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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 p.m. 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. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. In reference to filings initiating a new proceeding, interventions or protests submitted on or before the comment deadline need not be served 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 link 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 St., 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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2630-004 Oregon]

#### PacifiCorp; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

November 18, 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 has reviewed the application for new license for the Prospect Nos. 1, 2, and 4 Hydroelectric Project, located on the Rogue River, Middle Fork Rogue River, and Red Blanket Creek in Jackson County, Oregon, and has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) for the project. The Draft EA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major Federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the Draft EA 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. 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.

Any comments should be filed within 45 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please affix Project No. 2630-004 to all comments. 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.

For further information, contact Nicholas Jayjack at (202) 502-6073.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP06-20-000]

#### Unocal Windy Hill Gas Storage, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Windy Hill Gas Storage Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

November 18, 2005.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Windy Hill Gas Storage Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Unocal Windy Hill Gas Storage, LLC (Unocal) in Morgan County, Colorado. These facilities would consist of about 14.1 miles of 16-inch-diameter pipeline, a 14,200-horsepower (hp) compressor station, four water supply wells, a solution mining facility, a brine disposal facility, six groundwater monitoring wells, four gas storage caverns, a gas dehydration facility, and electric utilities. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decisionmaking process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a Unocal representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. Unocal would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, Unocal could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with State law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility on My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" was attached to the project notice that Unocal provided to landowners. This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the

Commission's proceedings. It is available for viewing on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>).

### Summary of the Proposed Project

Unocal wants to provide up to 6 billion cubic feet of working gas storage capacity and transportation to customers, with a maximum injection rate of 135 million cubic feet per day (MMcf/d), and a maximum withdrawal rate of 400 MMcf/d. Unocal seeks authority to construct and operate in Morgan County, Colorado:

#### Phase I Facilities (2006)

- Two solution-mined gas storage salt caverns (4-17S and 5-17S);
- Four water supply wells;
- Four 400-horsepower (hp) pumps for the four water supply wells;
- Two 800-hp booster pumps for injection of water for cavern development;
- Two 3,000-gallon diesel tanks for cavern development;
- Three 1,500-barrel (bbl) fiberglass skim tanks to separate diesel oil from brine solution;
- One 210-bbl steel tank for holding recovered diesel oil;
- A 125- by 30-foot mining pump building and electrical control room;
- A 178- by 178-foot brine disposal retention pond;
- Four brine disposal wells;
- Two 300-hp brine disposal pumps, including two 1,000-hp pumps if needed;
- A 1,000-bbl fiberglass feed-water suction tank for the brine disposal pumps;
- Six shallow groundwater monitoring wells;
- A dehydration facility consisting of three 1.5-million British thermal unit triethylene glycol dehydrators for drying out the caverns;
- A compressor station consisting of four 3,550-hp compressors driven by natural gas-fired reciprocating engines, totaling 14,200 hp;
- An inlet scrubber for liquid removal from in-coming gas;
- A gas cooler to cool the gas leaving the compressor station;
- A 1.75-mile extension from the existing Morgan County Rural Electric Association's 12.47 kilovolt power line;
- About 4.4 miles of permanent access roads;
- A 20-foot widening of about 0.7 mile of the existing County Road Q; and
- Two 60-foot-wide all-weather gravel roads totaling 0.41 mile.

#### Phase II Facilities (2008)

- Two additional solution-mined gas storage salt caverns (6-17S and 7-17S).

The location of the project facilities is shown in Appendix 1.<sup>1</sup>

### Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would require about 201.7 acres of land. Following construction, about 119.6 acres would be maintained as new aboveground facility sites and permanent rights-of-way. The remaining 82.1 acres of land would be restored and allowed to revert to its former use.

### The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission staff requests public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

In the EA we<sup>2</sup> will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils;
- Land use;
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands;
- Cultural resources;
- Vegetation and wildlife;
- Air quality and noise;
- Endangered and threatened species;
- Public safety.

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

<sup>1</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of all appendices, other than Appendix 1 (maps), are available on the Commission's Web site at the "eLibrary" link or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary refer to the last page of this notice. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

<sup>2</sup> "We", "us", and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP).

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, State, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section below.

### 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 proposal (including alternative routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. 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 3.
- Reference Docket No. CP06-20-000.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before December 23, 2005.

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 on-line.

We may mail the EA for comment. If you are interested in receiving it, please return the Information Request (Appendix 3). 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, or "intervenor". 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). Intervenor has the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision. Motions to Intervene should be electronically submitted using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons without Internet access should send an original and 14 copies of their motion to the Secretary of the Commission at the address indicated previously. Persons filing Motions to Intervene on or before the comment deadline indicated above must send a copy of the motion to the Applicant. All filings, including late interventions, submitted after the comment deadline must be served on the Applicant and all other intervenors identified on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. Persons on the service list with e-mail addresses may be served electronically; others must be served a hard copy of the filing.

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. By this notice we are also asking governmental agencies, especially those in Appendix 2, to express their interest in becoming cooperating agencies for the preparation of the EA.

### 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>.

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

#### Notice of Application for Temporary Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protests

November 16, 2005.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Request for temporary deviation from that required to expand the operating limits for the upper reservoir from December 1 through March 31, 2006, for the purpose of additional operating flexibility under ISO-NE emergency conditions.

b. *Project No.:* 2485-028.

c. *Date Filed:* November 16, 2005.

d. *Applicant:* Northeast Generation Company (NGC).

e. *Name of Project:* Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the east side of the Connecticut River, in the towns of Northfield and Erving, in Franklin County, Massachusetts. The project does not utilize federal or tribal lands.

g. *Filed pursuant to:* 18 CFR 4.201.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. William J. Nadeau, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Northeast Generation Services Company, 273 Dividend Road, Rocky Hill, Connecticut 06067, (860) 665-5315 with copies of all correspondence and communications to:

Mr. John Howard, Station Manager, Northfield Mountain Station, 99 Millers Falls Road, Northfield, Massachusetts 01360, (413) 659-4489; and

Ms. Catherine E. Shively, Senior Counsel, Public Service Company of New Hampshire, P.O. Box 330, Manchester, New Hampshire 03105, (603) 634-2326.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Diana Shannon (202) 502-8887, or [diana.shannon@ferc.gov](mailto:diana.shannon@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene, protests, comments:* November 23, 2005.

k. *Description of Proposed Action:* NGC seeks temporary authorization to modify the upper reservoir's upper and lower water service elevation limits from 1000.5 and 938 feet, to 1004.5 and 920 feet, respectively, and to allow maximum daily generation of 10,465 megawatt hours only under certain ISO-NE emergency operating conditions from December 1, 2005-March 31, 2006. At all other times, the reservoir would be operated between 1004.5 to 947.7 feet, with a maximum daily generation of 8,475 MWh, which is the existing allowable generation limit. The project uses some of the storage behind Turner Falls Dam (FERC No. 1889) as the lower reservoir for the pumped storage operations and proposes no changes in the operating limits of the Turners Falls Reservoir. NOC requests that the temporary authority become effective December 1, 2005.

l. *Locations of Applications:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission in the Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street NE., Room 2A, Washington DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also 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. 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, call toll-free 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and