

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Project No. 12058-002]****Baker County; Notice of Intent to File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, Commencement of Licensing Proceeding, Scoping Meetings, Solicitation of Comments on the Pad and Scoping Document, and Identification of Issues and Associated Study Requests**

June 27, 2006.

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application for an original License and Pre-Application Document.

b. *Project No.:* 12058-002.

c. *Dated Filed:* April 27, 2006.

d. *Submitted By:* Baker County.

e. *Name of Project:* Mason Dam Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The proposed Mason Dam Hydroelectric Project would be located on the Powder River in Baker County, Oregon. The proposed project would likely occupy lands of the United States within the jurisdiction of the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Reclamation.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR part 5 of the Commission's Regulations.

h. *Potential Applicant Contact:* Fred Warner Jr., County Commission Chair, 1995 3rd Street, Baker City, OR, 97814, (541) 523-8200.

i. *FERC Contact:* Kenneth Hogan (202) 502-8434 or via e-mail at Kenneth.Hogan@ferc.gov.

j. We are asking Federal, State, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with us in the preparation of the environmental document. Agencies who would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing comments described in paragraph n below.

k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with: (a) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations there under at 50 CFR Part 402; and (b) the State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historical Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. Baker County filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD); including a proposed process plan and schedule with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

m. Copies of the PAD and Scoping Document 1 (SD1) are available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>), using the "eLibrary" 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 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph n.

Register online at <http://ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm> to be notified via e-mail of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. With this notice, we are soliciting comments on the PAD and SD1 as well as study requests. All comments on the PAD and SD1, and study requests should be sent to the address above in paragraph h. In addition, all comments on the PAD and SD1, study requests, requests for cooperating agency status, and all communications to Commission staff related to the merits of the potential application (original and eight copies) must be filed with the Commission at the following address: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. All filings with the Commission must include on the first page, the project name (Mason Dam Hydroelectric Project) and number (P-12058-002), and bear the heading "Comments on Pre-Application Document," "Study Requests," "Comments on Scoping Document 1," "Request for Cooperating Agency Status," or "Communications to and from Commission Staff." Any individual or entity interested in submitting study requests, commenting on the PAD or SD1, and any agency requesting cooperating status must do so by August 25, 2006.

Comments on the PAD and SD1, study requests, requests for cooperating agency status, and other permissible forms of communications with the Commission 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.

o. At this time, Commission staff intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment for the project, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. However,

there is the possibility that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be required. Nevertheless, the scoping meetings will satisfy the NEPA scoping requirements, irrespective of whether an EA or EIS is issued by the Commission.

Scoping Meetings

We will hold a daytime and night time scoping meeting at the times and places noted below. We invite all interested individuals, organizations, and agencies to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist staff in identifying particular study needs, as well as the scope of environmental issues to be addressed in the environmental document. The time and location of these meetings are as follows:

Date and Time: Wednesday, July 26, 2006, 1 p.m. (PDT).

Location: Baker County's Extension Building, 2610 Grove Street, Baker City, Oregon.

Date and Time: Wednesday, July 26, 2006, 7 p.m. (PDT).

Location: Baker County's Extension Building, 2610 Grove Street, Baker City, Oregon.

For Directions: Please call Robin Nudd, of Baker County Board of Commissioners at (541) 523-8200.

Scoping Document 1 (SD1), which outlines the subject areas to be addressed in the environmental document, has been mailed to the individuals and entities on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of SD1 will be available at the scoping meetings, or may be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link. Follow the directions for accessing information in paragraph p. Depending on the extent of comments received, a Scoping Document 2 (SD2) may or may not be issued.

Site Visit

The potential applicant and Commission staff will conduct a site visit of the proposed project on Tuesday, July 25, 2006, starting at 1 p.m. All participants should meet at the Baker County Courthouse, located at 1995 3rd Street, Baker City, Oregon, 97814. All participants are responsible for their own transportation. Anyone with questions about the site visit should contact Ms. Robin Nudd of Baker County Board of Commissioners at (541) 523-8200 on or before July 4, 2006.

Scoping Meeting Objectives

At the scoping meeting, staff will: (1) Present the proposed list of issues to be addressed in the EA; (2) review and discuss existing conditions and resource

agency management objectives; (3) review and discuss existing information and identify preliminary information and potential study needs; (4) review and discuss the process plan and schedule for pre-filing activity that incorporates the time frames provided for in Part 5 of the Commission's regulations and, to the extent possible, maximizes coordination of federal, state, and tribal permitting and certification processes; and (5) discuss requests by any federal or state agency or Indian tribe acting as a cooperating agency for development of an environmental document.

Meeting participants should come prepared to discuss their issues and/or concerns. Please review the Pre-Application Document in preparation for the scoping meeting. Directions on how to obtain a copy of the PAD and SD1 are included in item m of this document.

Scoping Meeting Procedures

The scoping meeting will be recorded by a stenographer and will become part of the formal Commission record on the project.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 459-158]

Missouri Ameren Union Electric Company; Notice of Application for Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protests

June 27, 2006.

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

- a. *Application Type:* Amendment of License.
- b. *Project No.:* 459-158.
- c. *Date Filed:* May 15, 2006.
- d. *Applicant:* Missouri Ameren Union Electric Company.
- e. *Name of Project:* Osage Project.
- f. *Location:* The project is located on the Osage River, Benton, and Camden Counties, Missouri.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r.
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Mark C. Jordan, General Supervisor Real Estate, Missouri Ameren Union Electric

Company, 101 Madison Street, P.O. Box 780 MC-CP850, Jefferson City, MO 65102, telephone: (573) 681-7246.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Mr. Robert Bell at (202) 502-6062.

j. *Deadline for filing comments and or motions:* July 27, 2006.

k. *Description of Request:* In the filing, Missouri Ameren Union Electric Company, (Ameren) requests Commission approval to remove 180.22 acres of land from the project boundary, and to revise the Exhibit G to show the revised project boundary.

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, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. Information about this filing may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. 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. 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.

o. 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. All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, 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.

p. 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.

q. 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 at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP01-245-016]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Technical Conference

June 27, 2006.

Take notice that the Commission will convene a technical conference on Monday, July 24, 2006, at 9 a.m. (EDT), in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington DC 20426.

The Commission's May 30, 2006 order in this proceeding established a technical conference to address the issue of the appropriate method of conducting pooling in Transco's Zone 4.¹ The order found that there are certain aspects of the operation of the current Zone 4 pool at Station 85 that were unclear from the present record. The Commission found that a technical conference will provide an opportunity to clarify the present operation of the Station 85 pooling point and consider whether improvements could be made

¹ Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation, 115 FERC ¶ 61, 268 (2006).