

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. *Description of Filing:* Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington, filed an application requesting that its license be amended to include the construction and operation of a permanent juvenile fish bypass system as the Rocky Reach Hydroelectric Project. The bypass system would consist of a surface collector and intake screens located at the entrances to generating units 1 and 2 and a large diameter bypass conduit to transport fish to the tailrace. The bypass system would likely become a component of any long-term anadromous fish protection plan for the Rocky Reach Hydroelectric Project. If approved, construction of the proposed facility could begin on or near September 1, 2001, and the facility would be operable by April 2002. Comments and reply comments on the Amendment of License are due on the dates listed in item j above.

l. A copy for the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room at 888 First Street NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The application may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm>. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance. 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.

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.

Any filing must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS," "PROTESTS," or "MOTION TO INTERVENE," as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

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 any 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.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission

March 9, 2001.

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

- a. *Type of Application:* Major New (Non-power) License.
- b. *Project No.:* 2852-015.
- c. *Dated Filed:* February 27, 2001.
- d. *Applicant:* New York State Electric & Gas Corporation
- e. *Name of Project:* Keuka.
- f. *Location:* Project is located on the Waneta and Lamoka Lakes, Keuka Lake, and Mud Creek, in Steuben and Schuyler Counties, New York. Project would not utilize any federal lands or facilities.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Robert L. Malecki, Manager Licensing & Environmental Operations, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation Corporate Drive, Kirkwood Industrial Park Binghamton, NY 13902, (607) 762-7763.

Ms. Carol Howland, Project Environmental Specialist, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, Corporate Drive, Kirkwood Industrial Park Binghamton, NY 13902, (607) 762-8881.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to William Guey-Lee, E-mail address william.gueylee@ferc.fed.us, or telephone (202) 219-2808.

j. *Status of Environmental Review:* This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

k. *Description of Project:* The project consists of the following: (1) The Bradford Dam with an overall length of about 580 feet and crest elevation of 1,099 feet msl, consisting of a concrete section, earthen embankments, outlet works, and spillway; (2) Waneta and Lamoka Lakes with surface areas of 781 acres and 826 acres at elevation 1,099 feet msl, and total storage of 27,200 acre-feet; (3) a 9,300-foot-long power canal having an average width of 48 feet and an average depth of 3 feet; (4) a twin gated concrete box culvert, known as Wayne Gates, measuring 8 feet high by 6 feet wide; and 5) a 70-foot-long by 16-foot-high headgate structure. Under the non-power license, the 3,450-foot-long, 4-foot-diameter concrete penstock, the 835-foot-long, 42-inch-diameter steel penstock, and the 2.0-MW generating unit would be removed.

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) 208-1371. The application may be viewed on the web at www.ferc.fed.us. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Regulations Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

March 9, 2001.

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

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive an exempt or a prohibited off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of

a contested on-the-record proceeding, to deliver a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication, to the Secretary.

Prohibited communications will be included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become 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 requests only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication should 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 will be 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 exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications received in the Office of the Secretary within the preceding 14 days. The documents may be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Exempt

1. CP00-141-000; 3-8-01; Juan Polit
2. Project No. 2661-012; 2-21-01; Gary Taylor and Jason Davis
3. CP01-4-000; 2-21-01; Douglas A. Sipe
4. Project No. 2055; 3-8-01; Susan Pengilly Neitzel
5. EL00-95-000; 3-8-01; Bruce W. Simonton
6. EL00-95-000; 3-8-01; Commissioner William Massey

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Southeastern Power Administration

Proposed Rate Adjustment for Kerr-Philpott System

AGENCY: Southeastern Power Administration (Southeastern), DOE.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing and opportunities for review and comment.

SUMMARY: Southeastern proposes to replace existing schedules of rates and charges applicable for the sale of power from the Kerr-Philpott System effective for a five-year period from October 1, 2001, to September 30, 2006. Additionally, opportunities will be available for interested persons to review the present rates, the proposed rates and supporting studies, to participate in a forum, and to submit written comments. Southeastern will evaluate all comments received in this process.

DATES: Written comments are due on or before June 13, 2001. A public information and comment forum will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina, at 10:00 A.M. on April 17, 2001. Persons desiring to speak at the forum should notify Southeastern at least seven (7) days before the forum is scheduled so that a list of forum participants can be prepared. Others present at the forum may speak if time permits. Persons desiring to attend the forum should notify Southeastern at least seven (7) days before the forum is scheduled. Unless Southeastern has been notified by the close of business on April 10, 2001, that at least one person intends to be present at the forum, the forum may be canceled with no further notice.

ADDRESSES: Five copies of written comments should be submitted to: Charles Borchardt, Administrator, Southeastern Power Administration, Department of Energy, Elberton, GA 30635. The public comment forum will meet at the Raleigh Marriott-Crabtree Valley, 4500 Marriott Drive, Raleigh, NC 27612, (919) 781-7000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leon Jourolmon, Assistant Administrator, Finance and Marketing, Southeastern Power Administration, Department of Energy, Samuel Elbert Building, Elberton, GA 30635, (706) 213-3800.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), by order issued February 13, 1997, confirmed and approved Rate Schedules KP-1-D, JHK-2-B, JHK-3-B, and PH-1-B for the period October 1, 1996, to September 30, 2001. A current repayment study prepared in February

of 2001 shows that existing rates are not adequate to recover all costs required by present repayment criteria. Southeastern is proposing new rates to recoup these unrecovered costs.

A revised repayment study with a revenue increase of \$2,308,000 in Fiscal Year 2002 and all future years over the current repayment study shows that all costs are repaid within their service life. Therefore, Southeastern is proposing to revise the existing rates to generate this additional revenue. The increase is primarily due to costs associated with the rehabilitation of the John H. Kerr Project currently underway, a new transmission agreement with Virginia Electric & Power Company, and retirement and pension benefits expenses not previously recovered.

Proposed Unit Rates

Under the proposed rates, the capacity charge will increase from the current \$1.86 per kilowatt per month to \$2.05 per kilowatt per month. The energy charge will increase from the current 7.67 mills per kilowatt-hour to 8.62 mills per kilowatt-hour. In addition, Southeastern proposes to establish a Tandem Transmission rate, which is designed to recover the cost of transmitting power from a project to the border of another transmitting system. This rate is to be a formulaary pass-through rate based on the charges by transmission facilitators and is initially estimated to be \$0.61 per kilowatt per month.

Southeastern is proposing the following rate schedules to be effective for the period from October 1, 2001, to September 30, 2006.

Rate Schedule VA-1

Available to public bodies and cooperatives in Virginia to whom power may be transmitted and scheduled pursuant to contracts between the Government and Virginia Electric and Power Company.

Rate Schedule VA-2

Available to public bodies and cooperatives in Virginia to whom power may be transmitted pursuant to contracts between the Government and Virginia Electric and Power Company. The customer is responsible for providing a scheduling arrangement with the Government.

Rate Schedule VA-3

Available to public bodies and cooperatives in Virginia to whom power may be scheduled pursuant to contracts between the Government and Virginia Electric and Power Company. The