

amendment to the Interconnection Agreement, dated as of July 22, 1999, by and between Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company (CEI) and Penelec. The amendment consists of a Reactive Power Compensation Agreement.

Copies of the filing were served upon CEI and regulators in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Comment date: March 14, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

6. New Century Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER00-1656-000]

Take notice that on February 18, 2000, New Century Services, Inc., on behalf of Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Company, Public Service Company of Colorado, and Southwestern Public Service Company (collectively Companies), tendered for filing a Service Agreement under their Joint Open Access Transmission Service Tariff for Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service between the Companies and British Columbia Power Exchange Corporation (Powerex).

Comment date: March 10, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

7. The Montana Power Company

[Docket No. ER00-1657-000]

Take notice that on February 22, 2000, The Montana Power Company (Montana) tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission pursuant to 18 CFR 35.13 the executed Firm and Non-Firm Point-to-Point Service Agreements with, Sierra Pacific Energy Company and Amoco Energy Trading Corporation, under Montana's FERC Electric Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 5 (Open Access Transmission Tariff).

A copy of the filing was served upon Sierra Pacific Energy Company Amoco Energy Trading Corporation.

Comment date: March 14, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

8. New England Power Company

[Docket No. ER00-1658-000]

Take notice that on February 22, 2000, New England Power Company (NEP), tendered for filing a Firm Local Generation Delivery Service Agreement with D. Hobbs Contracting, Inc.

Comment date: March 14, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

9. New England Power Pool

[Docket No. ER00-1659-000]

Take notice that on February 22, 2000, the New England Power Pool (NEPOOL)

Participants Committee submitted the Fifty-First Agreement Amending the Restated New England Power Pool Agreement (the Fifty-First Agreement).

The Fifty-First Agreement seeks to extend the current congestion cost allocation methodology until the earlier of June 1, 2000, or the beginning of the first calendar month sixty (60) days after the filing of an amendment to the Restated NEPOOL Agreement and/or NEPOOL Tariff.

The NEPOOL Participants Committee states that copies of these materials were sent to the New England state governors and regulatory commissions and the NEPOOL Participants.

Comment date: March 14, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

10. Southwestern Electric Power Company

[Docket No. ER00-1663-000]

Take notice that on February 18, 2000 Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO), tendered for filing actuarial reports in support of the amounts to be collected in SWEPCO's 1999 actual and 2000 projected formula rates for post-employment benefits other than pensions as directed by the Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 106 (SFAS 106), issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board, and the collection in such formula rates of other post-employment benefits as directed by SFAS 112.

SWEPCO has served copies of the transmittal letter on all of its formula rate customers, the Arkansas Public Service Commission, the Louisiana Public Service Commission and the Public Utility Commission of Texas. SWEPCO will provide copies of the actuarial reports to any customer or state commission upon request.

Comment date: March 10, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

11. Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

[Docket No. ER00-1672-000]

Take notice that on February 18, 2000, Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (SPP), tendered for filing a correction to a service agreement previously filed with the Commission in Docket No. ER00-834. SPP seeks an effective date of January 1, 2000, for the corrected agreements.

Comment date: March 10, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraphs

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 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. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2609-013-NY]

Curtis/Palmer Hydroelectric Company LP, International Paper Company; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

February 25, 2000.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for a new license for the existing Curtis/Palmer Falls Hydroelectric Project, located in Warren and Saratoga Counties, New York, and has prepared a Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) for the project. In the FEA, the Commission's staff has analyzed the potential environmental impacts of the existing project and has concluded that approval of the project, with appropriate environmental measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the FEA are available for review at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The FEA may be viewed on the web at <http://>

www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application and Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment Accepted for Filing; Requesting Interventions and Protests; Establishing Procedural Schedule and Final Amendment Deadline; Requesting Comments, Final Terms and Conditions, Recommendations and Prescriptions; Requesting Reply Comments

February 25, 2000.

