

not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

Environmental Mailing List

An effort is being made to send this notice to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project. This includes all landowners who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within distances defined in the Commission's regulations of certain aboveground facilities. By this notice we are also asking governmental agencies, especially those in Appendix 2, to express their interest in becoming cooperating agencies for the preparation of the EA.

Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208-FERC or on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission now offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries and direct links to the documents. Go to <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm>.

Finally, public meetings or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx> along with other related information.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No.: 2277-023]

Union Electric Company, dba AmerenUE; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission, Soliciting Additional Study Requests, and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Relicensing and a Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

July 2, 2008.

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.:* 2277-023.

c. *Date Filed:* June 24, 2008.

d. *Applicant:* Union Electric Company, dba AmerenUE.

e. *Name of Project:* Taum Sauk Pumped Storage Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the East Fork Black River and Taum Sauk Creek, in Reynolds, Iron, St. Francois, and Washington counties, near the Town of Lesterville, Missouri. The project does not occupy any federal lands.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Michael O. Lobbig, P.E., Managing Supervisor, Hydro Licensing, AmerenUE, 1901 Chouteau Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63103; mlobbig@ameren.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Allan Creamer, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Washington, DC 20426; 202-502-8365; allan.creamer@ferc.gov.

j. *Cooperating agencies:* 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 such requests described in item l below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. See 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

k. Pursuant to 18 CFR Section 4.32(b)(7) of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of

the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the application, and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

l. Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status: August 25, 2008.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status 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.

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

n. The 408-megawatt (MW) Taum Sauk Project consists of the following principal features: (1) A roller compacted concrete dam, with (i) a crest elevation of 1,601.0 feet mean sea level (msl), (ii) 3.5-foot-high parapet walls to an elevation of 1,604.5 feet msl, and (iii) a 700-foot-long overflow release structure with a crest elevation of 1,599.0 feet msl; (2) a 54.5-acre upper reservoir, having a total useable volume of 4,360 acre-feet; (3) a 390-foot-long ogee-shaped concrete-gravity dam, with (i) a 26-foot-long gated sluice, (ii) a steel-lined conduit having a capacity of 2,500 cubic feet per second (cfs), (iii) a 16-inch, spiral-welded pipe having a capacity of 50 cfs, and (iv) a crest elevation of 750 msl; (4) a 363-acre lower reservoir, with normal maximum and minimum operating elevations of 749.5 and 736 feet msl and a total usable storage of 3,869 acre-feet; (5) a tunnel and penstock, having a total volume of 82.5 acre-feet, that consists of (i) a 451-foot-long lined and unlined vertical shaft, (ii) a two-section, 6,572-foot-long tunnel, and (iii) a short penstock that bifurcates into the powerhouse, (5) a concrete powerhouse equipped with two reversible pump generating units, each rated at 204 MW; (6) a 5,500-foot-long tailrace channel; (7) a sediment trap (about 400 feet in length, with a crest elevation of about 748.0 msl); and (8) transmission and other appurtenant facilities. The project has an average annual generation of just over 497 gigawatt-hours (2000-2005).

AmerenUE is rebuilding the project's upper reservoir. However, AmerenUE proposes no changes to the existing pump-storage operation of the project, at

this time. As part of the rebuild, AmerenUE will be installing a new water control system. In addition, AmerenUE and the resource agencies are assessing a new water management plan during the 2-year rebuild period. AmerenUE is not proposing any PM&Es (except for a 1.4-cfs flow in the river downstream from the project and a historic properties management plan, if needed), but will undertake studies and surveys aimed at providing information needed to develop its proposed environmental measures.

o. A copy of the application 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 "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 item h above.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

p. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the Missouri State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), as required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR 800.4.

q. Procedural schedule and final amendments: The application will be processed according to the following Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Issue Deficiency Letter—August 2008
Request Additional Information—
September 2008

Issue Acceptance letter—November 2008
Issue Scoping Document 1 for comments—April 2011
Request Additional Information—June 2011
Issue Scoping Document 2—July 2011
Notice of application is ready for environmental analysis—August 2011
Notice of the availability of the draft NEPA Document—February 2012
Notice of the availability of the final NEPA Document—June 2012
Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Records Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

July 2, 2008.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(b), of the receipt of prohibited and exempt off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive a prohibited or exempt off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested proceeding, to deliver to the Secretary of the Commission, a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication.

Prohibited communications are included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not a part of, the

decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become a part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such a request only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication shall serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications are included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of off-the-record communications recently received by the Secretary of the Commission. The communications listed are grouped by docket numbers in ascending order. These filings are 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 eLibrary link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits, in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC, Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Exempt:

Docket No.	Date received	Presenter or requester
1. CP08-6-000; DCP08-9-000; PR08-1-000	6-12-08	Hon. Kay Bailey Hutchin- son.
2. CP08-6-000; CP08-9-000; PR08-1-000	6-16-08	Hon. Mac Thornberry.
3. CP08-85-000	6-17-08	Hon. Charles S. McCann.
4. P-12569-000	6-30-08	Robert G. Whitlam, PhD.