

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. ER97-3663-000]

Union Electric Development Corporation; Notice of Filing

August 19, 1997.

Take notice that on August 7, 1997, Union Electric Development Corporation tendered for filing an amendment in the above-referenced docket.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 285.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before August 29, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,*Acting Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RP97-410-001]

Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

August 19, 1997.

Take notice that on August 15, 1997, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (Williston Basin), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets, with an effective date of August 1, 1997:

Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 202
Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 232C
Original Sheet No. 232D
Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 292
First Revised Sheet No. 292A

Williston Basin states that it is filing the above tariff sheets in compliance with the Commission's July 31, 1997, "Order Accepting Tariff Sheets Subject to Conditions" which ordered that

Williston Basin refile certain tariff sheets to clarify that a prepayment on a bid for capacity will be returned to the Shipper if the bid is withdrawn prior to the end of the bidding period.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,*Acting Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 2000-010 New York]

Power Authority of the State of New York; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Hold Public Scoping Meetings on Project Relicensing

August 19, 1997.

Power Authority of the State of New York (NYPA) is the licensee for the St. Lawrence-FDR Power Project, which is located on the St. Lawrence River in St. Lawrence County, New York. The license for the project expires October 31, 2003.

On June 3, 1996, NYPA filed a Notice of Intent to seek a new license to continue to operate and maintain its St. Lawrence-FDR Project.

NYPA, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission), the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), resource agencies, local governments, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and many interested members of the public have been conducting a Cooperative Consultation Process (CCP) to identify resource issues to be addressed during the relicensing of the project. The establishment of the CCP Team and the commencement of the Scoping Process for the relicensing were announced in a Notice of Memorandum of Understanding, Formation of Cooperative Consultation Process Team,

and Initiation of Scoping Process Associated with Relicensing the St. Lawrence-FDR Power Project, issued May 2, 1996, and published in the **Federal Register** dated May 8, 1996, Volume 61, No. 90, on page 20813. Representatives of the Canadian government, the International Joint Commission, and Mohawk Nation communities have also attended some of the meetings. The Scoping Process will assist the FERC and the DEC in satisfying their requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

The Commission and DEC staffs have determined that relicensing the existing project could constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, the staffs intend to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the relicensing of the St. Lawrence-FDR Project in accordance with NEPA. The DEC is a cooperating agency and is responsible for the issuance of a water quality certificate under the Clean Water Act.

The EIS will consider both site specific and cumulative environmental impacts of the proposed project and reasonable alternatives, and will include an economic and engineering analysis.

A draft EIS will be issued and circulated for review by all interested stakeholders and the public. All comments filed on the draft EIS will be analyzed by the Commission staff and considered in a final EIS.

As part of the relicensing process, the CCP Team has prepared a Scoping Document I (SDI), which provides information on the scoping process, relicensing schedule, background information, environmental issues, and the proposed project and alternatives. The issues contained in SDI are based on agency and public comments at the CCP and other meetings.

The purpose of this notice is to: (1) advise all interested individuals, organizations, and agencies as to the proposed scope of the environmental analysis, including cumulative effects, and to seek additional information pertinent to this analysis; (2) advise all individuals, organizations, and agencies of their opportunity for comment; and (3) extend for 30 days the current 60-day comment period, which closes August 25, 1997, on SDI.

Scoping Process

The staffs' scoping objectives are to:

Identify significant environmental issues;
Determine the depth of analysis appropriate to each issue;
Identify the resource issues not requiring detailed analysis; and
Identify reasonable project alternatives.

The purpose of the scoping process is to identify significant issues related to the proposed action and to determine what issues should be addressed in the EIS.

Scoping Meetings

On June 24, 25, and 26, 1997, the Commission and DEC staffs conducted scoping meetings, which were published in the **Federal Register** dated May 23, 1997, Volume 62, No. 100, on page 28461. Due to requests for an additional scoping meeting and to allow additional time for individuals to respond to comments received during the June scoping meetings, the Commission and DEC staffs will conduct two scoping meetings and extend for 30 days the current 60-day comment period, which closes August 25, 1997, on SDI. All comments will now be due no later than September 25, 1997. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend and assist the staff in identifying the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EIS.

To help focus discussions, SDI has been circulated to enable appropriate federal, state, and local resource agencies, Native American Tribes, NGOs, and other interested individuals, organizations, and agencies to participate effectively in and contribute to the scoping process. SDI provides a brief description of the proposed action, project alternatives, the geographic of the proposed scope of a cumulative effects analysis, and a list of preliminary issues. Copies of SDI will also be made available at the meetings.

A scoping meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Akwesasne Housing Authority, State Route 37 (behind the police station), Hogansburg, New York. The evening scoping meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 1997, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Akwesasne Housing Authority.

At the scoping meetings, the Commission staff will: (1) Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the EIS; (2) solicit from the meetings participants all available information, especially quantified data, on the resources at issue, and (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EIS.

Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meetings and to assist the staffs in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the EIS.

Meeting Procedures

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer. The minutes will become a part of the record of the Commission proceeding on the St. Lawrence-FDR Project. Individuals presenting statements at the meetings will be asked to identify themselves for the record.

Concerned individuals, organizations, and agencies are encouraged to offer verbal comments during the public meetings.

Speaking time will be determined before the meetings, based on the number of persons wishing to speak and the approximate amount of time available for the session.

Persons choosing not to speak but wishing to express an opinion, as well as speakers unable to summarize their positions within their allotted time, may submit written statements for inclusion in the public record.

All written scoping comments must be filed with the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, D.C. 20426, no later than September 25, 1997. All filings should contain an original and 5 copies. Failure to file an original and 5 copies may result in appropriate staff not receiving the benefit of your comments in a timely manner.

All correspondence should clearly show the following caption on the first page: Scoping Comments, St. Lawrence-FDR Power Project, Project No. 2000-010, New York.

All those attending the meetings are urged to refrain from making any communications concerning the merits of the project to any member of the Commission staff outside of the established process for developing the record as stated in the record of the proceeding.

If you would like to participate in the meetings or need general information on the CCP Team and process, as well as the relicensing process, contact any one of the following three individuals:

Mr. Thomas R. Tatham, New York Power Authority, 212-468-6747, 212-468-6272 (fax), EMAIL: Ytathat@IP3GATE.USA.COM.

Mr. Keith Silliman, New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation, 518-457-0986, 518-457-3978 (fax), EMAIL: Silliman@ALBANY.NET.

Ms. Patti Leppert-Slack, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 202-219-2767, 202-219-2732 (fax), EMAIL:

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Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

August 19, 1997.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before October 24, 1997. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Judy Boley, Federal Communications Commission, Room 234, 1919 M St., N.W., Washington, DC 20554 or via internet to jboley@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collections contact Judy Boley at 202-418-0214 or via internet at jboley@fcc.gov.