

consider public input in the preparation of the Draft EIS, comments should be submitted to the address below by October 18, 1996. For further information concerning the preparation of the Hardwood EIS, or to provide written comment, contact: Program Manager, Hardwood EIS, Air National Guard Readiness Center, ANGR/CEVP, 3500 Fetchet Avenue, Andrews Air Force Base, MD 20762-5157.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2105-037 & -038]

Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

July 29, 1996.

A draft environmental assessment (DEA) is available for public review. The DEA was prepared in support of dam safety repairs to be made pursuant to 18 CFR 12.4 at the Upper North Fork Feather River Project. The work will be conducted to improve the seismic stability of the project's Butt Valley and Canyon Dams. The DEA finds that work would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The Upper North Fork Feather River Project is located on Butt Creek and the North Fork Feather River in Plumas County, California.

The DEA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the DEA can be viewed at the Commission's Reference and Information Center, Room 2A, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Copies can also be obtained by calling the project manager listed below.

Please submit any comments within 14 days from the date of this notice. Any comments, conclusions, or recommendations that draw upon studies, reports or other working papers of substance should be supported by appropriate documentation.

Comments should be addressed to Lois D. Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please affix Project No. 2105-037 & -038 to all comments. For further information, please contact the project

manager, John Mudre, at (202) 219-1208.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Project Nos. P-11565-000, et al.]

Hydroelectric Applications [Thermalito Power Company, et al.]; Notice of Applications

Take notice that the following hydroelectric applications have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection:

1 a. *Type of Application*: Original License for Major Project.

b. *Project No.*: 11565-000.

c. *Date filed*: December 1, 1995.

d. *Applicant*: Thermalito Power Corporation.

e. *Name of Project*: Therm II Project.

f. *Location*: At the California Department of Water Resources' Thermalito afterbay dam, in Butte County, California. Township 19 N, Range 1 E, Section 33.

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

h. *Applicant Contact*: Mr. Stan Malinky, 311 D Street, West Sacramento CA 95605, (916) 372-0534.

i. *FERC Contact*: Michael Strzelecki at (202) 219-2827.

j. *Deadline for Interventions and Protests*: September 26, 1996.

k. *Status of Environmental Analysis*:

The project is not ready for environmental analysis at this time—see attached paragraph D8.

1. *Description of Project*: The proposed project would develop the excess capacity of the Feather River Project (FERC No. 2100), and would consist of: (1) A new gated outlet structure installed at the dam; (2) a powerhouse containing three generating units with an installed capacity of 10,900 kW; (3) a 400-foot-long, 200-foot-wide tailrace canal leading to the Feather River; (4) the existing Sutter-Butte canal to be used for releases (5) a 350-foot-long transmission line; and (6) appurtenant facilities.

m. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: A2, A9, B1, and D8.

n. A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, located at 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC, 20426, or by calling 202-208-1371. A copy is also available from the applicant at the address provided in item "h" above.

2 a. *Type of Application*: Preliminary Permit.

b. *Project No.*: 11584-000.

c. *Date filed*: July 1, 1996.

d. *Applicant*: Whitewater Engineering Corporation.

e. *Name of Project*: Power Creek Project.

f. *Location*: On Power Creek, near the city of Cordova, in Alaska. Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 in T15S, R2W; sections 12, 13, 23, 24, 26, and 27 in T15S, R3W.

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

h. *Applicant Contact*: Thom A.

Fischer, President, Whitewater Engineering Corporation, 1050 Larrabee Avenue, Suite 104-707, Bellingham, WA 98225, (360) 733-3008.

i. *FERC Contact*: Mr. Michael

Strzelecki, (202) 219-2827.

j. *Comment Date*: September 26, 1996.

k. *Description of Project*: The proposed project would consist of: (1) A 20-foot-high diversion structure on Power Creek; (2) an 5,700-foot-long water conveyance system consisting of two pipelines and a tunnel; (3) a powerhouse containing three generating units with an installed capacity of 6.0 MW; (4) a tailrace returning the water to Power Creek; (5) a 7.2-mile-long buried transmission line interconnecting with an existing transmission line at the Eyak Substation; (6) about 2.5 miles of access roads; and (7) appurtenant facilities.

There are no federal lands within the project boundary.

l. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: A5, A7, A9, A10, B, C, and D2.

3 a. *Type of Application*: Amendment of License.

b. *Project No.*: 2233-027.

c. *Date Filed*: July 3, 1996.

d. *Applicant*: Portland General Electric Company, Smurfit Newsprint Corporation, Simpson Paper Company.

e. *Name of Project*: Willamette Falls Project.

f. *Location*: Willamette River, Clackamas County, OR.

g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act, 16 USC Section 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact*: Richard Reiten, Portland General Electric Company, 121 S.W. Salmon Street, Portland, OR 97204, (503) 464-8005.

i. *FERC Contact*: Hillary Berlin, (202) 219-0038.

j. *Comment Date*: September 6, 1996.

k. *Description of Application*: The proposed amendment is to decommission the six water power units currently licensed for the Simpson facilities, which are uneconomical due to high maintenance costs and restricted water usage. The total installed capacity

would be reduced from 27,080 kW to 16,785 kW.

l. The notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, and D2.

4 a. *Type of Application:* Joint Application for Transfer of License.

b. *Project No.:* 2851-011.

c. *Date Filed:* June 17, 1996.

d. *Applicants:* James River Paper Company, Inc. and The Fonda Group, Inc.

e. *Name of Project:* Natural Dam Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Oswegatchie River, Village of Gouverneur, St. Lawrence County, New York.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Contacts:*

Mr. Clifford A. Cutchins, IV, Senior Vice President, James River Paper Company, Inc., 120 Tredegar Street, Post Office Box 2218, Richmond, VA 23218, (804) 649-4444.

