

application which is on file with the Commission and open for public inspection. Columbia, also, proposes to accelerate replacement and reliability facility construction originally scheduled to occur within 5 years at the three compressor sites. This construction will involve replacing 22,460 horsepower of existing compressor facilities, and be done at the same time as the EME units are installed.

Any questions regarding this Application should be directed to Fredric K. George, Lead Counsel, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation, P.O. Box 1273, Charleston, West Virginia 25325-1273 at (304) 357-2359 or by fax at (304) 357-3206.

On September 25, 2006, the Commission staff granted Columbia's request to utilize the Commission's Pre-Filing Process and assigned Docket No. PF06-35-000 to staff activities involving Columbia's EME project. Now, as of the filing of Columbia's application on May 3, 2007, the Pre-Filing Process for this project has ended. From this time forward, Columbia's proceeding will be conducted in Docket No. CP07-367-000, as noted in the caption of this Notice.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding, or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the below listed comment date, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and

Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

Motions to intervene, protests and comments 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.

*Comment Date:* June 6, 2007.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12726-001]

#### **Eastern Oregon Light and Power, LLC.; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, Commencement of Licensing Proceeding, Scoping Meetings, Solicitation of Comments on the Pad and Scoping Document, and Identification of Issues and Associated Study Requests**

June 12, 2007.

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application for an original License and Pre-Application Document.

b. *Project No.:* 12726-001.

c. *Dated Filed:* April 17, 2007.

d. *Submitted by:* Eastern Oregon Light and Power, LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Rock Creek Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The proposed Rock Hydroelectric Project would be located on Rock Creek in Baker County, Oregon. The proposed project would likely occupy lands of the United States within the jurisdiction of the U.S. Forest Service.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR Part 5 of the Commission's Regulations.

h. *Potential Applicant Contact:* Mark A. Henderson. P.O. Box 247 Haines, OR 97833-0247, (541) 856-0247.

i. *FERC Contact:* Matt Buhyoff (202) 502-6824 or via e-mail at [matt.buhyoff@ferc.gov](mailto:matt.buhyoff@ferc.gov).

j. We are asking federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with us in the preparation of the environmental document. Agencies who would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing comments described in paragraph n below.

k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with: (a) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations there under at 50 CFR Part 402; and (b) the State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historical Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. Rock Creek filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD); including a proposed process plan and schedule with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

m. Copies of the PAD and Scoping Document 1 (SD1) are available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site (<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 paragraph n.

Register online at <http://ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm> to be notified via e-mail of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. With this notice, we are soliciting comments on the PAD and SD1 as well as study requests. All comments on the PAD and SD1, and study requests should be sent to the address above in paragraph h. In addition, all comments on the PAD and SD1, study requests, requests for cooperating agency status, and all communications to Commission staff related to the merits of the potential application (original and eight copies) must be filed with the Commission at the following address: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. All filings with the Commission must include on the first page, the project name (Rock Creek Hydroelectric Project) and number (P-12726-001), and bear the heading "Comments on Pre-Application Document," "Study Requests," "Comments on Scoping Document 1," "Request for Cooperating Agency Status," or "Communications to and from Commission Staff." Any individual or entity interested in submitting study requests, commenting on the PAD or SD1, and any agency requesting cooperating status must do so by August 13, 2007.

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 for the project, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. However,

there is the possibility that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be required. Nevertheless, the scoping meetings will satisfy the NEPA scoping requirements, irrespective of whether an EA or EIS is issued by the Commission.

#### Scoping Meetings

We will hold a daytime and night time scoping meeting at the times and places noted below. 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 time and location of these meetings are as follows:

*Date and Time:* Thursday, July 12, 2007, 9:30 a.m. (PDT).

*Location:* Haines Branch Library, 818 Cole St., Haines, Oregon.

*Date and Time:* Thursday, July 12, 2007, 7 p.m. (PDT).

*Location:* Haines Branch Library, 818 Cole St., Haines, Oregon.

*For Directions:* Please call Mark Henderson, of Eastern Oregon Light and Power, LLC, at (541) 856-3605.

Scoping Document 1 (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 p. Depending on the extent of comments received, a Scoping Document 2 (SD2) may or may not be issued.

#### Site Visit

The potential applicant and Commission staff will conduct a site visit of the proposed project on Wednesday, July 11, 2007, starting at 9 a.m. All participants should meet Haines Branch Library, located at 818 Cole St., Haines, Oregon 97833. All participants are responsible for their own transportation. Anyone with questions about the site visit should contact Mr. Mark Henderson, of Eastern Oregon Light and Power, LLC at (541) 856-3605 on or before June 27, 2006.

#### Scoping Meeting Objectives

At the scoping meeting, 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 potential 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 meeting. Directions on how to obtain a copy of the PAD and SD1 are included in item m of this document.

#### Scoping Meeting Procedures

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

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 4851-005]

#### Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions to Intervene and Protests

May 16, 2007.

Take notice that the following transmission line only project Application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* New License for Transmission Line Only.

b. *Project No:* P-4851-005.

c. *Date Filed:* March 30, 2007.

d. *Applicant:* Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Sly Creek Transmission Line Project.

f. *Location:* The Sly Creek Transmission Line Project is located in the Sierra Nevada Range, Butte County, California within the South Fork Feather River watershed. The project affects less than 2 acres of federal lands administered by the Plumas National Forest.

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