

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. CP12-48-000]****Dominion Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization**

Take notice that on January 13, 2012, Dominion Transmission, Inc. (Dominion), 701 East Cary Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, filed in Docket No. CP12-48-000, an application pursuant to sections 157.205, 157.208, and 157.213 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) as amended, to construct and operate two injection/withdrawal wells on behalf of UGI and as operator of the Tioga storage complex in Tioga County, Pennsylvania, under Dominion's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-537-000,¹ all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to the public for inspection.

Dominion and UGI propose to construct and operate two injection/withdrawal wells (TW-210 and TW-211) and install associated piping and equipment, in the Tioga storage complex. Dominion states that the physical parameters, including total natural gas inventory, reservoir pressure, reservoir and buffer boundaries, and the certificated capacity of the Tioga storage complex would remain unchanged with the construction and operation of wells TW-210 and TW-211. Dominion estimates that the proposed wells would cost \$5,374,329 to install.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Scott Francis, Regulatory and Certificates Analyst II, Dominion Transmission, Inc., 701 East Cary Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, telephone (804) 771-4456, facsimile (804) 771-4804, or Email: Scott.B.Francis@dom.com.

This filing is available for review at the Commission 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 filed to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERC OnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free at (866) 206-3676, or, for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. 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 intervenors to file electronically.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 60 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205), a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the NGA.

Dated: January 24, 2012.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Project No. 3109-049]****Eugene Water and Electric Board; Notice of Application for Surrender of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests**

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

- a. *Application Type:* Surrender of License.
- b. *Project No.:* P-3109-049.
- c. *Date Filed:* December 14, 2011.
- d. *Applicant:* Eugene Water and Electric Board.
- e. *Name of Project:* Blue River Project.
- f. *Location:* The proposed project would be located at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Blue River Dam on the Blue River, a tributary of the McKenzie River, in Lane County, Oregon.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r.
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Suzanne P. Adkins, EWEB FERC License Manager, 500 East 45th Avenue, P.O. Box 10148, Eugene, Oregon 97440-2148; telephone (541) 344-6311, ext. 3435.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Diane M. Murray, telephone (202) 502-8835 and email: diane.murray@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests:* February 27, 2012. Comments, motions to intervene, and protests may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "eFiling" link. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and eight copies should be mailed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. For more information on how to submit these types of filings, please go to the Commission's Web site located at <http://www.ferc.gov/filing-comments.asp>.

k. *Description of Request:* The licensee filed an application to surrender its license for the unconstructed Blue River Hydroelectric Project. The Licensee started construction on October 28, 1993, by signing a contract for the manufacture of generating units and making its first and only payment of \$7,048.65 to Voith Hydro, Inc. However, no ground disturbing activities have occurred at the project site.

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. 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 email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-(866) 208-3676 or email 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

¹ 21 FERC ¶ 62,172 (1982).

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—All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers.

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.

Dated: January 24, 2012.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

National Nuclear Security Administration

Revised Fee Policy for Acceptance of Foreign Research Reactor Spent Nuclear Fuel From High-Income Economy Countries

AGENCY: National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of a change in the fee policy.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a change in the fee policy by the Department of Energy (DOE) for receipt and management of spent nuclear fuel (SNF) from foreign research reactors (FRR) containing uranium enriched in the U.S. in countries with high-income economies, as identified in the World Bank Development Report. The fee will increase in three phases (See Table 1) for all future SNF shipments (including Training, Research, Isotopes, General Atomics (TRIGA) from high-income economy countries. The first phase will take effect immediately and the fee will increase from no higher than \$3,750 per kg total mass (not heavy metal mass) to \$5,625 per kg total mass for SNF containing low enriched uranium (LEU). The second phase will be implemented automatically on January 1, 2014, and the fees will increase from \$5,625 per kg

