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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 6621-006]

Joseph Hydro Company, Inc.; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

July 11, 1997.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed an exemption surrender application for the Ferguson Ridge Project, FERC No. 6621-006. The Ferguson Ridge Project is located on the Wallowa Valley Improvement District irrigation canal in Wallowa County, Oregon. An Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared for the application. The EA finds that approving the application 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 Commission Reference and Information Center, Room 2-A, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Please submit any comments within 15 days from the date of this notice. Any comments, conclusions, or recommendations that draw upon studies, reports or other working papers or 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. 6621-006 to all comments. Further information can be obtained by calling Jim Hastreiter at (503) 326-5858, ext. 225.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Non-Project Use of Project Lands and Waters

July 11, 1997.

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

- a. *Type of Application:* Non-Project Use of Project Lands and Waters.
- b. *Project Name:* Catawba-Wateree Project.
- c. *Project No.:* FERC Project No. 2232-347.
- d. *Date Filed:* June 3, 1997.
- e. *Applicant:* Duke Power Company.
- f. *Location:* Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, Sawyer Cove Subdivision, Lake Norman near Cornelius, N.C.
- g. *Filed pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 791(a) 825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. E.M. Oakley, Duke Power Company, P.O. Box 1006 (EC12Y), Charlotte, NC 28201-1006, (704) 382-5778.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Brian Romanek, (202) 219-3076.
- j. *Comment Date:* September 2, 1997.
- k. *Description of the filing:* Duke Power Company proposes to grant an easement of 0.37 acre of project land to the Sawyer's Cove Boat Slip Association to dredge and construct a private residential marina. The proposed marina would provide access to the reservoir for residents of the Sawyer Cove Subdivision and would consist of one access ramp and 12 floating boat slips. The slips would be anchored by using self-driving piles. To improve water depth for boat access at this facility, approximately 5,000 cubic yards of sediment would be dredged from a 20,000 square foot area.

1. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, 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.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application for Preliminary Permit

July 11, 1997.

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.:* 11602-000.
- c. *Date filed:* March 24, 1996.
- d. *Applicant:* Bitterroot Management Corporation.
- e. *Name of Project:* Sherman Project.
- f. *Location:* On the Columbia River, in Sherman County, Oregon.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Mark C. Steinly, Bitterroot Management Corporation, 501 North 900 East, Provo, Utah 84606, (801) 374-8709.

i. *FERC Contact*: Mr. Robert Bell, (202) 219-2806.

j. *Comment Date*: September 10, 1997.

k. *Description of Project*: The proposed project, utilizing the existing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers John Day Lock and Dam, would consist of: (1) Intake structure located on the screened excess pipe of the John Day Juvenile Fish Sampling and Monitoring Facility; (2) a powerhouse containing a generating unit having an installed capacity of 3.6 MW; (3) a tailrace; (4) a 13.2-kV transmission line connecting the project to the distribution system of a local utility; and (6) other appurtenances.

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

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.

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.

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.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application for Preliminary Permit

July 11, 1997.

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.*: 11604-000.

c. *Date filed*: May 1, 1997.

d. *Applicant*: San Diego County Water Authority.

e. *Name of Project*: Olivenhain/Lake Hodges Pumped-Storage Project.

f. *Location*: Lake Hodges on the San Dieguito River, in San Diego County, CA.

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

h. *Applicant Contact*: Mr. Kenneth A. Steele, San Diego County Authority, 3211 Fifth Avenue, San Diego, CA 84606, (619) 682-4135.

i. *FERC Contact*: Mr. Robert Bell, (202) 219-2806.

j. *Comment Date*: September 10, 1997.

k. *Description of Project*: The proposed pumped storage project would consist of: (1) The 320-foot-high Olivenhain Dam forming a 200-acre upper reservoir; (2) a 4,000-foot-long water conveyance system, including tunnels, penstocks, and a vertical shaft; (3) a powerhouse containing four generating units with a total installed capacity of 500 MW; (4) the City of San Diego's existing 130-foot-high Lake Hodges Dam and 1,200-acre Lake Hodges Reservoir serving as a lower reservoir; (5) a 3.3-mile-long transmission line and (6) appurtenant facilities.

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