

pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.208 and 157.214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 157.205, 157.208 and 157.214) under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to increase the storage capacity at the Galbraith Storage Field, located in Jefferson County, Pennsylvania and to raise the maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) of Line G-24(S) under National Fuel's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-4-000, pursuant to Section 7 of the NGA, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

National Fuel requests authorization to increase the maximum storage capacity of the Galbraith Storage Field from 1,620,000 Mcf to 2,620,000 Mcf, and to increase the maximum storage pressure from 620 psig (surface) to 910 psig (surface). National Fuel is needed to support storage services to be offered to shippers using National Fuel's facilities. National Fuel asserts that the increase in capacity and pressure at the Galbraith Storage Field will not require the construction of any additional facilities.

National Fuel also requests authorization to increase the NAOP on Line G-24(S) from 620 psig to 910 psig. It is stated that Line G-24(S) is the lateral used to fill and withdraw gas from Galbraith Storage Field. National Fuel explains that it is seeking this authorization because Line G-24(S) was replaced pursuant to Commission authorization in Docket No. CP86-629-000, and pursuant to that order further Commission authorization is required to increase the MAOP of Line G-24(S).

Any questions regarding the application may be directed to David W. Rietz at (716) 857-7949.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for

authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the NGA.

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Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2216-000]

New York Power Authority; Public Notice; Public Information Meetings

July 23, 1999.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will hold two public information meetings to familiarize the public with the Commission's hydropower licensing program. The Commission staff will give an overview of the Commission and its licensing and post-licensing procedures. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers. A significant number of hydroelectric projects' licenses will expire between 2000 and 2010, including the New York Power Authority's Robert Moses Niagara Project (Project No. 2216), located in Niagara County, New York. The license for the Robert Moses Niagara Project expires in August 2007.

Interested persons are invited to attend either or both sessions scheduled as follows:

Thursday, August 12, 1999

1:00 to 3:30 p.m., Niagara County Community College, Building E, Room E140, 3111 Saunders Settlement Road, Sanborn, NY 14132

Thursday, August 12, 1999

6:30 to 9:00 p.m., Niagara University, Dunlevy Hall, Room 127, 3100 Lewiston Road, Niagara University, NY 14109

Please direct any questions regarding these meetings either to Theresa Gibson, Commission staff, Outreach Support Coordinator, (202) 219-2793 or Assemblyman Robert A. Daly, 138th District, Niagara Falls Office, 1700 Pine Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY 14301, (716) 282-6062.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 477-000-OR]

Portland General Electric Company; Scoping Meetings Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 for an Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment

July 23, 1999.

Pursuant to the Energy Policy Act of 1992, the Portland General Electric Company (PGE) has been using a third party contractor, alternative process, to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement to file along with a relicensing application, with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) for the Bull Run Project, Project No. 477. The license for the project expires on November 16, 2004. PGE will continue with the alternative process but now intends to file an Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment (APEA) in connection with an application to surrender its license for the project.

In October 1997, state and federal agencies, local interests, and nongovernmental organizations, undertook a collaborative effort for the relicensing of the Bull Run Project. The process involved identification of environmental issues associated with the relicensing of the Bull Run Project, including public meetings in March 1999, to solicit comments on the Initial Consultation Document. In September 1998, PGE requested use of an alternative procedure, involving a third-party contractor, in filing an application for a new license for the Bull Run Project. On December 10, 1998, the Commission approved the use of an alternative licensing procedure in the preparation of the Bull Run relicensing application.

In May 1999, PGE decided to pursue a surrender of its operating license and to decommission the Bull Run Project. PGE obtained support from the parties involved in the collaborative effort to pursue the APEA procedure for the decommissioning of the Bull Run Project. As part of the APEA procedure, PGE with the Commission has prepared a Scoping Document I (SDI), which provides information on the scoping process, APEA schedule, background information, environmental issues, and proposed project alternatives.

The purpose of this notice is to: (1) advise all parties as to the proposed scope of the environmental analysis, including cumulative effects, and to seek additional information pertinent to

this analysis; and (2) advise all parties of their opportunity for comment.

