

## Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentator, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative locations/routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send two copies of your letter to: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch, PR-11.1;
- Reference Docket No. CP99-576-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before September 7, 1999.

## Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor". Intervenor status plays a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 3). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered. Additional information about the proposed project is available from Mr. Paul McKee of the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088 or on the FERC website ([www.ferc.fed.us](http://www.ferc.fed.us)) using the "RIMS" link to information in this docket number. Click on the "RIMS" links, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu, and follow the instructions. For

assistance with access to RIMS, the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

Similarly, the "CIPS" link on the FERC Internet website provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings. From the FERC Internet website, click on the "CIPS" link, select "Docket #" from the CIPS menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2474.

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*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Scoping Meetings, Site Visit, and Soliciting Scoping Comments

August 5, 1999.

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

- a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.
- b. *Project No:* 2055-010.
- c. *Date filed:* November 24, 1998.
- d. *Applicant:* Idaho Power Company.
- e. *Name of Project:* C.J. Strike.
- f. *Location:* On the Snake River in Owyhee County, Idaho, between the towns of Grandview and Bruneau. This project utilizes about 3,000 acres of federal lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Lewis Wardle, Hydro Relicensing Department, Idaho Power Company, P.O. Box 70, Boise, ID 83707, (208) 388-2964.
- i. *FERC Contact:* John Blair, [john.blair@ferc.fed.us](mailto:john.blair@ferc.fed.us), (202) 219-2845.
- j. *Deadline for filing scoping comments:* October 15, 1999.

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 intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service lists for the projects. Further, if an 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.

k. *Status of environmental analysis:* This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

#### 1. Description of the Project:

The project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) A 3,220-foot-long earthfill dam with a maximum height of 115 feet, which includes a 340-foot-wide and 78-foot-high reinforced concrete spillway consisting of eight 34-foot-wide bays; (2) a 55-foot-wide, 158-foot-long, and 65-foot-high reinforced concrete intake structure located at the left abutment of the same, consisting of three intakes; (3) three riveted steel penstocks connecting the intakes to the generating units; (4) a 198-foot-long, 64-foot-wide, and 68-foot-high reinforced concrete powerhouse, located at the left abutment of the dam, containing 3 vertical fixed-blade turbines with a total nameplate capacity of 82.8 megawatts; (5) a reservoir extending about 32 miles upstream on the Snake River and about 12 miles upstream on the Bruneau River, with a surface area of about 7,500 acres at normal water surface elevation of 2,455 feet above mean sea level; and (6) two 138-kilovolt (kV) transmission lines extending from the project 65 miles northwesterly to the Caldwell terminal substation and about 25 miles northeasterly to the 138-kV lines near Mountain Home.

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

n. *Scoping Process:* The Commission has determined that issuance of a new license for the C.J. Strike Project would constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment; therefore, the Commission intends to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on the project, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

#### Scoping Meetings

The Commission will hold two scoping meetings, one in the morning and one in the evening, to help us

identify the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS.

The morning scoping meeting will focus on resource agency concerns, while the evening scoping meeting is primarily for public input. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend the meetings, and to assist the staff in identifying the scope of the environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EIS. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

*Morning Meeting:* September 15, 1999, 9:00 a.m., Boise Centre, 850 West Front Street, Boise, Idaho, (208) 336-8900.

*Evening Meeting:* September 15, 1999, 7:00 p.m., Boise Centre, 850 West Front Street, Boise, Idaho, (208) 336-8900.

To help focus discussions, we will distribute a Scoping Document (SD1) outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the EIS to parties on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of the SD1 also will be available at the scoping meetings.

#### Site Visit

Idaho Power Company and the Commission staff will conduct a project site visit on September 14, 1999. We will meet at 7:30 a.m. in the Visitor Parking lot of Idaho Power Company's headquarters, 1221 W. Idaho Street, Boise, Idaho. If you would like to attend, please call Lewis Wardle, Idaho Power Company, at (208) 388-2964, no later than September 7, 1999.

#### Objectives

At the scoping meetings, the staff will: (1) Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the EIS; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantifiable data, on the resources at issue; (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EIS, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views; (4) determine the resource issues to be addressed in the EIS; and (5) identify those issues that require a detailed analysis, as well as those issues that do not require a detailed analysis.

#### Procedures

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will become part of the formal record of the Commission's proceedings for these projects.

Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend

the meeting and to assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the EIS.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission

August 5, 1999.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Major New License.

b. *Project No.:* 2077-016.

c. *Date filed:* July 29, 1999.

d. *Applicant:* USGen New England, Inc.

e. *Name of Project:* Fifteen Mile Falls Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* Project is located on the Connecticut River, in Grafton Co., New Hampshire, and Caledonia Co., Vermont. Project would not utilize any federal lands or facilities.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Cleve Kapala, USGen New England, Inc., 46 Centerra Parkway, Lebanon, NH 03766.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed William Guey-Lee, E-mail address [william.gueylee@ferc.fed.us](mailto:william.gueylee@ferc.fed.us), or telephone (202) 219-2808.

j. *Status of Environmental Review:*

This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

k. *Description of Project:* The project consists of the following: The Moore Development, located 283.5 miles from the mouth of the Connecticut River, consists of: An 11-mile-long, 3,490 surface-acre reservoir with 114,176 acre-foot storage capacity at 809.0 feet mean sea level (msl); an earth and concrete gravity dam with a length of 2,920 feet and a max. height of 178 feet; a 373-foot-long concrete spillway with 15-foot-wide by 20-foot-high sluice gate, four 50-foot bays of 17-foot-high stanchions, and three bays of 36 foot-wide by 30-foot-high Taintor gates; four steel penstocks each 296 feet-long; and a powerhouse with four Francis type turbines at a combined rating of 225,600 hp at a design head of 150 feet, for a plant capability of 191,960 kilowatts (kW). The Comerford Development,

located 275.2 miles from the mouth of the Connecticut River, consists of: an 8-mile-long, 1,093 surface-acre reservoir with 29,356 acre-feet storage capacity at 650.0 feet msl; an earth and concrete gravity dam with a length of 2,253 feet and a max. height of 170 feet; an 850-foot-long concrete spillway with six 7-foot-wide by 9-foot-high sluice gates, four bays of 8-foot high flashboards and seven 10-foot-high stanchion bays; four steel penstocks each 150 feet-long; and a powerhouse with four Francis type turbines at combined rating of 216,800 hp at a design head of 180 feet, for a plant capability of 163,960 kW. The McIndoes Development, located 268.2 miles from the mouth of the Connecticut River, consists of: a 5-mile-long, 543 surface-acre reservoir with 4,581 acre-foot storage capacity at 454.0 feet msl; a concrete gravity dam with a length of 730 feet and a max. height of 25 feet; a 520-foot-long concrete spillway with a 12-foot wide by 13-foot high skimmer gate, three 24-foot-wide by 25-foot-high Taintor gates, a 300-foot long spillway flashboard section with 6 foot flashboards, and two 50-foot-wide by 18-foot-high stanchion bays; four steel penstocks each 150 feet-long; and a powerhouse with four Kaplan type turbines at combined rating of 3,800 hp at a design head of 29 feet, for a plant capability of 13,000 kW.

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

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Adequacy Status of Submitted State Implementation Plans for Transportation Conformity Purposes: Metropolitan Washington, DC Area—Phase I Rate of Progress Plan

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of adequacy status.