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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protests

August 2, 2002.

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

- a. Type of Application: Preliminary Permit.
- b. Project No: 12207-000.
- c. Date Filed: June 6, 2002.
- d. Applicant: High Drop Canal Hydro, LLC.
- e. Name of Project: High Drop Canal Hydroelectric Project.
- f. Location: The proposed project would be located on the V Canal in Churchill County, Nevada. The proposed project would not occupy federal lands or facilities.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).
- h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Brent L. Smith, Northwest Power Services, Inc., P.O. Box 535, Rigby, Idaho 83442, (208) 745-8630.
- i. FERC Contact: Mr. Lynn R. Miles, Sr. (202) 219-2671.

j. Deadline for filing motions to intervene, protests and comments: 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper; see 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. Please include the project number (P-12207-000) on any comments or motions filed.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all interveners filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person in the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervener 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 Project: The proposed project would consist of: (1) a 108-inch-diameter, 100-foot-long steel penstock, (2) a powerhouse with an installed capacity of 1.6 megawatts, (3) a 15-kv transmission line approximately 2 miles in length, and (4) appurtenant facilities. The project would have an annual generation of 6 GWh.

l. This filing is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

m. 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.

n. 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.

o. 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.

p. 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.

q. 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.

r. 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 Hydropower Administration and Compliance, 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.

s. 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.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Southeastern Power Administration

Withdrawal of the Proposal To Select a Financial Sponsor and Intent To Formulate Power Marketing Policy

AGENCY: Southeastern Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of withdrawal.

SUMMARY: Southeastern Power Administration (Southeastern) is withdrawing the proposal to select a financial sponsor for the upgrade of the Wolf Creek Hydropower Project, Russell County, Kentucky, and withdrawing the Intent to Formulate Power Marketing Policy to market additional capacity from the Wolf Creek Project upgrade, due to its inability to identify a group of sponsors willing to undertake the financial responsibility of rehabilitating and upgrading the Wolf Creek Project.

DATES: Southeastern will accept any comments regarding this withdrawal no later than August 19, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the withdrawal of the proposal should be sent to: Charles A. Borchardt, Administrator, Southeastern Power Administration, 1166 Athens Tech Road, Elberton, GA 30635-6711. Telephone: (706) 213-3800.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leon Jourolmon, Assistant

Administrator, Finance and Marketing, Southeastern Power Administration, 1166 Athens Tech Road, Elberton, GA 30635-6711. Telephone: (706) 213-3800.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Wolf Creek Dam and Lake Cumberland constitute a significant portion of the Cumberland River Reservoir System. The Project, authorized by the Flood Control Acts of 1938 and 1946, is operated to serve flood control, hydropower, recreation, fish and wildlife, and water quality needs. Located at river mile 460.9, the power plant contains six units brought online between 1951 and 1952, and has a total nameplate capacity of 270 megawatts (310 maximum peaking capacity). Average annual generation is 906 gigawatt hours, produced at a plant factor of 38 percent. Federal policy, set forth in the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (Pub. L. 99-662) with regard to water resource projects, is to encourage each agency to negotiate reasonable private financing for the development of approved project purposes. A Notice of Intent to solicit non-Federal sponsors was published in the **Federal Register** on September 30, 1992, 57 FR 45052.

Southeastern has been unable to identify a group of sponsors willing to undertake the financial responsibility of rehabilitating and upgrading the Wolf Creek Project and has subsequently issued this Notice of Withdrawal.

Dated: August 1, 2002.

Charles A. Borchardt,

Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under section 309 of the Clean Air Act and section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167.

An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 12, 2002 (67 FR 17992).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-BLM-J65240-WY Rating EC2, Pittsburg and Midway (P&M) Coal Mining Proposal (WYW148816), Exchange of Private Owned Land P&M for Federally-Owned Coal, Lincoln, Carbon and Sheridan Counties, WY.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with impacts to air quality and the potential release of nitrous oxides from open pit blasting operations. The final EIS should address potential impacts to migratory birds, fire risk from coal seam fires on the exchanged lands and impacts from reasonably foreseeable energy development such as the possibility of an adjacent open pit coal mine.

ERP No. D-FHW-J40156-WY Rating EC2, Wyoming Forest Highway 4 U.S. 212 (KP 39.5 to KP 69.4) the Beartooth Highway, A Portion Proposed for Reconstruction begins 7.1 miles east of the Junction of WY-296 (Chief Joseph Highway) and Proceeds East for 18.6 miles to the Wyoming/Montana State Line, Park County, WY.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns and recommended developing additional alternatives to reduce impacts to wetlands and other valuable ecosystems bisected by the Beartooth Highway.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-COE-E39056-FL, Lake Tohopekaliga Extreme Drawdown and Habitat Enhancement Project, Fish and Wildlife Habitat Improvements, Construction, Operation and Maintenance, Osceola County, FL.

Summary: EPA continues to have some significant environmental concerns about the impacts of converting littoral wetland habitat into muck disposal islands.

ERP No. F-DOE-E06019-SC, Savannah River Site, High-Level Waste Tank Closure (DOE/EIS-0303D), Implementation, Industrial Wastewater Closure Plan for the F and H-Area High-Level Waste Tank Systems, Aiken County, SC.

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concerns about the project. In particular environmental restoration engineered capping, and tank closure issues warrant further discussion as the project progresses.

Dated: August 5, 2002.

Joseph C. Montgomery,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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