Take notice that the following license application has been filed with the Commission. An Applicant-Prepared Environmental Assessment (APEA) for the Upper and Middle Dams Storage Project, which includes the project below, has been filed with the Commission. Both documents are available for public inspection.

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

b. *Project No.:* 11834-000¹

c. *Dated filed:* December 23, 1999.

d. *Applicant:* FPL Energy Maine Hydro LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Upper and Middle Dams Storage Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the Rapid River at the headwaters of the Androscoggin River in Oxford and Franklin Counties, Maine. The project would not utilize any Federal lands or facilities.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 USC 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Frank Dunlap, Senior Environmental Coordinator, FPL Energy Maine Hydro LLC, 100 Middle Street, Portland, ME 04101 (207) 771-3534.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Mark Pawlowski, E-mail address mark.pawlowski@ferc.fed.us, or telephone (202) 219-2795.

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene, protests, comments, final*

terms and conditions, recommendations, and prescriptions: 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 St. 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 list for the project. 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, the intervenor must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. *Status of Environmental Analysis:* On September 25, 1995, the Director, Office of Hydropower Licensing, approved FPL Energy Maine Hydro LLC's (FPLE Maine) use of the Alternative Licensing Process. Scoping, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, for the project was conducted through scoping documents issued in November 1995 and February 1999, and in public scoping meetings on December 13, 1995. On August 28, 1998, the Upper Androscoggin River Storage Settlement Agreement was signed by the parties. The draft license application and APEA were distributed by the applicant for comment on September 1, 1999.

The Commission staff has reviewed the license application and APEA and has determined that the application is acceptable for processing and no additional information or studies are needed to prepare the Commission's environmental assessment. Comments, as indicated above, are being requested from interested parties. The applicant will have 45 days following the end of this period to respond to those comments, or may elect to seek a waiver of this deadline.

1. *Description of Project:* The proposed project consists of two dams (Upper Dam and Middle Dam): (1) the Upper Dam consists of: (a) 200-foot-long and 25-foot-high concrete crib; (b) a 15,740-acre impoundment (Mooselookmeguntic Lake) at full pond elevation 1,468 feet U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Datum; (c) a gatehouse containing 17 gates, ranging from 10 feet high and 6 feet wide, and 10.5 feet high and 15 feet wide; (d) two earthen dikes that extend 300 feet to the north and 1,000 feet at the south of the gatehouse; and (e) appurtenant facilities. (2) the Middle Dam consists of: (a) 244-foot-

long and 22-foot-high concrete crib; (b) a 7,470-acre impoundment (Richardson Lake) at full pond elevation 1,450 feet USGS Datum; (c) a 560-foot-long earth embankment situation to the north and a 200-foot-long embankment situated to the south of the gatehouse structure; (d) a gatehouse structure containing 20 gates, ranging from 10 feet high and 7 feet wide, and 12 feet high and 15 feet wide; and (e) appurtenant facilities. Two-thousand feet to the southeast of Middle Dam is Black Cat Dike, which is a 180-foot-long earthen embankment.

The Upper and Middle Dams Storage Project is a water storage facility with no generating facilities.

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, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The application may be viewed on the web at 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. *Protests 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 CFR 385.210, .211, .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 and APEA.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—*The Commission is requesting comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, prescriptions, and reply comments.

The Commission directs, pursuant to 18 CFR 4.34(b) of the regulations, that all comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions concerning the application and APEA be filed with the Commission within 60 days from the issuance date of this notice. All reply comments must be filed with the Commission within 105 days from the date of this notice.

Anyone may obtain an extension of time for these deadlines from the Commission only upon a showing of good cause or extraordinary circumstances in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2008.

p. All filings must: (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST," "MOTION TO INTERVENE,"

¹ On August 1, 1994, the Upper and Middle Dams Storage Project (UL94-1) was the subject of a jurisdictional order issued by the Commission, which required the project owner to prepare and submit an Application for Initial License to the Commission. The Commission has designated the Upper and Middle Dams Storage Project as P-11834-000.