

d. Applicant: Public Utility District No. 1 of Pend Oreille County.

e. Name of Project: Box Canyon Hydroelectric Project.

f. Location: On the Pend Oreille River, in Pend Oreille County, Washington and Bonner County, Idaho. About 709 acres within the project boundary are located on lands of the United States, including Kalispel Indian Reservation (493 acres), U.S. Forest Service Colville National Forest (182.93 acres), U.S. Department of Energy, Bonneville Power Administration (24.14 acres), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (2.45 acres), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (5.29 acres), and U.S. Bureau of Land Management (1.44 acres).

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

h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Robert Geddes, Public Utility District No. 1 of Pend Oreille County, P.O. Box 190, Newport, WA 99156; (509) 447–3137.

i. FERC Contact: Mr. Timothy J. Welch, *Timothy.Welch@FERC.FED.US* or telephone (202) 219–2666.

j. Deadline for filing scoping comments is 60 days from the 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 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, 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.

l. Description of the Project: The Box Canyon Project is located in the northeast corner of Washington state in Pend Oreille County. The project dam is located at river mile 34.4 from the Pend Oreille River's confluence with the Columbia River. The site is 13 miles from the Canadian border, 14 miles from the Idaho border, and 90 miles north of city of Spokane, WA. The existing Box Canyon Project consists of: (1) 46-foot-high, 160-foot-long reinforced concrete dam with integral spillway, (2) 217-foot-long, 35-foot-diameter diversion tunnel, (3) 1,170-foot-long forebay channel, (4) auxiliary spillway, (5) powerhouse containing four generating units with a combined capacity of 72 MW, (6) 8,850-

acre reservoir at maximum operating pool elevation of 2030.6 feet, and other associated facilities. PUD No. 1 operates the project in a run-of-river mode.

PUD No. 1 proposes to upgrade all four turbines with new high efficiency, fish-friendly runners and to rewind the four generators to increase generating capacity to 90 MW. No new structures will be built and no construction in the river will be required. No operational changes will be needed although peak flow through each turbine will be increased from 6,850 cfs to 8,100 cfs which will ultimately result in an 8% increase in average annual energy output.

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. 20246, or by calling (202) 208–1371. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> [or 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 intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed relicensing of the Box Canyon Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2042–013) The EIS will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts and reasonable alternatives to the proposed action.

Scoping Meetings

The Commission will hold two scoping meetings, one in the afternoon and one in the evening, to help identify the scope of the issues to be addressed in the EIS. The afternoon 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 one or both 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:

Afternoon Meeting: August 14, 2000, 2:00 p.m., Airport Ramada Inn, Spokane International Airport, Spokane, WA, (509) 838–5211.

Evening Meeting: August 16, 2000, 7:00 p.m., Newport High School, 1400 West 5th Street, Newport, WA, (509) 447–3167.

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

The PUD and the Commission staff will conduct a project site visit in two segments on August 15 and August 16, 2000. On the first day we will meet at 8:30 am in the parking lot of the Pend Oreille PUD No. 1 at 130 North Washington St., Newport. The second day we will meet at Box Canyon Dam at 8:30 am. Site visitors will be transported by bus through the project area. If you would like to attend, please contact Mark Cauchy at (509) 447–9331 no later than August 8, 2000.

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 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 this project.

Individuals, organizations and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meetings 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 for Transfer of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

July 14, 2000.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed

with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Application Type*: Transfer of License.

b. *Project No*: 8436-118.

Date Filed: June 8, 2000.

Applicants: Smith Falls Hydropower and Eugene Water and Electric Board.

e. *Name of Project*: Smith Creek.

f. *Location*: The project is located on Smith Creek, a tributary of the Kootenai River, in Boundary County, Idaho. The project occupies lands of the United States within the Panhandle National Forest.

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

h. *Applicant Contacts*: Smith Falls Hydropower: David B. Van Otten, Smith Falls Hydropower, P.O. Box 1328, Bountiful, Utah 84011-1328; and Eugene Water and Electric Board: Everett Jordan, Generation Manager, 500 East 4th Avenue, P.O. Box 10148, Eugene, Oregon 97440-2148.

i. *FERC Contact*: Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Dave Snyder at (202) 219-2385.

j. *Deadline for filing comments and or motions*: August 18, 2000.

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.

Please include the Project Number (8436-118) on any comments or motions filed.

k. *Description of Transfer*: Smith Falls Hydroelectric (transferor), licensee of the Smith Creek Project, and Eugene Water and Electric Board (transferee) jointly and severally apply for approval of the transfer of the project license to the transferee.

1. *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.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, and D2.

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.

C1. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents*—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR "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. A copy of any 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 not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant representatives.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Applications Ready for Environmental Analysis and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions

July 14, 2000.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric applications have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Applications*: New Major Licenses.

b. *Project Nos.*: 1975-014; 2061-004; 2777-007; 2778-005.

c. *Dates filed*: December 20, 1995 and May 27, 1997.

d. *Applicant*: Idaho Power Company.

e. *Name of Projects*: Bliss, Lower Salmon Falls, Upper Salmon Falls, Shoshone Falls Water Power Projects.

f. *Locations*:

Bliss Project—On the mainstem Snake River, about 6 miles west of the town of Bliss, in Gooding, Twin Falls, and Elmore Counties, Idaho. The project is partially located within federal lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

Lower Salmon Falls—On the mainstem Snake River, about 2 miles north of the town of Hagerman, in Gooding and Twin Falls Counties, Idaho. The project is partially located within federal lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

Upper Salmon Falls—On the mainstem Snake River, about 3 miles south of the town of Hagerman, in Gooding and Twin Falls Counties, Idaho. The project does not involve any federal lands.

Shoshone Falls—On the mainstem Snake River, about 4 miles east of the town of Twin Falls, in Jerome and Twin Falls Counties, Idaho. The project is partially located within federal lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

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

h. *Applicant Contact*: Robert W. Stahman, Idaho Power Company, 1221 West Idaho street, P.O. Box 70, Boise, ID 83707, (208) 388-2676.

i. *FERC Contact*: John Blair, john.blair@ferc.fed.us, (202)-219-2845.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions*: 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

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k. These applications has been accepted for filing and are now ready for environmental analysis.

l. The Bliss project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) a 364-foot-long, 38-foot-high concrete dam