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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-104-000]

Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company; Notice of Further Technical Conference

April 9, 1998.

On April 7, 1998, pursuant to the January 30, 1998 order in this docket,¹ staff convened a technical conference at which the parties addressed issues related to Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company's (Williston Basin) proposal to implement a paper pooling service. Parties in attendance requested that an additional technical conference be held.

Take notice that the second technical conference will be held on Monday, April 20, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426.

All interested parties and Staff are permitted to attend.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2375-013, Maine Project No. 8277-008, Maine]

International Paper Company; Otis Hydroelectric Company; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment and Notice of Commission Staff Meeting

April 9, 1998.

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 FR 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the applications for major new licenses for

the Riley-Jay-Livermore Project and Otis Hydroelectric Project located on the Androscoggin River in Franklin, Androscoggin, and Oxford Counties, near the Towns of Canton, Jay, Livermore, and Livermore Falls, Maine, and has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for re-licensing the projects. In the DEA, the Commission's staff has analyzed the potential environmental impacts of the projects and has concluded that approval of the projects, with appropriate mitigative measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the DEA are available for review in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2-A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

In addition, Commission staff will hold a meeting, as follows, to discuss the Commission's DEA. All interested parties are welcome to attend this meeting.

Meeting Date: May 6, 1998 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Location: International Paper Forestry Building 9 Green St., Augusta, Maine 04330-7443.

Comments on the DEA should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to David P. Boergers, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. Please affix Project No. 2375-013 to all comments. For further information, please contact Monte J. TerHaar at (202) 219-2768 or Patti Leppert-Slack at (202) 219-2767.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2663-004, Minnesota]

Minnesota Power and Light Company; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental assessment

April 9, 1998.

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 FR 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for new license for the Pillager Hydroelectric Project, located

on the Crow Wing River in Cass and Morrison Counties, Minnesota, and has prepared a Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) for the project.

Copies of the FEA are available in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2-A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

For further information, contact Chris Metcalf at (202) 219-2810.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Tendered for Filing with the Commission

April 9, 1998.

a. *Type of Application:* Major Unconstructed License (Notice of Tendering).

b. *Project No.:* 11508-000.

c. *Date Filed:* March 27, 1998.

d. *Applicant:* Alaska Power and Telephone Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Wolf Lake Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On Prince of Wales Island in Southeast Alaska, three miles north of the community of Hollis, in sections 23-26, 34 and 35, Range 84 East, Township 73 South.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Robert S. Grimm, President, Alaska Power and Telephone Company, P.O. Box 3222, 191 Otto Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368, (306) 385-1733.

i. *FERC Contact:* Carl Keller, (202) 219-2831.

j. *Brief Description of Project:* The proposed project would consist of: (1) a 30- by 40-foot prefabricated metal powerhouse building along the right bank of Wolf Creek, having a single horizontal twin-jet Pelton turbine with an installed capacity of 2.2 megawatts; (2) a 6,000-foot-long, 22-inch-diameter steel and high density polyethylene chloride penstock; (3) a 15-foot-long, 10-foot-wide, by 6-foot-deep tailrace channel; (4) a 50-foot-long intake structure having a screened 20-foot-long by 3-foot-high spillway; (5) a 3.5-acre impoundment; (6) a 12.5-kilovolt, 2.3-mile-long overhead transmission line on wooden poles; (7) a 20-foot-wide by 2.3-mile-long access road; and (8) other appurtenances.

k. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the Alaska State

¹ Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company, 82 FERC ¶ 61,082 (1998).

Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), as required by § 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR 800.4.

