

Commission that included a proposed transition plan for migrating from OASIS Phase 1 to OASIS Phase 1-A and a proposal for an OASIS Phase 1-A audit reporting experiment. The proposed transition plan recommends a sequence of steps for the transition to OASIS Phase 1-A to allow adequate testing, training, an orderly transfer of reservation records, and a minimal disruption of business activities. The proposed audit experiment is designed to test the use of advanced audit capabilities. The How Group has requested an expedited review of its proposals.

We invite written comments on the How Group's proposals on or before November 9, 1998. Any person desiring to submit comments should file an original and 14 paper copies and one copy on a computer diskette in WordPerfect 6.1 format or in ASCII format with the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. The comments must contain a caption that references Docket No. RM95-9-003.

Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. The filing will also be posted on the Commission Issuance Posting System (CIPS), an electronic bulletin board and World Wide Web (at WWW.FERC.FED.US) service, that provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission. The complete text on diskette in WordPerfect format may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, RVJ International, Inc. RVJ International, Inc. is located in the Public Reference Room at 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

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*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### City of Albany, OR; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

October 23, 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 an original license for

the City of Albany, Oregon Hydroelectric Project. The project is located on the South Santiam River, Albany-Santiam canal, and Calapooia River in the cities of Lebanon and Albany, Linn County, Oregon.

On March 24, 1998, the Commission staff issued a draft environmental assessment for the project and requested that comments be filed with the Commission within 30 days. Comments were filed by two entities and are addressed in the final environmental assessment (FEA) for the project.

The FEA 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 be a major federal action significantly affecting 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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Application Ready For Environmental Analysis

October 23, 1998.

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.:* 2620-005.
- c. *Date Filed:* March 9, 1998.
- d. *Applicant:* Lockhart Power Company.
- e. *Name of Project:* Lockhart Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* On the Broad River in Union, Chester, York, and Cherokee counties, South Carolina.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 USC §§ 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Leslie Anderson, General Manager, Lockhart Power Company, 420 River Street, Lockhart, South Carolina 29364, (864) 545-2211.

i. *FERC Contact:* Charles R. Hall, 202-219-2853, or E-mail at charles.hall@ferc.fed.us

j. *Deadline for comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions:* See attached paragraph.

k. *Status of Environmental Analysis:* The application is now ready for environmental analysis—see attached paragraph D10.

l. *Brief Description of Project:* The existing project consists of: (1) a 16-foot-high, concrete gravity dam; (2) a 7.5-mile-long, 300-acre reservoir; (3) a 7,497-foot-long canal; (4) a powerhouse containing five turbine-generator units with a total installed capacity of 15,200 kilowatts (kW), proposed for upgrading to 18,000 kW; (5) a 1,500-foot-long tailrace; and (6) appurtenant facilities.

m. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: A4 and D10.

n. A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at: 888 First St., NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371.

A4. Development Application—Public notice of the filing of the initial development application, which has already been given, established the due date for filing competing applications or notices of intent. Under the Commission's regulations, any competing development application must be filed in response to and in compliance with public notice of the initial development application. No competing applications or notices of intent may be filed in response to this notice.

D10. 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 "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 submitting the filing; 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). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. 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, NE., Washington, DC 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. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b), and 385.2010.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Intent To File Application for New License

October 23, 1998.

- a. *Type of filing:* Notice of Intent to File Application for New License.
- b. *Project No.:* 2107.
- c. *Date filed:* September 25, 1998.
- d. *Submitted By:* Pacific Gas and Electric Company, current licensee.
- e. *Name of Project:* Poe.
- f. *Location:* On the North Fork Feather River, Butte County, California.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Section 15 of the Federal Power Act, 18 CFR 16.6 of the Commission's regulations.
- h. *Effective date of original license:* October 1, 1953.
- i. *Expiration date of original license:* September 30, 2003.
- j. The project consists of a dam, a reservoir, a tunnel, a penstock, a powerhouse with an installed capacity of 120 Megawatts. Poe dam and reservoir occupy lands within the Plumas National Forest.
- k. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.7, information on the project is available at: Pacific Gas and Electric Company,

245 Market Street, Room 1103, San Francisco, CA 94105, Attention: John Gourley, (415) 972-5772.

1. *FERC contact:* Hector M. Perez (202) 219-2843.

m. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.9(b)(1) each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by September 30, 2001.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Western Area Power Administration

#### Loveland Area Projects—Notice of Order Confirming and Approving an Extension of the Firm Electric Service Rate for Rate Order No. WAPA-82

**AGENCY:** Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of rate order.

**SUMMARY:** This action is to extend the existing Loveland Area Projects (LAP) firm electric service rate, Rate Order No. WAPA-51, through January 31, 2001. The existing firm electric service rate will expire January 31, 1999. This notice of an extension of a rate is issued pursuant to 10 CFR 903.23. Rate Order No. WAPA-51 is extended under Rate Order No. WAPA-82.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Daniel Payton, Rates Manager, Rocky Mountain Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 3700, Loveland, CO 80539-3003, telephone (970) 490-7442, or e-mail (dpayton@wapa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** By Amendment No. 3 to Delegation Order No. 0204-108, published November 10, 1993 (58 FR 59716), the Secretary of Energy delegated (1) the authority to develop long-term power and transmission rates on a nonexclusive basis to the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration (Western); (2) the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Deputy Secretary of Energy; and (3) the authority to confirm, approve, and place into effect on a final basis, to remand, or to disapprove such rates to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

Pursuant to Delegation Order No. 0204-108 and existing Department of

Energy procedures for public participation in power rate adjustments at 10 CFR part 903, Western's LAP firm electric service rate was submitted to FERC for confirmation and approval on January 10, 1994. On July 14, 1994, in Docket No. EF94-5181-000 at 68 FERC ¶ 62,040, FERC issued an order confirming, approving, and placing into effect on a final basis the firm electric service rate for the LAP. The LAP consists of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, Western Division and the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project. The rate, Rate Order No. WAPA-51, was approved for the 5-year period beginning February 1, 1994, and ending January 31, 1999.

Western proposed to extend the existing rate of \$2.85/kilowattmonth for capacity and the rate of 10.85 mills/kilowatt hour for energy. The existing rates are sufficient to recover project expenses (including interest) and capital requirements through January 31, 2001. Increased revenue from good hydrologic conditions and lower operation and maintenance expenses over the cost-evaluation period have made this possible. For the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, the ratesetting study projected the deficit to peak at \$178 million in fiscal year (FY) 1994 and to be repaid in FY 2002. The deficit actually peaked at \$171 million in FY 1993 and was totally repaid in FY 1997. The Fryingpan-Arkansas Project recorded its first principal payment of \$2.8 million on the investment in FY 1996. In FY 1997, the principal payment for this project was \$2.9 million. No principal payments were projected during this time period in Docket No. EF94-5181-000. The total revenue requirement of \$44.3 million is sufficient to cover the expenses and capital requirements through January 31, 2001. Western, therefore, has decided to extend the existing rate pursuant to 10 CFR 903.23.

In accordance with 10 CFR 903.23(a)(2), Western did not have a consultation and comment period. The notice of an extension of the firm electric service rate was published in the **Federal Register** on August 18, 1998. Western is submitting the notice of rate order 30 days after that publication.

Following review of Western's proposal within the Department of Energy, I approved Rate Order No. WAPA-82, which extends the existing Loveland Area Projects firm electric service Rate Schedule L-F4 on an interim basis through January 31, 2001.