

protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of these filings 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).

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1981-010-Wisconsin]

#### Oconto Electric Cooperative; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

November 8, 2000.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for a new license for the existing Stiles Hydroelectric Project, located on the Oconto River, in the township of Stiles, Oconto County, Wisconsin, and has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project. In the draft EA, the Commission staff has analyzed the potential environmental effects of the project and has concluded that the approval of the project, with appropriate environmental measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the draft EA are available for review in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2-A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. The draft EA may also be viewed on the internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm>. Please call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

Any comments should be filed within 45 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. Please affix "Stiles Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 1981-010" to all comments. For further information, please contact Patti Leppert at (202) 219-2767. Comments and protests 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.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1984-056 Wisconsin; Project No. 11162-002 Wisconsin]

#### Wisconsin River Power Company, Wisconsin Power and Light Company; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

November 8, 2000.

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 new major license for the Petenwell and Castle Rock Hydroelectric Project located on the Wisconsin River in Wood, Juneau, and Adams Counties near Necedah, Wisconsin, and the application for original major license for the Prairie du Sac Hydroelectric Project located on the Wisconsin River in Sauk and Columbia Counties near Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin.

On June 23, 1998, the Commission staff issued a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the proposed licensing actions and requested that comments be filed with the Commission within 45 days. Comments on the DEA were filed and are addressed in the Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) for the proposed licensing actions.

The FEA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed licenses, and concludes that the approval of the proposed licenses, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute major federal actions that would significantly affected the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the FEA are available for review in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. These filings may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/>

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*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Application Tendered for Filing with the Commission and Soliciting Additional Study Requests

November 8, 2000.

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

a. *Type of Application:* New Minor License.

b. *Project No.:* P-2835-005.

c. *Date Filed:* October 27, 2000.

d. *Applicant:* New York State Electric & Gas Corporation.

e. *Name of Project:* Rainbow Falls Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Ausable River, in the townships of Ausable and Chesterfield, Clinton and Essex counties, New York. The project would not use federal lands.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Carol Howland, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, Corporate Drive—Kirkwood Industrial Park, P.O. Box 5224, Binghamton, NY 13902-5224; (607) 762-8881.

i. *FERC Contact:* Jarrad Kosa, (202) 219-2831.

j. *Deadline for filing additional study requests pursuant to 18 CFR 4.32(b)(7) of the Commission's regulations:* December 26, 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. Comments and protests 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.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person 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