total mass to \$7,500 per kg total mass for shipments of SNF containing LEU and from no higher than \$4,500 per kg total mass to \$6,750 per kg total mass for SNF containing highly enriched uranium (HEU). The third phase will be implemented automatically on January 1, 2016, and the fee will increase from \$6,750 per kg total mass to \$9,000 per kg total mass for shipments of SNF containing HEU. DOE is also implementing a new minimum fee of \$200,000 per shipment of any type and amount of eligible SNF to reflect a minimum cost of providing acceptance services. This minimum fee will take effect immediately. In the case where a reactor operator already has a signed and executed contract with DOE, DOE intends to negotiate an equitable adjustment to the fee in accordance with this revised fee policy. Under this revised fee policy, the fee for return of TRIGA fuel will be the same as that of aluminum based fuel. All other aspects of the fee policy are unaffected by this Notice.

This is the first fee increase since the fee policy was established in 1996, and will help DOE offset a portion of the increase in operation costs of managing SNF. DOE will continue to pay the costs for shipping, receipt and management of SNF from other than high-income economy countries. All other conditions and policies as previously established for acceptance of FRR SNF will continue to apply. DOE reserves the right to revise the fee policy at any time to respond to changed circumstances. DOE also reserves the right to adjust the fee set in an acceptance contract if there are unique and compelling circumstances that make it in DOE's best interest to do so.

DATES: *Effective dates:* Minimum fee January 31, 2012; First phase—January 31, 2012; Second phase—January 1, 2014; Third phase—January 1, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Andrew Bieniawski, Assistant Deputy Administrator for Global Threat Reduction (NA-21), U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585, Telephone (202) 586-0775.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE's policy concerning recovery of FRR SNF containing uranium enriched in the U.S. is described in the "Record of Decision (ROD) for the Final Environmental Impact Statement on a Proposed Nuclear Weapons Nonproliferation Policy Concerning Foreign Research Reactor Spent Nuclear Fuel" (61 FR 25092, May 17, 1996). In the ROD, DOE stated that it would announce a fee

policy for acceptance of FRR SNF and that the policy could be changed as necessary to reflect changes in cost or new information relevant to the policy. In 1996, DOE established the fee policy and published it in a **Federal Register** Notice, (61 FR 26507, May 28, 1996). The policy was subsequently revised only to address the question of how, during the course of the acceptance program, a change in the economic status of the country from which SNF is shipped would affect the fee charged for participation (64 FR 18006, April 13, 1999). The maximum fees have remained constant since the establishment of the fee policy in 1996, even though the costs of SNF management have risen dramatically. DOE is revising its fee policy to take into account this rise in costs.

DOE has decided to increase the maximum fees by 100% (from its current rates) in three phases (See Table 1) for all future SNF shipments (including TRIGA fuels), which should minimize the impact to the high-income economy countries and allow those countries adequate time to plan for additional funding.

- The first phase will take effect January 31, 2012; and the fee will increase from no higher than \$3,750 per kg total mass to \$5,625 per kg of total mass for SNF shipments containing LEU.

- The second phase will be implemented automatically on January 1, 2014 and the fee will increase from \$5,625 per kg of total mass to \$7,500 per kg total mass for SNF shipments containing LEU and from no higher than \$4,500 per kg total mass to \$6,750 per kg total mass for SNF shipments containing HEU.

- The third phase will be implemented automatically on January 1, 2016, and the fee will increase from \$6,750 per kg total mass to \$9,000 per kg total mass for SNF shipments containing HEU.

- DOE is also implementing a new minimum fee of \$200,000 per shipment of any type and amount of eligible SNF to reflect a minimum cost of providing acceptance services, which is consistent with past approaches of implementing the FRR SNF fee policy and reflects a more appropriate portion of the cost of providing acceptance services. This minimum fee will take effect January 31, 2012.

- In the case where a reactor operator already has a signed and executed contract with DOE, DOE intends to negotiate an equitable adjustment to the fee in accordance with this revised fee policy.