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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2964-006, Michigan]

City of Sturgis; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

January 14, 2000.

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 application for relicensing of the Sturgis Hydroelectric Project, located on the St. Joseph River in St. Joseph County, Michigan, and has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the project. In the DEA, the Commission's staff has analyzed the potential environmental impacts of the existing project and has concluded that approval of the project, with appropriate environmental protection measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the DEA are available for review in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2-A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. The DEA also may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Any comments should be filed within 45 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Room 1-A, Washington, DC 20426. Please affix "Sturgis Hydroelectric Project No. 2964-006" to all comments. For further information, please contact Patrick Murphy at 202-219-2659.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1984-069 Wisconsin]

Wisconsin River Power Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

January 14, 2000.

An environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review. The EA analyzes the environmental impacts of Wisconsin River Power Company's application to sell 2,380 acres of project lands along with four recreation sites to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). All lands are part of the Castle Rock/Petenwell Hydroelectric Project located on the Wisconsin and Yellow Rivers in Adams, Juneau and Woods Counties, Wisconsin. The WDNR proposes to use these lands to expand its Buckhorn State Park and Wildlife Area. The EA was written by the WDNR and adopted by commission staff (with modifications) in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Commission staff's modifications are contained in our order approving the application issued December 22, 1999.

Copies of our order and the EA are 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 order and EA may also be viewed on the web at www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP99-624-000]

Wyoming Interstate Company, Ltd.; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Medicine Bow Lateral Phase II Project

January 14, 2000.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Wyoming Interstate Company, Ltd.

(WIC) in the above-referenced docket. The proposed project would include the construction and operation of approximately 5.6 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline, add 7,170 horsepower (hp) of compression to an existing compressor station, and a new check meter at an existing compressor station.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

WIC proposed to build a new pipeline and compression facilities to increase the transportation capacity of its existing Medicine Bow Lateral in Colorado and Wyoming. The new facilities would enable WIC to transport an additional 120,000 Dekatherms per day (Dth/d) of natural gas from the Powder River Basin.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the following proposed natural gas transmission facilities:

- about 5.6 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline in Weld County, Colorado;
- one 7,170-hp compressor unit at WIC's existing Douglas Compressor Station in Converse County, Wyoming; and
- one check meter at WIC's existing Cheyenne Compressor Station in Weld County, Colorado.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, state and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before the date specified below. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send two copies of your comments to: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental

Review and Compliance Branch, PR-11.1;

- Reference Docket No. CP99-624-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before February 14, 2000.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentor a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Paul McKee in the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (202) 208-1088 or on the FERC Internet website (www.ferc.fed.us) using the "RIMS" link to information in this docket number. Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to RIMS, the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222. Similarly, the "CIPS" link on the FERC Internet website provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings. From the FERC Internet website, click on the "CIPS" link, select "Docket #" from the CIPS menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2474.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

January 14, 2000.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed

with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Application Type:* Non-Project Use of Project Lands and Waters.

b. *Project No.:* 271-058.

c. *Date Filed:* December 21, 1999.

d. *Applicant:* Entergy Arkansas, Inc.

e. *Name of Project:* Carpenter-Rommel.

f. *Location:* The Carpenter-Rommel Project is located on the Ouachita River in Hot Springs and Garland Counties, Arkansas. This project does not utilize Federal or Tribal lands.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Bobby Pharr, Entergy Arkansas, Inc., Highway 270 West, P.O. Box 218 Jones Mill, AR 72105 telephone (501) 620-5674.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Jon Cofrancesco at

Jon.Cofrancesco@ferc.fed.us or telephone 202-219-0079.

j. *Deadline for filing comments and or motions:* February 19, 2000.

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.

Please include the project number (271-058) on any comments or motions filed.

k. *Description of Project:* Entergy Arkansas Inc., licensee for the Carpenter-Rommel Project, requests Commission authorization to permit Diamond Lakes Development to replace its existing marina facilities (Diamondhead Marina) with new marina facilities (Lighthouse Cove marina). Like the existing facilities, the new marina facilities would be located at and serve the Diamondhead Community Development on the project's Lake Catherine. The proposed facilities include four floating covered boat docks with a total of 24 slips; four stationary, open boat docks with a total of 60 slips; one floating fuel dock with a convenience store; and a boat ramp. The applicant also plans to construct a swim beach and picnic area and restroom facilities on the adjoining lands outside the project boundary (307' contour line).

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.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

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.

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.

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.

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Acting Secretary.

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