1. Under Section 4.32(b)(7) of the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 4.32(b)(7)), if any resource agency, SHPO, Indian Tribe, or person believes that the applicant should conduct an additional scientific study to form an adequate, factual basis for a complete analysis of this application on its merits, they must file a request for the study with the Commission, together with justification for such request, not later than 60 days after application is filed, and must serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5978-3]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Best Management Practices for the Bleached Papergrade Kraft and Soda Subcategory and the Papergrade Sulfite Subcategory of the Pulp, Paper, and Paperboard Point Source Category

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that EPA is planning to submit the following proposed and/or continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Information Collection Request for Best Management Practices, Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards, Pulp, Paper, and Paperboard Manufacturing Category (40 CFR Part 430). Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comment on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 15, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on this notice in triplicate to Mr. Troy Swackhammer, Office of Water, Engineering and Analysis Division (4303), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460. In addition to submitting

hard copies of the comments, the public may also send comments via e-mail to: swackhammer.j-troy@epamail.epa.gov. Copies of the draft information collection request are available at <http://www.epa.gov/OST/pulppaper/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Troy Swackhammer by voice on (202) 260-712, by facsimile on 202-260-7185, or by e-mail at swackhammer.j-troy@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulated entities

Entities potentially affected by this action are those operations that chemically pulp wood fiber using kraft or soda methods to produce bleached papergrade pulp, paperboard, coarse paper, tissue paper, fine paper, and/or paperboard; and those operations that chemically pulp wood fiber using papergrade sulfite methods to produce pulp and/or paper.

Title: Best Management Practices for the Bleached Papergrade Kraft and Soda Subcategory and the Papergrade Sulfite Subcategory of the Pulp, Paper, and Paperboard Point Source Category (EPA ICR No. 1829.01).

Abstract: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has established Best Management Practice provisions as part of final amendments to 40 CFR Part 430, the Pulp, Paper and Paperboard Point Source Category published elsewhere in today's **Federal Register**. See 40 CFR Part 430.03. These provisions, promulgated under the authorities of Sections 304, 307, 308, 402, and 501 of the Clean Water Act, require that owners or operators of bleached papergrade kraft, soda and sulfite mills implement site-specific BMPs to prevent or otherwise contain leaks and spills of spent pulping liquors, soap and turpentine and to control intentional diversions of these materials.

EPA has determined that these BMPs are necessary because the materials controlled by these practices, if spilled or otherwise lost, can interfere with wastewater treatment operations and lead to increased discharges of toxic, nonconventional, and conventional pollutants. For further discussion of the need for BMPs, see Section VI.B.7 of the preamble to the amendments to 40 CFR Part 430 published elsewhere in today's **Federal Register**.

The BMP program includes information collection requirements that are intended to help accomplish the overall purposes of the program by, for example, training personnel, see 40 CFR 430.03(c)(4), analyzing spills that occur, see 40 CFR 430.03(c)(5), identifying

equipment items that might need to be upgraded or repaired, see 40 CFR 430.03(c)(2), and performing monitoring—including the operation of monitoring systems—to detect leaks, spills and intentional diversion and generally to evaluate the effectiveness of the BMPs, see 40 CFR 430.03(c)(3), (c)(10), (h), and (i). The regulations also require mills to develop and, when appropriate, amend plans specifying how the mills will implement the specified BMPs, and to certify to the permitting or pretreatment authority that they have done so in accordance with good engineering practices and the requirements of the regulation. See 40 CFR 430.03(d), (e) and (f). The purpose of those provisions is, respectively, to facilitate the implementation of BMPs on a site-specific basis and to help the regulating authorities to ensure compliance without requiring the submission of actual BMP plans. Finally, the recordkeeping provisions are intended to facilitate training, to signal the need for different or more vigorously implemented BMPs, and to facilitate compliance assessment. See 40 CFR 430.03(g).

EPA has structured the regulation to provide maximum flexibility to the regulated community and to minimize administrative burdens on National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and pretreatment control authorities that regulate bleached papergrade kraft and soda and papergrade sulfite mills. Although EPA does not anticipate that mills will be required to submit any confidential business information or trade secrets as part of this ICR, all data claimed as confidential business information will be handled by EPA pursuant to 40 CFR Part 2.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR Part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15.

Solicitation of Comments

EPA solicits comments that would help the Agency to better:

(i) evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;