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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: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;

- Label *one* of those copies for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch II, PR-11.2;

- Reference Docket No. CP96-53-000; and

- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before December 15, 1997.

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.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Project No. 11393-001 Alaska

City of Saxman; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

November 13, 1997.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory

Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for an original license for the major, unconstructed, Mahoney Lake Hydroelectric Project. The project would be located on Upper Mahoney lake and Upper Mahoney Creek near Ketchikan in Southeast Alaska.

On July 14, 1997, the Commission staff issued and distributed to all parties a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) on the project, and requested that comments be filed with the Commission within 30 days. Comments were filed and are addressed in the Final Environmental Assessment (FEA).

The FEA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes 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 FEA are available for review in the Public Reference Room, Room 2A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Non-Project Use of Project Lands and Waters

November 13, 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 No.:* 1494-146.

c. *Date Filed:* September 4, 1997.

d. *Applicant:* Grand River Dam Authority.

e. *Name of Project:* Pensacola.

f. *Location:* The proposed facilities would be located on Monkey Island on Grand Lake O' the Cherokees in Delaware County, Oklahoma.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mary Von Drehle, Grand River Dam Authority, P.O. Box 409, Vinita, OK 74301, (918) 256-5545.

i. *FERC Contact:* Jon Confrancesco, (202) 219-0079.

j. *Comment Date:* December 18, 1997.

k. *Description of Project:* Grand River Dam Authority, licensee for the Pensacola Project, requests Commission authorization to permit Glenn Tucker, d/b/a Newport Village (permittee) to install five new floating, covered boat docks, containing a total of 57 slips and 7 additional slips to an existing, covered, floating, boat dock with 9 slips. The existing and proposed dock facilities contain a total of 73 slips. The proposed docks would be used by the local homeowner's association.

1. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, and 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 Procedures, 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, N.E., Washington, D.C. 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Accepted for Filing; Notice That the Application Is Not Ready for Environmental Analysis; Notice of Solicitation of Interventions and Protests; Notice of Intent To Conduct Public Scoping Meetings and Site Visit; and Notice of Solicitation of Written Scoping Comments

November 13, 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.:* 2017-011.
- c. *Date Filed:* February 26, 1997.
- d. *Applicant:* Southern California Edison Company.
- e. *Name of Project:* Big Creek No. 4 Hydropower Project.
- f. *Location:* On the San Joaquin River near the town of Auberry in Madera, Tulare, and Fresno Counties.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 791(a)-825(r) and 18 CFR sections 4.51 and 16.9.
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. C. Edward Miller, Manager of Hydro Generation, Southern California Edison Company, 2244 Walnut Grove Avenue, P.O. Box 800, Rosemead, CA 91770, (818) 302-1564.

i. *FERC Contact:* John Ramer, (202) 219-2833.

j. *Deadline Date:* January 16, 1998.

k. *Status of Application and Environmental Analysis:* This application has been accepted for filing, but it is not ready for environmental analysis—see attached paragraph E1.

l. *Invitation for Written Scoping Comments:* Interested individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise are invited to assist the staff in identifying the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the environmental analysis once the application is determined ready for environmental analysis by submitting written scoping comments. To help focus these comments, a scoping document outlining subject areas which could be addressed in an environmental analysis will be mailed to all agencies and interested

individuals on the Commission mailing list. Copies of the scoping document may also be requested from the staff.

Persons who have views on the issues or information relevant to the issues may submit written statements for inclusion in the public record. Those written comments should be filed with the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., 20426, by the deadline date shown in item (j) above. All written correspondence should clearly show the following caption on the first page: Big Creek No. 4 Hydropower Project, FERC No. 2017-011.

m. *Invitation to Participate in Public Scoping Meetings and Site Visit:* A scoping meeting oriented towards the public will be conducted on December 15, 1997, beginning at 6:00 PM, at Sierra National Forest, Minaret District Office in North Fork, California. A scoping meeting oriented towards the agencies will be conducted on December 16, 1997, beginning at 8:00 AM, at the Sierra National Forest Supervisor's Office at 1600 Tollhouse Road, in Clovis, California.

Interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend either or both meetings and assist staff in identifying the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in any environmental analysis the Commission's staff undertakes.

Objectives

At the scoping meetings the FERC staff will: (1) outline preliminary environmental issues they believe are related to the proposed project and need to be evaluated; (2) identify preliminary resource issues that are not important and do not require detailed analysis; (3) identify reasonable alternatives to be addressed in an environmental analysis; (4) solicit from meeting participants all available information relevant to the identified resource issues; and (5) request that the meeting participants provide comments on staff's preliminary assessment of the issues and alternatives that should be evaluated in an environmental analysis, including any suggestions for additional issues and alternatives which should be evaluated.

Procedures

The meetings will be recorded by a court recorder and all statements thereby become a part of the record of the Commission proceedings on the Big Creek No. 4 Project. Individuals presenting statements at the meeting will be asked to identify themselves for the record.

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

Persons choosing not to speak at the meetings, but who have views on the issues or relevant information related to the issues, may submit written statements for inclusion in the public record at the meetings. In addition, written scoping comments may be filed with Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426, until January 16, 1998.

All written correspondence should show the following caption on the first page: Big Creek No. 4 Hydropower Project, FERC Project No. 2017-011.

Site Visit

A site visit to the Big Creek No. 4 Hydropower Project is planned for December 15, 1997. Those who wish to attend should plan to meet at the Auberry Post Office, in Auberry, California at 1:00 PM.

Any questions regarding this notice should be directed to John Ramer (environmental coordinator), at (202) 219-2833.

n. *Invitation to Intervene or Protest:* Intervenor's are reminded of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure requiring parties filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of the document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if a party or intervenor 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. See attached paragraph B1.

o. *Description of the Project:* The proposed project would consist of: (1) an existing 875-foot-long, 250-foot-high concrete dam, impounding a 35,033-acre-foot reservoir; (2) a combination penstock/pressure tunnel about 11,770 feet long; (3) one powerhouse with a total installed capacity of 98,822 kilowatts; (4) two, 220-kilovolt transmission lines totaling about 87 miles in length; (5) a bypassed river reach totaling about 6.3 river miles; and (6) appurtenant facilities.

p. This notice contains the standard paragraphs B1 and E1.

q. *Locations of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection or reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference and