

- b. *Project No.*: 1960-002.
- c. *Date Filed*: February 19, 1999.
- d. *Applicant*: Dairyland Power Cooperative—Wisconsin.
- e. *Name of Project*: Flambeau Hydroelectric Station.
- f. *Location*: On the Flambeau River in Rusk County, Wisconsin. The project does not utilize federal lands.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. §§ 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact*: Mr. William L. Berg, Dairyland Power Cooperative, 3200 East Avenue South, La Cross, WI 54601, (608) 788-4000.
- i. *FERC Contact*: Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Mark Pawlowski, E-mail address mark.pawlowski@ferc.fed.us, or telephone 202-219-2795.
- j. *Deadline for filing additional study requests*: April 20, 1999.

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.

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

l. *Description of the Project*: The project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) a right earthen dam, 2,570 feet-long and a left earthen dam 2,130 feet-long, separated by a 138 foot-long gated spillway section with a crest elevation of 1157.0 feet NGVD; (2) a 1,900-acre reservoir with a normal water surface elevation of 1183.48 feet NGVD; (3) a powerhouse containing 3 vertical Kaplan turbines each connected to generator units for a total installed capacity of 15,000 kW; and (4) appurtenant facilities. The average annual energy generation is 60,727,590 kWh.

m. *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, D.C. 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. This filing 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.

n. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer as required by § 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR 800.4.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Transfer of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protests

March 5, 1999.

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

- a. *Application Type*: Transfer of License.
 - b. *Project No*: 7115-029.
 - c. *Date Filed*: February 8, 1999.
 - d. *Applicant*: Southeastern Hydro-Power, Inc. and Homestead Energy Resources, LLC.
 - e. *Name of Project*: George W. Andrews.
 - f. *Location*: At the Corps of Engineers George W. Andrews Lock and Dam on the Chattahoochee River in Houston County, Alabama and Early County, Georgia. The project occupies federal lands managed by the Corps of Engineers.
 - g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. Section 8.
 - h. *Applicant Contact*: Mr. Charles B. Mierek, 5250 Clifton-Glendale Road, Spartanburg, SC 29307, (864) 579-4405.
 - i. *FERC Contact*: Any questions on this notice should be addressed to James Hunter, e-mail address: James.Hunter@ferc.fed.us, or telephone: (202) 219-2939.
 - j. *Deadline for filing comments and or motions*: April 14, 1999.
- All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Mail Code: DLC, HL-11.1, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426.
- Please include the project number (P-7115-029) on any comments or motions filed.
- k. *Description of Transfer*: Southeastern Hydro-Power, Inc., a

corporation, and Homestead Energy Resources, LLC, a limited liability company, have jointly requested transfer of the license for this project from Southeastern, the current licensee, to Homestead, the proposed transferee.

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

B. Comments, Protests, or Motion 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 of 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, N.E., Washington, D.C. 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6239-1]

Ambient Air Monitoring Reference and Equivalent Methods: Designation of a New Reference Method

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of designation.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has designated, in accordance with 40 CFR part 53, a new reference method for measuring concentrations of PM_{2.5} in ambient air.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frank F. McElroy, Human Exposure and Atmospheric Sciences Division (MD-46), National Exposure Research Laboratory, U.S. EPA, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711; Phone: (919) 541-2622, email: mcelroy.frank@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with regulations at 40 CFR part 53, the EPA examines various methods for monitoring the concentrations of certain pollutants in the ambient air. Methods that are determined to meet specific requirements for adequacy are designated as either reference or equivalent methods, thereby permitting their use under 40 CFR part 58 by States and other agencies in determining attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards. EPA hereby announces the designation of a new reference method for measuring PM_{2.5} in ambient air. This designation is made under the provisions of 40 CFR part 53, as amended on July 18, 1997 (62 FR 38764).

