

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.

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Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 11690-001, AK]

Alaska Village Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Notice of Application Tendered; Notice of Application and Applicant-prepared EA Accepted for Filing; Notice Requesting Interventions and Protests; and Notice Requesting Comments, Final Terms and Conditions, Recommendations and Prescriptions

June 15, 1999.

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

- a. *Type of Application:* Minor Original License.
- b. *Project No.:* 11690-001.
- c. *Date filed:* May 14, 1999.
- d. *Applicant:* Alaska Village Electric Cooperative, Inc.
- e. *Name of Project:* Old Harbor.
- f. *Location:* On Mountain Creek, a tributary to the East Fork of Barling Creek, near Old Harbor, Alaska. The project is located partially on lands of the United States administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Daniel Hertrich, Polarconsult, Inc., 1503 West 33rd Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99503, (907) 258-2420.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Nan Allen, nan.allen@ferc.fed.us, 202-219-2938.
- j. *Deadline for filing interventions, protests, comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on

each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an 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.

k. The proposed project consists of: (1) a 4-foot-high, uncontrolled, concrete diversion located in Mountain Creek, the East Fork of Barling Creek, at an elevation of 860 feet mean sea level; (2) a trash rack, screens, and a de-sander box at the diversion intake; (3) a 16-inch-diameter, 3,293-foot-long high density polyethylene pipe; (4) a 16-inch diameter, 6,966-foot-long steel pipe; (5) a 400-square-foot powerhouse containing one Impulse turbine with a generation capacity of 500 kilowatts (kW) and a maximum hydraulic capacity of 13 cubic feet per second; (6) a 4,270-foot-long buried transmission route that would connect the project with Old Harbor's existing power supply system near the city of Old Harbor; and (7) a 4,270-foot-long access road to the powerhouse.

l. A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1351. This filing may be viewed on <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

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.

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. 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 Procedure, 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.

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). 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, 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.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6364-6]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection

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 Requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Before submitting the ICRs to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collections as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 23, 1999.

ADDRESSES: U.S. EPA, Office of Compliance, 401 M Street SW, Washington, DC 20460, Mail code 2223A.

Interested persons may obtain a copy of the ICR without charge by calling Sandy Farmer of OPPE at (202) 260-2740 or by e-mail at farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Belinda Breidenbach, (202) 564-7022/ Facsimile Number (202) 564-0050/e-mail breidenbach.belinda@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those which are subject to NESHAP for Mercury Emissions, 40 CFR Part 61, Subpart E.

Title: NESHAP for Mercury Emissions, OMB Control Number 2060-0097, EPA Number 0113.06, expiration date August 31, 1999.

Abstract: The National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Mercury emissions (40 CFR Part 61, Subpart E) were proposed on December 7, 1971, promulgated on April 6, 1973, and amended on October 14, 1975 and March 19, 1987. These standards apply to all stationary sources which process mercury ore to recover mercury, use mercury chlor-alkali cells to produce chlorine gas and alkali metal hydroxide, and incinerate or dry wastewater treatment plant sludge.

Approximately 298 sources (274 sludge incineration and drying plants and 24 mercury-cell chlor-alkali plants) are currently subject to the standard; and no additional sources are expected to become subject to the standard in the next three years. Mercury is the pollutant regulated under this standard.

Owners or operators of the affected facilities described must make the following one-time-only reports: notification of the date of construction or reconstruction; notification of the anticipated and actual dates of startup; notification of any physical or operational change to an existing facility which may increase the regulated pollutant emission rate; notification of the date of the initial performance test; and the results of the initial performance test.

Owners or operators are also required to maintain records of the occurrence and duration of any startup, shutdown, or malfunction in the operation of an affected facility, or any period during which the monitoring system is inoperative. A written report of each period for which hourly monitored parameters fall outside their established limits is required semi-annually for mercury-cell chlor-alkali plants. These notifications, reports and records are required, in general, of all sources subject to NESHAP.

In the Administrator's judgment, mercury emissions from mercury ore processing facilities, mercury chlor-alkali plants, including the cell room ventilation system, and sludge incineration and drying plants cause or contribute to air pollution that may reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health or welfare.

In order to ensure compliance with the standards promulgated to protect public health, adequate recordkeeping and reporting is necessary. In the absence of such information enforcement personnel would be unable to determine whether the standards are being met on a continuous basis, as

required by the Clean Air Act. Recordkeeping and reporting are mandatory under this regulation. Records of emission test results and other data needed to determine total emissions shall be maintained at the source and made available for inspection for a minimum of two years.

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.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(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;

(iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: The average annual burden to industry over the next three years from these recordkeeping and reporting requirements is estimated at 37,068 person-hours. Assumed that there will be no new sources in the next 3 years. Therefore, none of the burden hours for new sources are anticipated to be applicable in the next three years.

For each existing source emission test annual emission tests require 12 person hours, semi-annual reports 8 hours and 4 hours are needed to submit notifications on other monitored parameters. Recordkeeping of operating parameters for emission test and mercury leaks require 15 minute per tests. Compilation of data for semi-annual reports require 8 person-hours and the maintenance of data on monitored leaks and monitored parameters require a period of one-half hour. It is assumed plants operate 365 days per year and that all the mercury-cell chlor-alkali plants will have exceedences or leaks semi-annually.

This estimate includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of