Mr. Harvey L. Friedman, The Fonda Group, Inc., 115 Stevens Avenue, Valhalla, NY 10593-1252, 1-(800) 723-6876 Ex. 226 or (914) 747-2600.

i. *FERC Contact:* Mr. Lynn R. Miles, (202) 219-2671.

j. *Comment Date:* September 5, 1996.

k. *Description of the Proposed Action:* The licensee, James River Paper Company, Inc. seeks to transfer the project license to The Fonda Group, Inc.

l. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, and D2.

5 a. *Type of Application:* As-Built Exhibits.

b. *Project No.:* 2547-064.

c. *Date Filed:* July 20, 1995, April 17, 1996, and June 19, 1996.

d. *Applicant:* Swanton Village, Vermont.

e. *Name of Project:* Highgate Falls Project.

f. *Location:* On the Missisquoi River in Franklin County, Vermont.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Harold Titmore, Electric Systems Manager, Village of Swanton, 120 First Street, Swanton, VT 05488, (802) 868-4200.

i. *FERC Contact:* Paul Shannon, (202) 219-2866.

j. *Comment Date:* September 6, 1996.

k. *Description of Filings:* Swanton Village, Vermont, filed as-built exhibits J, K, L, and M with the Commission for the Highgate Falls Project, in accordance with article 30 of the May 24, 1984, Order Issuing License. The exhibits show and describe the constructed project features. The original license

authorized the project to have a normal reservoir elevation of 200 feet USGS. A Commission order dated January 7, 1992, amended the license to lower the crest elevation of the project's dam to 190 feet USGS. The licensee's filing revises the project boundary on the as-built exhibit K to reflect operating the project at a reservoir elevation of 190 feet USGS.

l. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, and D2.

6 a. *Type of Application:* Amendment of Exemption.

b. *Project No.:* 4908-011.

c. *Date Filed:* November 28, 1995.

d. *Applicant:* Tannery Island Power Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Tannery Island Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Black River in the town of Wilna, Jefferson County, New York.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Ms. Mary J. Ruderman, 30 North Main Street, Carthage, NY 13619, (315) 493-1472.

i. *FERC Contact:* Robert Gwynn, (202) 219-2764.

j. *Comment Date:* September 6, 1996.

k. *Description of Filing:* Tannery Island Power proposes to install 1-foot high flashboards on the Big Spicer and Little Spicer Dams. The flashboards will be placed seasonally from April 15, at the earliest, until December 17, at the latest, when they will be removed. The flashboards on Big Spicer dam will contain 5 openings to direct 88 cfs of discharge to specific downstream areas. The flashboards on Little Spicer dam will contain 3 openings to direct 18 cfs of discharge to specific downstream areas.

The dams have an irregular crest elevation and currently need a minimum discharge of 500 cfs to provide adequate water to downstream reaches of the river. The proposed flashboards will provide a more uniform distribution of water to the downstream reaches with a lower minimum discharge of 106 cfs.

l. This paragraph also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, and D2.

Standard Paragraphs

A2. Development Application—Any qualified applicant desiring to file a competing application must submit to the Commission, on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application, a competing development application, or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent

allows an interested person to file the competing development application no later than 120 days after the specified deadline date for the particular application. Applications for preliminary permits will not be accepted in response to this notice.

A5. Preliminary Permit—Anyone desiring to file a competing application for preliminary permit for a proposed project must submit the competing application itself, or a notice of intent to file such an application, to the Commission on or before the specified comment date for the particular application (see 18 CFR 4.36). Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing preliminary permit application no later than 30 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing preliminary permit application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

A7. Preliminary Permit—Any qualified development applicant desiring to file a competing development application must submit to the Commission, on or before a specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent to file a development application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

A9. Notice of Intent—A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

A10. Proposed Scope of Studies Under Permit—A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

B. 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 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.

B1. Protests or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests 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 protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

C. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION", "COMPETING APPLICATION", "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

C1. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing

the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

D2. 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.

D8. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time; therefore, the Commission is not now requesting comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions.

When the application is ready for environmental analysis, the Commission will issue a public notice requesting comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions.

All filings must (1) Bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST" or "MOTION TO INTERVENE," "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION," or "COMPETING APPLICATION;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Any of these documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies required by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above address. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

Dated: July 25, 1996 in Washington, DC.
Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.
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[Docket No. CP96-643-000, et al.]

Southern Natural Gas Company, et al. Natural Gas Certificate Filings

July 25, 1996.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. Southern Natural Gas Company

[Docket No. CP96-643-000]

Take notice that on July 16, 1996, Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern), Post Office Box 2563, Birmingham, Alabama 35202-2563, filed in Docket No. CP96-643-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.211) for authorization to construct and operate new delivery point facilities in Carroll County, Georgia, to accommodate deliveries of natural gas to Southwire Corporation (Southwire), under Southern's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-406-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Southern requests authorization to construct and operate facilities consisting of a dual 4-inch meter station and appurtenant facilities, to be located on Southern's 20-inch North Main Loop and 24-inch North Main 2nd Loop. The cost of the facilities is estimated at \$260,900. It is stated that Southwire will reimburse Southern for the construction cost. Southern states that it will transport gas for Southwire under its Rate Schedule IT. It is asserted that Southern has the capability to accomplish the deliveries proposed without detriment or disadvantage to its other customers. It is further asserted that the deliveries at the proposed facilities will have no adverse effect on Southern's peak day capacity.

Comment date: September 9, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

2. ANR Pipeline Company

[Docket No. CP96-646-000]

Take notice that on July 19, 1996, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) filed in Docket No. CP96-646-000 a request pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), for an order permitting and approving the abandonment, by