

respectively, as discussed in the body of this order.

(F) Any interested person desiring to be heard in these proceedings should file notices of intervention or motions to intervene with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) within 21 days of the date of this order.

(G) Responses to the show cause submissions filed pursuant to Ordering Paragraphs (A) and (B) above may be submitted within 15 days of the date of filing of the show cause submissions.

By the Commission.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-166-005]

Stingray Pipeline Company, L.L.C.; Notice of Compliance Filing

March 25, 2003.

Take notice that on March 12, 2003, Stingray Pipeline Company, L.L.C. (Stingray) tendered for filing a refund report to comply with Article 2.4 of the Stipulation and Agreement approved by the Commission on December 24, 2002.¹

Stingray states that on September 19, 2002, it filed a stipulation and agreement (Settlement) to resolve all issues pending in this proceeding. By letter order dated December 24, 2002, the Commission approved the settlement and directed Stingray to notify the Commission within 30 days after making a lump-sum payment in the amount of \$4.5 million to the Indicated Shippers. As directed by the Commission, Stingray is submitting the statement of compliance with the Commission as notification that such payment has been forwarded to the Indicated Shippers.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with section 385.211 of the Commission's rules and regulations. All such protests must 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 proceedings. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link.

Comment Date: April 1, 2003.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12020-000]

Marseilles Hydro Power, LLC, Illinois; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

March 25, 2003.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for major license for the proposed Marseilles Hydroelectric Project located in the town of Marseilles, on the Illinois River in La Salle County, Illinois, and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project.

The EA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For

assistance, contact FERC Online Support at

FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please affix Project No. 12020-000 to all comments. Comments may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

For further information, contact Steve Kartalia at (202) 502-6131 or by E-mail at stephen.kartalia@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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

March 25, 2003.

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.:* 12452-000.

c. *Date filed:* March 3, 2003.

d. *Applicant:* United Power Corporation.

e. *Name and Location of Project:* The Bryant Mountain Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project would use flows from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's D and J Canals and would be built on federal lands administered by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management in Klamath County, Oregon. No tribal lands would be involved.

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

g. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Bart M. O'Keeffe, United Power Corporation, P.O. Box 1916, Byron, CA 94514, (925) 634-1550.

h. *FERC Contact:* James Hunter, (202) 502-6086.

i. *Deadline for filing comments, protests, and motions to intervene:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

¹Docket No. RP99-166-000, 101 FERC 61,365 (2002).

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.

j. *Description of Project:* The proposed pumped storage project would consist of: (1) An upper reservoir, an enlargement of the existing Pope Reservoir, with a surface area of 550 acres and a storage capacity of 60,000 acre-feet at a water surface elevation of 5,500 feet msl, (2) a 4,000-foot-long, 310-foot-high earthen upper dam, (3) a 1,500-foot-long, 30-foot-diameter concrete low pressure tunnel, (4) a 270-foot-deep, 30-foot-diameter concrete surge shaft, (5) a 1,100-foot-long, 30-foot diameter vertical concrete power shaft, (6) a 3,800-foot-long, 24-foot-diameter concrete power tunnel, (7) a powerhouse containing four reversible generating units with a total installed capacity of 1,000 megawatts, (8) a lower reservoir with a surface area of 1,480 acres and a storage capacity of 110,000 acre-feet at a water surface elevation of 4,220 feet msl, (9) a 21,500-foot-long, 135-foot-high earthen lower dam, (10) a 4-mile-long, 500-kilovolt transmission line, and (11) appurtenant facilities.

Water for the project would be obtained from the D canal by an intake and pumping plant to be located 1.5 miles east of the town of Malin and a 5,700-foot-long, 36-inch-diameter pipeline to the lower reservoir, and from the J canal by an intake and pumping plant to be located one mile south of Malin and a 17,000-foot-long, 36-inch-diameter pipeline to the lower reservoir. The D and J canals convey water diverted from the Lost River in southern Oregon for irrigation. The applicant proposes to fill the project reservoirs when the canals are not being used to capacity for irrigation.

k. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail

FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

l. *Competing Preliminary Permit—* Anyone desiring to file a competing application for preliminary permit for a

proposed project must submit the competing application itself, or a notice of intent to file such an application, to the Commission on or before the specified comment date for the particular application (*see* 18 CFR 4.36). Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing preliminary permit application no later than 30 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing preliminary permit application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

m. *Competing Development Application—* Any qualified development applicant desiring to file a competing development application must submit to the Commission, on or before a specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent to file a development application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

n. *Notice of Intent—*A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

o. *Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit—*A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

p. *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.

q. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—*Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION", "COMPETING APPLICATION", "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 an original and eight copies to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Hydropower Administration and Compliance, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper; *see* 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

r. *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's representatives.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Regulations Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

March 25, 2003.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(h), of the receipt