Scoping Process

The purpose of the scoping process is to identify significant issues related to the proposed action and to determine what issues should be addressed in the document to be prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). The SDI will be circulated to enable appropriate federal, state, and local resource agencies, Indian tribes, NGOs, and other interested parties to participate in the scoping process. SDI provides a brief description of the proposed action, project alternatives, the geographic and temporal scope of a cumulative effects analysis, and a list of issues.

Scoping Meetings

PGE and FERC staff will conduct two scoping meetings. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend and assist in identifying the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the APEA.

The agency/public scoping meeting will be held on Wednesday September 1, 1999, from 9:00 am until noon, at Two World Trade Center, Bridge Level Conference Rooms A and B, 121 SW Salmon Street, Portland, Oregon. The public scoping meeting will be held on Wednesday September 1, 1999, from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at U.S. Forest Service Mount Hood National Forest Headquarters Office, First Floor Conference Room, 16400 Champion Way, Sandy, Oregon. For more details, interested parties should contact Julie Keil, PGE, (503) 464-8864 before the meeting date.

Objectives

At the scoping meetings, PGE and FERC staff will: (1) summarize the environmental issues identified for analysis in the APEA; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantified data, on the resources at issue, and (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the APEA. Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meetings and to assist in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed.

Meeting Procedures

The meeting will be conducted according to the procedures used at Commission scoping meetings. Because this meeting will be a NEPA scoping meeting, the Commission will not

conduct another scoping meeting when the surrender application and APEA are filed with the Commission in Spring 2000.

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer or audio tape and become a part of the formal record of the Commission proceeding on the Bull Run Project. Individuals presenting statements at the meetings will be asked to identify themselves for the record. Speaking time allowed for individuals will be determined before each meeting, based on the number of persons wishing to speak and the approximate amount of time available for the session. Persons choosing not to speak but wishing to express an opinion, as well as speakers unable to summarize their positions within their allotted time, may submit written statements for inclusion in the public record no later than August 30, 1999.

All filings should contain an original and 8 copies. Failure to file an original and 8 copies may result in appropriate staff not receiving the benefit of your comments in a timely manner. All comments should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, and should clearly show the following captions on the first page, Bull Run Project, FERC No. 477. A copy of each filing should also be sent to Julie Keil, Portland General Electric Company, 121 SW Salmon Street, 3WTC-BRHL, Portland, OR 97204.

Based on all written comments, a Scoping Document II (SDII) may be issued. SDII will include a revised list of issues, based on the scoping sessions.

For further information regarding the APEA scoping process, please contact Jim Hastreiter, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 101 SW Main St., Suite 905 Portland, OR, 97204 at (503) 944-6760, or Julie Keil, Portland General Electric Company, at (503) 464-8864.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions To Intervene, Protests, and Comments

July 23, 1999.

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.:* 11783-000.

c. *Date Filed:* June 28, 1999.

d. *Applicant:* Universal Electric Power Commission.

e. *Name of Project:* Fulton Lock and Dam 3 Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Tombigbee River in Itawamba County, Mississippi. The project would utilize the Corp of Engineers' Fulton Lock and Dam.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Gregory S. Feltenberger, Universal Electric Power Corporation, 1145 Highbrook Street, Akron, OH 44301, (330) 535-7115.

i. *FERC Contact:* Hector M. Pérez, hector.perez@ferc.fed.us, 202-219-2843, or Robert Bell,

robert.bell@ferc.fed.us, (202) 210-2806.

j. *Deadline for Filing Motions to Intervene, Protest and Comments:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

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

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all interveners filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person in the official service list for the project. Further, 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.

k. The project would consist of the following facilities: (1) a 300-foot-long and 72-inch-diameter steel penstocks at the outlet works; (2) a powerhouse with a turbine generator unit with an installed capacity of 1.125 megawatts; (3) a tailrace consisting of an exhaust apron; (4) 14.7-kV, 300-foot-long transmission lines; and (5) other appurtenances.

l. 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, D.C. 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The application may be viewed on <http://www.ferc.fed.us/rims.htm> (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

Preliminary Permit—Public notice of the filing of the initial preliminary