

Guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create an account which can be created on-line.

### 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 e-Filing 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).<sup>4</sup> 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.

### 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](mailto: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>.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Scoping Meetings, Technical Conference, Site Visit and Soliciting Scoping Comments

March 11, 2005.

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

a. *Type of Application:* New major license.

b. *Project No.:* 11882-002.

c. *Date filed:* May 27, 2004.

d. *Applicant:* Fall River Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.

e. *Name of Project:* Hebgen Dam Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Madison River, near the town of West Yellowstone, Gallatin County, Montana. The project is located in the Gallatin National Forest and is within close proximity to Yellowstone National Park.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Brent L. Smith, Northwest Power Services, Inc. PO Box 535, Rigby, Idaho 83442; telephone (208) 745-0834 or by e-mail at [bsmith@nwpwrservices.com](mailto:bsmith@nwpwrservices.com).

i. *FERC Contact:* Kim A. Nguyen, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426; telephone (202) 502-6105 or by e-mail at [kim.nguyen@ferc.gov](mailto:kim.nguyen@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing scoping comments:* May 13, 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 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.

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 "e-Filing" link.

k. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. The Hebgen Dam Hydroelectric Project will consist of a powerhouse with a single turbine generator unit of approximately 6.7 megawatt capacity at the area downstream of the dam and immediately north of the present outlet discharge. The Applicant also proposes to install a new 9.4-mile, 25-kilovolt underground power transmission line to connect the powerhouse with the existing Fall River Rural Electric Cooperative's Hebgen substation located near Grayline, Montana. The Applicant proposes to utilize the existing Hebgen Dam, Hebgen Reservoir, outlet works, and spillway, currently owned and operated by Pennsylvania Power and Light Montana, LLC (PPL Montana) as a regulating reservoir under the Missouri-Madison Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2188.

m. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site 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, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

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

n. *Scoping Process.* The Commission intends to prepare an Environmental assessment (EA) on the 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.

### Scoping Meetings

FERC staff will conduct one daytime scoping meeting and one evening meeting. The daytime scoping meeting

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

will focus on resource agency and non-governmental organization concerns, while the evening scoping meeting is primarily for public input. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist the staff in identifying the scope of the environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

#### *Daytime Scoping Meeting*

*Date:* Tuesday, April 12, 2005.

*Time:* 10 a.m. (m.s.t.).

*Place:* West Yellowstone Conference Center.

*Address:* 315 Yellowstone Avenue, West Yellowstone, Montana.

#### *Evening Scoping Meeting*

*Date:* Tuesday, April 12, 2005.

*Time:* 7 p.m.

*Place:* West Yellowstone Conference Center.

*Address:* 315 Yellowstone Avenue, West Yellowstone, Montana.

Copies of the Scoping Document (SD1) outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the EA were distributed to the parties on the Commission(s) mailing list. Copies of the SD1 will be available at the scoping meeting or may be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link (see item m above).

#### **Site Visit**

The Applicant and FERC staff will conduct a project site visit beginning at 10 a.m. on April 13, 2005. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend. All participants should meet at the Hebgen Dam. All participants are responsible for their own transportation to the site. Anyone with questions about the site visit should contact Kim Nguyen of FERC at (202) 502-6105 or Brent Smith of Fall River at (208) 745-0834.

#### **Objectives**

At the scoping meetings, the staff will: (1) Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the EA; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantifiable data, on the resources at issue; (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EA, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views; (4) determine the resource issues to be addressed in the EA; and (5) identify those issues that require a detailed analysis, as well as those issues that do not require a detailed analysis.

#### **Procedures**

The meetings are recorded by a stenographer and become part of the formal record of the Commission proceeding on the project.

Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meeting and to assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the EA.

#### **Technical Conference**

At the technical conference, we will discuss how the proposed project would affect PPL Montana's Missouri-Madison Project (FERC No. 2188). This technical conference will not be recorded by a court reporter, however, we will summarize the meeting in a filing of public record for the project.

#### *Technical Conference*

*Date:* Wednesday, April 13, 2005.

*Time:* 2 p.m.

*Place:* West Yellowstone Conference Center.

*Address:* 315 Yellowstone Avenue, West Yellowstone, Montana.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

#### **Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, Protests, Recommendations, and Terms and Conditions**

March 11, 2005.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Small Conduit Exemption.

b. *Project No.:* 12574-000.

c. *Date filed:* February 1, 2005.

d. *Applicant:* Santiam Water Control District (SWCD).

e. *Name of Project:* Stayton Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The Stayton Project is located on the Stayton Ditch in Marion County, Oregon. The Stayton Ditch conveys water diverted from the North Santiam River at the Lower Bennett Dam for agricultural, municipal, and industrial uses. At about one quarter mile downstream, flows in the Ditch are directed through a headgate and newly constructed fish screen that directs fish

to a pipe that returns them to the North Santiam River. At the downstream end of the Stayton Ditch, SWCD has also constructed a barrier that restricts upstream migration of fish into the Ditch.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Larry Trosi, Manager, Santiam Water Control District, 284 East Water Street, Stayton, OR 97383, (503) 769-2669.

i. *FERC Contact:* James Hunter, (202) 502-6086.

j. *Status of Environmental Analysis:* This application is ready for environmental analysis at this time, and the Commission is requesting comments, reply comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions.

k. *Deadline for filing responsive documents:* 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, motions to intervene, protests, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions concerning the application be filed with the Commission by April 11, 2005. All reply comments must be filed with the Commission by April 27, 2005.

Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper; see 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

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 in 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.

l. *Description of Project:* The existing hydroelectric project consists of: (1) An intake with trash racks at normal water surface elevation 447 feet mean sea level (msl), (2) a 27-foot by 28-foot powerhouse, (2) an Allis-Chalmers turbine and a 600-kilowatt generating unit; and (3) an outlet returning flow to the Stayton Ditch at normal water surface elevation 431 feet msl. With completion of the fish screen and barrier enabling power production during the spring fish migration season, the average annual energy production is expected to be 4,320 megawatt hours.