The new reference method for PM_{2.5} is a manual monitoring method based on a particular commercially available PM_{2.5} sampler. The newly designated method is identified as follows:

RFPS-0299-128, "Andersen Instruments, Incorporated Model RAAS2.5-200 PM_{2.5} Audit Sampler," configured as a PM_{2.5} reference method and operated with software (firmware) version 4B, for 24-hour continuous sample periods at a flow rate of 16.67 liters/minute, in accordance with the Model RAAS2.5-200 Operator's Manual and with the requirements and sample collection

filters specified in 40 CFR part 50, appendix L.

An application for a reference method determination for this method, based on the Andersen Instruments, Incorporated Model RAAS2.5-200 PM_{2.5} Audit Sampler, was received by the EPA on July 6, 1998, and a notice of the receipt of this application was published in the **Federal Register** on October 29, 1998. The method is available commercially from the applicant, Andersen Instruments, Incorporated, 500 Technology Court, Smyrna, Georgia 30082.

Test samplers representative of this method have been tested by the applicant in accordance with the test procedures specified in 40 CFR part 53 (as amended on July 18, 1997). After reviewing the results of those tests and other information submitted by the applicant, EPA has determined, in accordance with part 53, that this method should be designated as a reference method. The information submitted by the applicant will be kept on file at EPA's National Exposure Research Laboratory, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711 and will be available for inspection to the extent consistent with 40 CFR part 2 (EPA's regulations implementing the Freedom of Information Act).

As a designated reference method, this method is acceptable for use by states and other air monitoring agencies under the requirements of 40 CFR part 58, Ambient Air Quality Surveillance. For such purposes, the method must be used in strict accordance with the operation or instruction manual associated with the method, the specifications and limitations (e.g., sample period or measurement range) specified in the applicable designation method description (see identification of the method above), and the specifications and requirements set forth in appendix L to 40 CFR part 50. Use of the method should also be in general accordance with the guidance and recommendations of applicable sections of the "Quality Assurance Guidance Document 2.12." Vendor modifications of a designated reference or equivalent method used for purposes of part 58 are permitted only with prior approval of the EPA, as provided in part 53. Provisions concerning modification of such methods by users are specified under section 2.8 of appendix C to 40 CFR part 58 (Modifications of Methods by Users).

In general, a method designation applies to any sampler or analyzer which is identical to the sampler or analyzer described in the application for

designation. In some cases, similar samplers or analyzers manufactured prior to the designation may be upgraded (e.g., by minor modification or by substitution of a new operation or instruction manual) so as to be identical to the designated method and thus achieve designated status at a modest cost. The manufacturer should be consulted to determine the feasibility of such upgrading.

Part 53 requires that sellers of designated reference or equivalent method analyzers or samplers comply with certain conditions. These conditions are given in 40 CFR 53.9 and are summarized below:

(a) A copy of the approved operation or instruction manual must accompany the sampler or analyzer when it is delivered to the ultimate purchaser.

(b) The sampler or analyzer must not generate any unreasonable hazard to operators or to the environment.

(c) The sampler or analyzer must function within the limits of the applicable performance specifications given in parts 50 and 53 for at least one year after delivery when maintained and operated in accordance with the operation or instruction manual.

(d) Any sampler or analyzer offered for sale as part of a reference or equivalent method must bear a label or sticker indicating that it has been designated as part of a reference or equivalent method in accordance with part 53 and showing its designated method identification number.

(e) If such an analyzer has two or more selectable ranges, the label or sticker must be placed in close proximity to the range selector and indicate which range or ranges have been included in the reference or equivalent method designation.

(f) An applicant who offers samplers or analyzers for sale as part of a reference or equivalent method is required to maintain a list of ultimate purchasers of such samplers or analyzers and to notify them within 30 days if a reference or equivalent method designation applicable to the method has been canceled or if adjustment of the sampler or analyzer is necessary under 40 CFR 53.11(b) to avoid a cancellation.

(g) An applicant who modifies a sampler or analyzer previously designated as part of a reference or equivalent method is not permitted to sell the sampler or analyzer (as modified) as part of a reference or equivalent method (although it may be sold without such representation), nor to attach a label or sticker to the sampler or analyzer (as modified) under the provisions described above, until the