

expenses to be borne by the Commission (31 CFR 301).

The role of the panel members is to make a finding, with respect to each disputed study request, on the extent to which each study criteria set forth in the regulations is or is not met,<sup>3</sup> and why. The panel will then make a recommendation to the Director of the Office of Energy Projects based on the panel's findings.

TPMs can only be selected from a list of qualified persons (TPM List) that is developed and maintained by the Commission. Each qualified panel member will be listed by area(s) and sub-area(s) of technical expertise, for example Fisheries Resources-instream flow. The Commission is seeking the service of individuals with technical expertise in specific resource areas. While such individuals should be able to promote constructive dialog among the panelists, the Commission is not seeking the services of a mediator or arbitrator.

The TPM list will be available to the public on the Commission's Web site. All individuals submitting their applications to the Commission for consideration must meet the Commission's qualifications.

#### Application Contents

The applicant should describe in detail his/her qualifications in items 1–4 listed below. To expedite processing of the application and to ensure accurate identification of areas of interest and expertise, the applicant must, in response to item 1, list the specific resource area(s) for which he/she wishes to be considered, such as "Aquatic Resources: water quality and instream flow" or "Recreational Resources: whitewater boating and general".

1. Technical expertise, including education and experience in each resource area and sub-area for which the applicant wishes to be considered:

- Aquatic Resources.
  - Water quality.
  - Instream flows.
- Fish passage.
  - Macroinvertebrates.
  - Threatened and endangered species.
  - General.
- Terrestrial Resources.
  - Wildlife biology.
  - Botany.
  - Wetlands ecology.
  - Threatened and endangered species.
  - General.
- Cultural Resources.

- Recreational Resources.
  - Whitewater boating.
  - General.
- Land use.
  - Shoreline management.
  - Visual/aesthetics.
  - General.
- Geology
  - Geomorphology.
  - Erosion.
  - General.
- Socio-economics.
- Engineering.
  - Civil engineering.
  - Hydraulic engineering.
  - Electrical engineering.
  - General.

2. Knowledge of the effects of construction and operation of hydroelectric projects.

3. Working knowledge of laws relevant to expertise, such as: The Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act, the Coastal Zone Management Act, the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, the Federal Power Act or other applicable laws.

4. Ability to promote constructive communication about a disputed study.

#### How To Submit Applications

Applicants must submit their applications along with the names and contact information of three references. Applicants will be individually notified of the Commission's decision.

**DATES:** There is no deadline for applications; the application period will remain open until further notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications must be filed electronically via the Internet. See the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link. Applications should reference "Docket No. Ad04–4–000, Notice Requesting Applications For Panel Member List For Hydropower Licensing Study Dispute Resolution".

*Other Information:* Requests submitted must be in Word, Times New Roman 13 pt. font, and must not be longer than ten pages in length. Complete individual contact information must be provided.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 7577–010]

#### Burton Creek Hydro, Inc.; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

March 4, 2005.

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 Energy Projects' staff has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for an application for an amendment of exemption of the Burton Creek Project. The Burton Creek Project, FERC No. 7577, is located on Burton Creek in Lewis County, Washington.

The EA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the proposal and concludes that approval of the proposal would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is attached to a March 3, 2005 Commission order titled "Order Amending Exemption to Relocate Powerhouse," which is available for review and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426. The EA may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number (prefaced by P–) and excluding the last three digits, in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659.

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<sup>3</sup> See § 5.9 of the final rule.