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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-255-009]

#### TransColorado Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Tariff Filing

July 14, 2000.

Take notice that on July 11, 2000, TransColorado Gas Transmission Company (TransColorado) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, Ninth Revised Sheet No. 21 and Fifth Revised Sheet No. 22, to be effective July 11, 2000.

TransColorado states that the filing is being made in compliance with the Commission's letter order issued March 20, 1997, in Docket No. RP97-255-000.

TransColorado states that the tendered tariff sheets revised TransColorado's Tariff to implement an amended negotiated-rate interruptible transportation service agreement between TransColorado and Burlington Resources Trading, Inc. TransColorado requested waiver of 18 CFR 154.207 so that the tendered tariff sheets may become effective July 11, 2000.

TransColorado states that a copy of this filing has been served upon all parties to this proceeding, TransColorado's customers, the Colorado Public Utilities Commission and New Mexico Public Utilities Commission.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/>

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulation Commission

[Docket No. ER00-3106-000]

#### Wisvest-Connecticut, LLC; Notice of Application

July 14, 2000.

Take notice that on July 11, 2000, Wisvest-Connecticut, LLC (Wisvest-Connecticut) submitted to the Commission for filing copies of an executed long-term service agreement with Select Energy, Inc.

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, N.E., Washington, D.C. 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 and protests should be filed on or before August 1, 2000. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing 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).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2169-013 North Carolina—Tennessee]

#### Alcoa Power Generating, Inc.; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

July 14, 2000.

A draft environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review. The EA analyzes the environmental effects

of a request to amend the license to authorize upgrades of turbines and generators at three of the four developments of the Tapoco Hydroelectric Project located on the Little Tennessee and Cheoah Rivers, in Graham and Swain Counties, North Carolina, and Blount and Monroe Counties, Tennessee. The project utilizes approximately 370 acres Nantahala National Forest lands. The Tapoco Hydroelectric Project includes the following reservoirs: Santeetlah, Cheoah, Calderwood, and Chilhowee.

The EA was written by staff in the Office of Energy Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The proposed upgrade would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Copies of the EA can be viewed on the web at [www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm](http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm). Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance. Copies are also 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.

Anyone may file comments on the EA. The public, federal and state resource agencies are encouraged to provide comments. All written must be filed within 30 days of the issuance date of this notice shown above. Send an original and eight copies of all comments marked and with the project number P-2169-013 to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact R. Feller at telephone: (202) 219-2796 or e-mail: [rainer.feller@ferc.fed.us](mailto:rainer.feller@ferc.fed.us)

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Scoping Meetings and Site Visits and Soliciting Scoping Comments

July 14, 2000.

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

*a. Type of Application:* A New Major License.

*b. Project No.:* 2042-013.

*c. Date filed:* January 21, 2000.

*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.

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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