Public Service Company. Midwest ISO requests an effective date of April 18, 2005.

Midwest ISO states that a copy of this filing was served on Power Partners Midwest, LLC and Northern Indiana Public Service Company.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on May 31, 2005.

#### Standard Paragraph

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant and all parties to this proceeding.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at http://www.ferc.gov. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <a href="http://www.ferc.gov">http://www.ferc.gov</a>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail <a href="ferc.gov">FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov</a>, or call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

#### Linda Mitry,

Deputy Secretary. [FR Doc. E5–2566 Filed 5–19–05; 8:45 am]

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

## Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

### Combined Filing Notices; Notice Announcing New Combined Notice of Filings

May 13, 2005.

Effective May 17, 2005, the Commission will use a new method, Combined Notice of Filings, to issue notices of filings. Initially, this new method will apply only to electric rate filings. In time, the Commission expects to issue the majority of notices of filings using the new method. In the future, the Office of the Secretary will announce by public notice the start-up date for the new notice method with respect to other types of filings.

As a result of this initiative, the Office of the Secretary is making the following changes to the filing procedures for electric rate filings:

1. Filers are no longer required to include draft notices in floppy disk format with the filing.

2. Filers requesting a short comment period for the filing must clearly state such request in the "Re:" section of the filing, for example:

Re: Hot Spring Power Company

Docket No. ER05-\_\_\_ Request for shortened comment

The notices issued under the new method will be added to eLibrary and will be published in the Federal Register under the name "Combined Notice of Filings." These new notices will list between 10 and 20 filings already incorporated into eLibrary. Each filing will be listed with its identifying details as follows:

Docket Number—This item will contain a hyperlink to the eLibrary docket sheet for the docket number.

Name of Applicant(s)—This item will show the applicant name as it appears on the filing.

Description—This item will contain a basic description of the filing and a hyperlink that will open the filed document in eLibrary, as stored in eLibrary.

Filing Date—This item will show the date on which the document was filed with the Commission.

Accession Number—This item will contain a hyperlink that will open the "Info" area of eLibrary for the filed document. There may be instances in which the accession number for the particular filing changes after issuance of the combined notice. In this case, the user will have to search eLibrary to access the document.

Comment Date—This item will indicate the comment date for the particular filing.

The "Combined Notice of Filings" will be indexed in eLibrary as follows, for example: "Combined Notice of Filings, May 20, 2005: This notice contains information concerning multiple filings received by FERC." The Commission may issue more than one "Combined Notice of Filings" on any given day. In this case, the eLibrary index will read as follows, for example: "Combined Notice of Filings; May 20, 2005 #2: This notice contains information concerning multiple filings received by FERC."

The Commission first announced the new "Combined Notice of Filings" during the April 13, 2004 open meeting. The "Combined Notice of Filings" is similar to the electric rate group notices that the Commission currently publishes in the **Federal Register**. By this initiative, the Commission seeks to simplify the manner in which the Commission's staff prepares notices and thereby expedite the public issuance of notices.

A sample "Combined Notice of Filings" is attached.

#### Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

Attachment

#### **SAMPLE**

United States of America Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Filings (Thursday, May 12, 2005)

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings. Docket Numbers: ER00–2603–003.

Applicants: Trigen-Syracuse Energy Corporation.

Description: Trigen-Syracuse Energy Corp advises FERC of the changes to the Triennial Market Power Update under ER00–2603. Filed Date: 05/10/2005.

Accession Number: 20050511–0295. Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, May 31, 2005.

Docket Numbers: ER05–952–000.
Applicants: Western Systems Power Pool.
Description: Western Systems Power Pool,
Inc requests for FERC to amend the WSPP
Agreement to include the City of Corona
Department of Water and Power et al as
members under ER05–952.

Filed Date: 05/10/2005.
Accession Number: 20050511–0293.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on
Tuesday, May 31, 2005.

Docket Numbers: ER05–953–000. Applicants: Phelps Dodge Power Marketing, LLC.

Description: Application for market-based rate authorization, certain waivers and blanket authorizations re Phelps Dodge Power Marketing, LLC under ER05–953. Filed Date: 05/10/2005. Accession Number: 20050511–0291. Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, May 31, 2005.

Docket Numbers: ER05–954–000.
Applicants: USGen New England, Inc.
Description: USGen New England, Inc
submits a notice of cancellation of its FERC
Electric Rate Tariff, Original Volume 1 under
ER05–954.

Filed Date: 05/10/2005. Accession Number: 20050511–0298. Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, May 31, 2005.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5 pm Eastern time on the specified comment date. It is not necessary to separately intervene again in a subdocket related to a compliance filing if you have previously intervened in the same docket. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding to the proceeding. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. For filings on or before the comment deadline, it is not necessary to serve copies on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at http://www.ferc.gov. To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling line to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above proceedings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For Assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or

call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

#### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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

May 12, 2005.

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

- a. *Type of Application:* Exemption of a Major Hydropower Project 5 MW or Less.
- b. *Project:* West Valley A&B Hydro Project No. 12053–001.
  - c. Date Filed: July 18, 2003.
  - d. Applicant: Mr. Nicholas Josten.
- e. Location: On the South Fork of the Pit River in Modoc County, California. The project would be located on approximated 31 acres of federal lands, managed by Forest Service (FS) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM).
- f. Filed Pursuant to: Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, 16 U.S.C. §§ 2705, 2708.
- g. Applicant Contact: Mr. Nicholas Josten, (208) 528–6152, gsense@cableone.net, 2742 St Charles Ave, Idaho Falls, ID 83404.
- h. FERC Contact: Susan O'Brien, (202) 502–8449 or susan.obrien@ferc.gov.
- i. FS Contact: Jayne Biggerstaff, (530) 283–7768 or jbiggerstaff@fs.fed.us.
- j. BLM Contact: Phil Rhinehart, (530) 233–7907 or phil\_rhinehart@ca.blm.gov.
- k. Deadline for filing scoping comments: July 11, 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.

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) through the Commission's eLibrary using the "Documents & Filing" link.

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.

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

m. The proposed project would consist of two developments, West Valley A and West Valley Alternative B–1. Alternative B–2 has been deleted from the proposed project (applicant's response to deficiencies, filed October 25, 2004).

West Valley A run-of river development would have a capacity of 1.0 MW and consists of: (1) An existing concrete diversion structure; (2) an existing intake structure; (3) 11,600 feet of open canal; (4) a proposed concrete overflow structure; (5) a proposed 2,800 feet of new canal; (6) a proposed penstock; (7) a proposed powerhouse; (8) a proposed tailrace pipe; (9) a proposed transmission line; and (10) appurtenant facilities. The applicant estimates that the total average annual generation would be 3,300,000 kWh.

West Valley Alternative B–1 run-ofriver development would have a capacity of 1.36 MW and consists of: (1) The existing West Valley Dam and outlet works; (2) a new bypass valve attached to the existing dam outlet pipe; (3) a proposed penstock; (4) a proposed powerhouse; (5) a proposed tailrace canal; (6) a proposed transmission line; and (7) appurtenant facilities. The applicant estimates that the total average annual generation would be 4,730,000 kWh.

n. 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 or toll-free at 1–866–208–3676, or for TTY

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 g. above.

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

o. By Letter of Understanding executed on April 18, 2005, the Forest Service (FS) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will be cooperating agencies regarding the Commission's actions on the West Valley Project,