelectric Project, No. 11597).

For further information, call Gaylord Hoisington of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at (202) 219-2756, or E-mail Gaylord.Hoisington@FERC.FED.US. Information is also available on the web at www.ferc.fed.us. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 11599-000, AK]

Ketchikan Public Utilities; Notice of Ketchikan Public Utilities Request To Use Alternative Procedures in Filing a License Application

December 4, 1998.

The preliminary permit holder, Ketchikan Public Utilities (KPU), has asked to use an alternative procedure in filing an application for original license for the proposed Connell Lake Hydroelectric Project No. 11599.¹ KPU has demonstrated that they have made an effort to contact all resource agencies, Indian tribes, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and others affected by their proposal, and that a consensus exists that the use of an alternative procedure is appropriate in this case. KPU has also submitted a communication protocol that is supported by most interested entities.

The purpose of this notice is to invite any additional comments on KPU's request to use the alternative procedure, as required under the final rule for Regulations for the Licensing of Hydroelectric Projects.² Additional

notices seeking comments on the specific project proposal, interventions and protests, and recommended terms and conditions will be issued at a later date.

The alternative procedure being requested here combines the prefilings consultation process with the environmental review process, allowing the applicant to complete and file an Environmental Assessment (EA) in lieu of Exhibit E of the license application. This differs from the traditional process, in which the applicant consults with agencies, Indian Tribes, and NGOs during preparation of the application for the license and before filing it, but the Commission staff performs the environmental review after the application is filed. The alternative procedure is intended to simplify and expedite the licensing process by combining the prefilings consultation and environmental review processes into a single process, to facilitate greater participation, and to improve communication and cooperation among the participants.

Applicant Prepared EA Process and Connell Lake Project Schedule

On November 12, 1998, KPU distributed a schedule for the proposed project to state and federal resource agencies, Indian tribes, and NGOs. KPU scheduled a consultation meeting and site visit for all interested parties in early January 1999. Notices announcing the meeting and site visit would be published locally, as required by Commission regulations.

Public scoping meetings are planned for Spring 1999. Based on study requests from the January meetings, study plans would be developed early in 1999. Studies would be conducted during spring, summer, and fall 1999, as needed. The application, including the applicant-prepared EA, would be filed with the Commission on or before June 2000, the expiration date of KPU's preliminary permit is July 25, 2000.

Comments

Interested parties have 30 days from the date of this notice to file with the Commission, any comments on KPU's proposal to use the alternative procedures to file an application for the Connell Lake Hydroelectric Project.

Filing Requirements

The comments must be filed by providing an original and 8 copies as required by the Commission's regulations to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary, Dockets—Room 1A, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

² 81 FERC ¶ 61,103 (1997).

¹ The 1,700-kilowatt project would be located on Connell Lake, owned by the Ketchikan Pulp Company, on Ward Creek, near the City of Ketchikan within the Tongass National Forest.

² 81 FERC ¶ 61,103 (1997).

All comment filings must bear the heading "Comments on the Alternative Procedure," and include the project name and number (Connell Lake Hydroelectric Project, No. 11599).

For further information, call Gaylord Hoisington of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at (202) 219-2756, or E-mail Gaylord.Hoisington@FERC.FED.US. Information is also available on the web at www.ferc.fed.us. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. TM99-1-53-000]

KN Interstate Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Tariff Filing

December 4, 1998.

Take notice that on December 1, 1998, KN Interstate Gas Transmission Co. (KNI) tendered for filing to become a part of KNI's FERC Gas Tariff, the following revised tariff sheet(s) to be effective January 1, 1999:

Third Revised Volume No. 1-A

Sixth Revised Sheet No. 4-D

First Revised Volume No. 1-C

Eleventh Revised Sheet No. 4

KNI states that this filing is being submitted in compliance with the Gas Research Institute's (GRI) application seeking approval of its 1999 RD&D program recently approved by the Commission in Docket No. RP98-235.

KNI states that copies of the filing were served upon all affected firm customers of KNI and applicable state agencies.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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 proceedings.

Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. TM99-1-117-000]

KN Wattenberg Transmission Limited Liability Co.; Notice of Tariff Filing

December 4, 1998.

Take notice that on December 1, 1998, KN Wattenberg Transmission Limited Liability Co. (KNW) tendered for filing to become a part of KNW's FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheet(s) to be effective January 1, 1999:

First Revised Sheet No. 6

KNW states that this filing is being submitted in compliance with the Gas Research Institute's application seeking approval of its 1999 RD&D program recently approved by the Commission in Docket No. RP98-235.

KNW states that copies of the filing were served upon all affected firm customers of KNW and applicable state agencies.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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 proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. TM99-1-5-000]

Midwestern Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Tariff Filing

December 4, 1998.

Take notice that on December 1, 1998, Midwestern Gas Transmission Company (Midwestern), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, Ninth Revised Sheet No. 5, with an effective date of January 1, 1999.

Midwestern states that it is submitting the revised tariff sheet pursuant to Article XVII of the General Terms and Conditions of its Tariff, the March 10, 1998 Stipulation and Agreement filed in Docket No. RP97-149, et al., and approved by the Commission on April 29, 1998, and the Commission's "Order Approving the Gas Research Institute's 1999 Research, Development and Demonstration Program and 1999-2003 Five-Year Plan" issued in Docket No. RP98-235. See Gas Research Institute, 83 FERC 61,093 (1998); Gas Research Institute, 84 FERC 61,326 (1998). Midwestern further states that tariff sheet revises the Gas Research Institute surcharges for 1999.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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 proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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