

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentator, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposed locations, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send an original and two copies of your letter to: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas Branch 2.
- Reference Docket No. CP05-55-000.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before March 30, 2005.

Please note that we are continuing to experience delays in mail deliveries from the U.S. Postal Service. As a result, we will include all comments that we receive within a reasonable time frame in our environmental analysis of this project. However, the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of any comments or interventions or protests to this proceeding. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link and the link to the User's Guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create a free account which can be created online.

We may mail the EA for comment. If you are interested in receiving it, please return the Information Request (Appendix 4). If you do not return the Information Request, you will be taken off the mailing list.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor". Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must send one electronic copy (using the Commission's eFiling system) or 14 paper copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must

send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see Appendix 2).⁴ Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

Environmental Mailing List

An effort is being made to send this notice to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project. This includes all landowners who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within distances defined in the Commission's regulations of certain aboveground facilities.

Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208-FERC or on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission now offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries and direct links to the documents. Go to <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm>.

⁴ Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

Finally, public meetings or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx> along with other related information.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2738-054]

New York State Electric & Gas Corporation; Notice Soliciting Scoping Comments

February 28, 2005.

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

- Type of Application:* New major license.
- Project No.:* P-2738-054.
- Date Filed:* April 4, 2004.
- Applicant:* New York State Electric & Gas Corporation.
- Name of Project:* Saranac River Hydroelectric Project.
- Location:* On the Saranac River, in Clinton County, New York. This project does not occupy Federal lands.
- Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).
- Applicant Contact:* Hugh Ives, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, Corporate Drive, Kirkwood Industrial Park, P.O. Box 5224, Binghamton, NY 13902, (585) 724-8209.
- FERC Contact:* Tom Dean, (202) 502-6041 or thomas.dean@ferc.gov.
- Deadline for Filing Scoping Comments:* March 31, 2005.

All Documents (Original and Eight Copies) Should Be Filed With: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice 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.

Scoping comments may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly

encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "eFiling" link. The Commission encourages electronic filings.

k. This application has been accepted, but is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. *Project Description:* The project consists of the following four developments:

The High Falls Development consists of the following existing facilities: (1) A 63-foot-high, 274-foot-long concrete gravity dam with spillway topped with 5-foot-high flashboards; (2) a 110-foot-long eastern wingwall and a 320-foot-long western wingwall; (3) a 46-acre reservoir; (4) an 800-foot-long, 19-foot-wide forebay canal; (5) an 11-foot by 12-foot, 3,581-foot-long tunnel; (6) a 10-foot-diameter, 1,280-foot-long penstock; (7) three 6-foot-diameter, 150-foot-long penstocks; (8) a 30-foot-diameter surge tank; (9) a powerhouse containing three generating units with a total installed capacity of 15,000 kW; (10) a 50-foot-long, 6.9-kV transmission line; and (11) other appurtenances.

The Cadyville Development consists of the following existing facilities: (1) A 50-foot-high, 237-foot-long concrete gravity dam with spillway topped with 2.7-foot-high flashboards; (2) a 200-acre reservoir; (3) a 58-foot-long, 20-foot-wide intake; (4) a 10-foot-diameter, 1,554-foot-long penstock; (5) a powerhouse containing three generating units with a total installed capacity of 5,525 kW; (6) a 110-foot-long, 6.6-kV transmission line; and (7) other appurtenances.

The Mill C Development consists of the following existing facilities: (1) A 43-foot-high, 202-foot-long stone masonry dam with spillway topped with 2-foot-high flashboards; (2) a 7.9-acre reservoir; (3) a 37-foot-long, 18-foot-wide intake; (4) a 11.5-foot to 10-foot-diameter, 494-foot-long penstock; (5) a 11.1-foot to 10-foot-diameter, 84-foot-long penstocks; (6) one powerhouse containing two generating units with a total installed capacity of 2,250 kW; (7) another powerhouse containing a single generating unit with an installed capacity of 3,800 kW; (8) a 700-foot-long, 6.6-kV transmission line; and (9) other appurtenances.

The Kents Falls Development consists of the following existing facilities: (1) A 59-foot-high, 172-foot-long concrete gravity dam with spillway topped with 3.5-foot-high flashboards; (2) a 34-acre reservoir; (3) a 29-foot-long, 22-foot-wide intake; (4) an 11-foot-diameter, 2,652-foot-long penstock; (5) three 6-foot-diameter, 16-foot-long penstocks;

(6) a 28-foot-diameter surge tank; (7) a powerhouse containing two generating units with a total installed capacity of 12,400 kW; (8) a 390-foot-long, 6.6-kV transmission line; and (9) other appurtenances.

m. A copy of the application is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link—select "Docket #" and follow the instructions. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676 or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

n. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov.esubscribenow.htm> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

o. *Scoping Process:* The Commission staff intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Saranac River Hydroelectric Project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The EA will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts and reasonable alternatives to the proposed action.

Commission staff does not propose to conduct any on-site scoping meetings at this time. Instead, we will solicit comments, recommendations, information, and alternatives in the Scoping Document (SD).

Copies of the SD outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the EA were distributed to the parties on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of the SD may be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 11858-002]

Elsinore Municipal Water District and the Nevada Hydro Company, Inc.; Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions

February 28, 2005.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Major unconstructed project.

b. *Project No.:* 11858-002.

c. *Date Filed:* February 2, 2004.

d. *Applicant:* Elsinore Municipal Water District and the Nevada Hydro Company, Inc.

e. *Name of Project:* Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage Project.

f. *Location:* On Lake Elsinore and San Juan Creek, in the Town of Lake Elsinore, Riverside County, California. The project would occupy Federal lands, including lands managed by the Forest Service (Cleveland National Forest), Bureau of Land Management, and the Department of Defense (Camp Pendleton).

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Rexford Wait, The Nevada Hydro Company, 2416 Cades Way, Vista, California 92083, (760) 599-0086.

i. *FERC Contact:* Jim Fargo at (202) 502-6095; e-mail james.fargo@ferc.gov.

j. Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions is 60 days from the issuance of this notice; reply comments are due 105 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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