

486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for a new license for the existing Kern River No. 1 Project, and has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the project. The project is located near Bakersfield, in Kern County, California. The DEA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and has concluded that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the DEA are available for review in the Public Reference Room at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to Lois D. Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. For further information, contact David Turner, Environmental Coordinator, at (202) 219-2844.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Accepted for Filing With the Commission and Ready for Environmental Assessment

July 31, 1997.

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

- a. *Type of Application:* Major License.
- b. *Project No.:* P-11301-001.
- c. *Dated Filed:* November 8, 1995.
- d. *Applicant:* Fall Line Hydro Company, Inc.
- e. *Name of Project:* Carters Reregulation Dam Project.
- f. *Location:* On the Coosawattee River, near the Town of Calhoun, Murray County, Georgia.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Robert A. Davis, P.O. Box 2143, Lawrenceville, GA 30246, (770) 995-0891.
- i. *FERC Contact:* J.T. Griffin (202) 219-2799.
- j. *Deadline Date:* September 26, 1997.
- k. *Status of Environmental Analysis:* This application is ready for

environmental analysis at this time—see attached paragraph D3.

1. *Description of Project:* The proposed project would utilize the existing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Carters Reregulation Dam and Reservoir, and would consist of:

(1) A new intake at the existing dam, consisting of a new 12-foot-square opening through the left bank of the non-overflow section of the existing dam, to convey water through the existing dam to a new powerhouse on the downstream side of the existing dam;

(2) A new powerhouse, to be constructed adjacent to the existing channel and immediately downstream of the existing dam, to house three generating units of 1,500 kilowatts (kW) each for a total installed capacity of 4,500-kW, and to discharge water from these units into the existing channel below the dam;

(3) A trashrack and fish screen at the entrance to the new intake;

(4) One-half mile of 12.48 kilovolt transmission line; and

(5) Appurtenant facilities.

The project is estimated to cost 2,500,000 dollars. Average annual power generation for the proposed project is estimated to be 18,672,000 kilowatthours.

m. *Purpose of Project:* Project power would be sold to a local utility company.

n. *This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: A2, A9, B1, and D3.*

o. *Available Locations of Application:* A copy of the application, as amended and supplemented, is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference and Files and Maintenance Branch, located at 888 First Street, N.E., Room 2A-1, Washington, D.C. 20426, or by calling (202) 208-2326. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at Fall Line Hydro Company, Inc., Lawrenceville, Georgia 30246, (770) 995-0891.

A2. Development Application—Any qualified applicant desiring to file a competing application must submit to the Commission, on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application, a competing development application, or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing development application no later than 120 days after the specified deadline date for the particular application. Applications for preliminary permits will not be accepted in response to this notice.

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.

B1. Protests or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 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.

D3. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—The application is ready for environmental analysis at this time, and the Commission is requesting comments, reply comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions.

The Commission directs, pursuant to Section 4.34(b) of the Regulations (see Order No. 533 issued May 8, 1991, 56 FR 23108, May 20, 1991) that all comments, recommendations, terms and conditions and prescriptions concerning the application be filed with the Commission within 60 days from the issuance date of this notice. All reply comments must be filed with the Commission within 105 days from the date of this notice.

Anyone may obtain an extension of time for these deadlines from the Commission only upon a showing of good cause or extraordinary circumstances in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2008.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION," "COMPETING APPLICATION," "COMMENTS," "REPLY COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS;" (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. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Any of these documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies required by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above address. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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National Drinking Water Advisory Council Operator Certification Working Group; Notice of Open Meeting

Under Section 10(a)(2) of Pub. L. 92-423, "The Federal Advisory Committee Act," notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Operator Certification Working Group of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council, established under the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. S300f *et seq.*), will be held on August 28 and 29, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., in the Quorum Room (lobby level), at the Loews L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, 480 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public to observe, but due to past experience, seating will be limited.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the key standards for a State operator certification program. The working group members are meeting to discuss and comment on proposed position papers for deliberation by the advisory council. Statements from the public will be taken at the end of the meeting if time allows.

For more information, please contact Richard Naylor, Designated Federal

Officer, Operator Certification Working Group, U.S. EPA, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (4606), 401 M Street SW, Washington, DC 20460. The telephone number is (202) 260-5135 and the e-mail address is naylor.richard@epamail.epa.gov.

Dated: July 30, 1997.

Charlene Shaw,

Designated Federal Officer, National Drinking Water Advisory Council.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5870-4]

Proposed Administrative Settlement Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; in Re: Cannons Engineering Corporation Bridgewater Superfund Site; Bridgewater, MA

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of proposed prospective purchaser agreement and request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to enter into a prospective purchaser agreement to address claims under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.* Notice is being published to inform the public of the proposed settlement and of the opportunity to comment. The settlement is intended to resolve the liability under CERCLA of Osterman Propane, Inc., Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, and certain successors-in-title who may become parties to this agreement, for injunctive relief and for costs incurred or to be incurred by EPA in conducting response actions at the Cannons Engineering Corporation Bridgewater Superfund Site in Bridgewater, Massachusetts.

DATES: Comments must be provided on or before September 5, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, JFK Federal Building, Mailcode RAA, Boston, Massachusetts 02203, and should refer to: In re: Osterman Propane Inc. and Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, U.S. EPA Docket No. CERCLA-I-97-1006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Audrey Zucker, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, J.F.K. Federal Building, Mailcode SES, Boston, Massachusetts 02203, (617) 565-3444.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*, notice is hereby given of a proposed prospective purchaser agreement concerning the Cannons Engineering Corporation Bridgewater Superfund Site in Bridgewater, Massachusetts. The settlement was approved by EPA Region I on January 9, 1997, subject to review by the public pursuant to this Notice. Osterman Propane, Inc. and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority have executed signature pages committing them to participate in the settlement. Under the proposed settlement, the Settling Respondents are required to pay \$30,000 to the Hazardous Substances Superfund, to abide by institutional controls and to provide access to the property. In exchange, the Settling Respondents are granted a covenant not to sue under CERCLA and protection from contribution actions or claims under CERCLA with respect to the existing contamination at the site. EPA believes the settlement is fair and in the public interest.

The U.S. Department of Justice has approved this settlement in writing. The U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration have also approved in writing the granting of a covenant not to sue to the Settling Respondents for damages to natural resources. EPA will receive written comments relating to this settlement for thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this Notice.

A copy of the proposed administrative settlement may be obtained in person or by mail from Audrey Zucker, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, JFK Federal Building, Mailcode SES, Boston, Massachusetts 02203, (617) 565-3444.

The Agency's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection with the Docket Clerk, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, JFK Federal Building, Mailcode RAA, Boston, Massachusetts 02203 (U.S. EPA Docket No. CERCLA-I-97-1006).

Dated: July 20, 1997.

John P. DeVillars,

Regional Administrator.

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