

individual or entity interested in submitting study requests, commenting on the PAD or SD1, and any agency requesting cooperating status must do so by March 31, 2006.

Comments on the PAD and SD1, study requests, requests for cooperating agency status, and other permissible forms of communications with the Commission 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.

o. At this time, Commission staff intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Scoping Meetings

We will hold two scoping meetings at the times and places noted below. The daytime meeting will focus on resource agency, Indian tribes, and non-governmental organization concerns, while the evening meeting is primarily for receiving input from the public. We invite all interested individuals, organizations, and agencies to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist staff in identifying particular study needs, as well as the scope of environmental issues to be addressed in the environmental document. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

Evening Scoping Meeting

Date and Time: Monday, February 27, 2006, 7 p.m. (p.s.t.).

Location: PUD Electric Building Headquarters, 2320 California Street, Everett, Washington.

Directions: Arriving from Interstate 5, southbound: Take Exit 194, follow City Center signs onto Everett Avenue, westbound (right). Turn left at Virginia Avenue. Turn right at California Street.

Arriving from Interstate 5, northbound: Take Exit 193, turn left onto Pacific Avenue. Turn right at Cedar, and then left onto Hewitt Avenue. Turn right at Virginia Avenue.

For additional information: Please contact Ms. Dawn Presler, Relicensing Information Coordinator, Snohomish County PUD No. 1, (425) 783-1709 or DJPresler@SNOPUD.com.

Daytime Scoping Meeting

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 28, 2006, 10 a.m. (p.s.t.).

Location: Washington State Department of Ecology, Headquarters/Southwest Regional Office, 300 Desmond Drive, Lacey, Washington.

Directions: Arriving from Interstate 5, southbound: Take Martin Way Exit 109, turn left onto Martin Way. At the third traffic light turn right onto Desmond Drive. Head uphill and at the intersection turn left and proceed along the front of the Headquarters building. Proceed past a stop sign at the main entrance and find the visitors parking lot on the left.

Arriving from Interstate 5, northbound: Take Martin Way Exit 109, turn right onto Martin Way. At the second traffic light turn right onto Desmond Drive. Head uphill and at the intersection turn left and proceed along the front of the Headquarters building. Proceed past a stop sign at the main entrance and find the visitors parking lot on the left.

Please note that parking is limited and carpools are encouraged. If the visitors parking lots are full, retrace your route to Desmond Drive and take a left at the stop sign onto Desmond Drive. Continue around and park at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service building (510 Desmond Drive) and walk across the field to the Washington State Department of Ecology building.

Please check in at the front desk upon arriving at the Washington State Department of Ecology office building.

SD1, which outlines the subject areas to be addressed in the environmental document, has been mailed to the individuals and entities on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of SD1 will be available at the scoping meetings, or may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link. Follow the directions for accessing information in paragraph m. Depending on the extent of comments received, a Scoping Document 2 (SD2) may or may not be issued.

Site Visit

A site visit is typically held in conjunction with the scoping meeting. However, anticipating that access to some project facilities would be limited by winter weather, the co-licensees hosted a project site visit on October 17, 2005. The site visit was noticed by the Commission on September 20, 2005 and attended by Commission staff on October 17, 2005. For these reasons, the Commission will not host its own site visit in conjunction with its NEPA scoping meeting.

Scoping Meeting Objectives

At the scoping meetings, staff will: (1) Present the proposed list of issues to be addressed in the EA; (2) review and discuss existing conditions and resource agency management objectives; (3)

review and discuss existing information and identify preliminary information and study needs; (4) review and discuss the process plan and schedule for pre-filing activity that incorporates the time frames provided for in Part 5 of the Commission's regulations and, to the extent possible, maximizes coordination of federal, state, and tribal permitting and certification processes; and (5) discuss requests by any Federal or state agency or Indian tribe acting as a cooperating agency for development of an environmental document.

Meeting participants should come prepared to discuss their issues and/or concerns. Please review the Pre-Application Document in preparation for the scoping meetings. Directions on how to obtain a copy of the PAD and SD1 are included in paragraph m of this document.

Scoping Meeting Procedures

The scoping meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will become part of the formal Commission record on the project.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions To Intervene, Protests, and Comments

February 1, 2006.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Preliminary Permit.

b. *Project No.:* 12630-000.

c. *Date filed:* December 8, 2005.

d. *Applicant:* Arizona Independent Power, Inc.

e. *Name of Project:* Ford Canyon Pumped Storage Project.

f. *Location:* The project would be located in White Tank Mountain Regional Park, in Maricopa County, Arizona. The project will utilize water from the Colorado River System.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Frank L. Mazzone, Arizona Independent Power, Inc., 957 Fairway Drive, Sonoma, CA 95476, Phone (707) 996-2573.

i. *FERC Contact:* Robert Bell, (202) 502-6062.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, protests, and motions to intervene:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

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.

k. *Description of Project:* The proposed project would consist of: (1) A proposed 1,970-foot-long, 250-foot-high earth and rock filled with impervious core upper reservoir dam, (2) a proposed upper reservoir with surface area of 150 acres, with a storage capacity of 12,500 acre-feet and a normal water surface elevation of 3,040 feet mean sea level, (3) a proposed 2,160-foot-long, 210-foot-high earth and rock filled with impervious core lower reservoir dam, (4) a proposed lower reservoir having a surface area of 140 acres, with a storage capacity of 12,500 acre-feet and a normal water surface elevation of 1,840 feet mean sea level, (5) two proposed 14,070-foot-long, 25-foot-diameter penstocks, (6) a proposed powerhouse containing five generating units having a total installed capacity of 1,250, (7) two proposed 28-foot-diameter tailraces, (8) a proposed 40-mile-long, 500 kilovolt transmission line; and (9) appurtenant facilities. The project would have an annual generation of 1,682 gigawatt hours that would be sold to a local utility.

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. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. For TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h. above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Competing Preliminary Permit:* Anyone desiring to file a competing

application for preliminary permit for a proposed project must submit the competing application itself, or a notice of intent to file such an application, to the Commission on or before the specified comment date for the particular application (see 18 CFR 4.36). Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing preliminary permit application no later than 30 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing preliminary permit application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

o. *Competing Development Application:* Any qualified development applicant desiring to file a competing development application must submit to the Commission, on or before a specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent to file a development application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

p. *Notice of Intent:* A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

q. *Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit:* A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

r. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene:* Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion

to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

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 "e-filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing.

s. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents:* Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "COMPETING APPLICATION", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

t. *Agency Comments:* Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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b. *Project No.:* 12631-000.

c. *Date filed:* December 20, 2005.