

Authority. Entergy Services requests that the FERC Order No. 888 Compliance Amendment become effective the later of January 1, 1997 or the date upon which the Commission permits said amendment to become effective.

*Comment date:* March 28, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

### **23. Ohio Edison Company, Pennsylvania Power Company**

[Docket No. OA97-552-000]

Take notice that on February 21, 1997, Ohio Edison Company tendered for filing on behalf of itself and Pennsylvania Power Company, a Supplement to the rate schedule to the Agreement for System Power Transactions with Cinergy Services, Inc. This filing is made pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act.

*Comment date:* March 20, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

#### **Standard Paragraph**

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said 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 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. 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 proceeding. 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.

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

*Acting Secretary.*

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#### **[Project No. 11475-000-NY/VT]**

### **Central Vermont Public Service Corporation; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment**

March 13, 1997.

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 Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the Central Vermont Public Service

Corporation's application for an original license to continue operating the existing, unlicensed Carver Falls Hydropower Project, located on the Poultry River in the town of Hampton, Washington County, New York, and the town of West Haven, Rutland County, Vermont. Subsequently, the Commission's staff prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA).

In the EA, staff evaluates the potential environmental impacts that would result from the continued operation of the project. Staff concludes that licensing the project with appropriate enhancement measures would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the EA are available for review in the Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, Room 2A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

For further information, please contact Jim Haimes, Environmental Coordinator, at (202) 219-2780.

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

*Acting Secretary.*

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#### **[Project No. 11478-000-VT]**

### **Central Vermont Public Service Corporation; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment**

March 13, 1997.

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 F.R. 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the Central Vermont Public Service Corporation's application for an original license to continue operating the existing, unlicensed Silver Lake Hydropower Project, located on Sucker Brook in Addison County, Vermont. Subsequently, the Commission's staff prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA).

In the EA, staff evaluates the potential environmental impacts that would result from the continued operation of the project. Staff concludes that licensing the project with appropriate enhancement measures would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the EA are available for review in the Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, Room 2A, of the

Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426.

For further information, please contact Jim Haimes, Environmental Coordinator, at (202) 219-2780.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.**

*Acting Secretary.*

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#### **[Project No. 11243-002]**

### **Whitewater Engineering Corporation; Notice of Application and Draft Environmental Assessment Accepted for Filing and Notice Requesting Interventions and Protests**

March 13, 1997.

Whitewater Engineering Corporation (Whitewater) has submitted an application for a major license for the proposed Power Creek Hydroelectric Project, located near Cordova, Alaska. Except for the transmission line, the proposed project would be located on lands owned by the Eyak Corporation, a native corporation. The transmission line would be located on lands owned by the State of Alaska and the City of Cordova.

The proposed run-of-river project would consist of: (1) A 20-foot-high concrete and earthfill diversion structure on Power Creek; (2) a 5,900-foot-long tunnel and pipeline system; (3) a powerhouse containing three generating units with a total installed capacity of 6 megawatts; (4) a tailrace returning water to Power Creek; (5) a 7.2-mile-long underground transmission line; (6) 2.5 miles of access roads; and (7) appurtenant facilities.

The purpose of this notice is to: (1) Update interested parties on the Power Creek Project application process status; (2) inform all interested parties that the Power Creek applicant-prepared environmental assessment (EA) and final license application filed with the Commission on January 6, 1997, are hereby accepted; and (3) invited interventions and protests.

### **Applicant Prepared EA Process and Power Creek Project Schedule**

The Energy Policy Act of 1992 (Act) gives the Commission the authority to allow the filing of an applicant prepared EA with a license application. The Act also directs the Commission to institute procedures, including pre-application consultations, to advise applicants of studies or other information that may be required by the Commission.

On January 25, 1996, the Director, Office of Hydropower Licensing, waived or amended certain of the Commission's

regulations to allow for the processes of license application and applicant-prepared EA preparation to be coordinated. Since then, Commission staff has been advising Whitewater of studies or other information that may be required by the Commission.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) scoping was conducted on the project through scoping documents issued September 13, 1995, and May 31, 1996, and in public scoping meetings on October 10, 1995, in Cordova, and October 12, 1995, in Anchorage. A draft license application and preliminary draft EA (PDEA) were issued by Whitewater for comment on May 31, 1996. The final license application and applicant-prepared EA were filed with the Commission on January 6, 1997, a copy of which can be obtained from Whitewater.

Commission staff have determined that some additional information is needed from Whitewater, which is due on April 29, 1997. Once that information is received and found acceptable, staff will issue a notice soliciting comments, final terms and conditions, recommendations and prescriptions. Staff will then incorporate final comments into a staff draft EA. Staff anticipate issuing their draft EA for comment by late Spring 1997.

#### Protests or Motions to Intervene

Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Rules of Practice and Procedures, 18 C.F.R. sections 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.

#### Filing Requirements

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.

This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: A2 and A9.

All filings must: (1) Bear in all capital letters the title "PROTESTS," "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 Whitewater. All motions to intervene must be received 60 days from the date of this notice. A copy of any motion to intervene or protest must be served on each representative of Whitewater specified in the final license application.

The above documents must be filed by providing an original and 8 copies as required by the Commission's regulations to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

In addition to the above copies, commenters may also submit a copy of their comments or interventions on a 3½-inch diskette formatted for MS-DOS based computers to: John Smith, Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Room 52-83, Washington, D.C. 20426. For Macintosh users, it would be helpful to save the documents in Macintosh word processor format and then write them to files on a diskette formatted for MS-Dos machines. Commenters may also submit their comments via electronic mail to: john.smith@ferc.fed.us.

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

*Acting Secretary.*

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#### Notice of Transfer of License

March 13, 1997.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Transfer of License.

b. *Project No.:* 7178-021.

c. *Date Filed:* February 4, 1997.

d. *Applicant:* Arbuckle Mountain Hydro Partnership.

e. *Name of Project:* Arbuckle Mountain.

f. *Location:* On the Middle Fork of Cottonwood Creek, in Shasta County, California.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Ronald Ott, Managing Partner, Arbuckle Mountain Hydro Partnership, 8185 Ramsgate Drive, Granite Bay, California 95746 (916) 920-0300.

i. *FERC Contact:* Thomas F. Papsidero (202) 219-2715.

j. *Comment Date:* April 17, 1997.

k. *Description of Filing:* Application to transfer the license for the Arbuckle Mountain Project to Arbuckle Mountain Hydro, LLC.

l. *This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs:* B, C2 & D2.

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.

C2. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS,"

"RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS," "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION," "COMPETING APPLICATION," "PROTEST," or "MOTION TO INTERVENE," as

applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of these 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, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. A copy of a notice of intent, competing application, or 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