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This ROD amendment has been prepared in accordance with the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality (Title 40 *Code of Federal Regulations* [CFR] parts 1500–1508) for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures (10 CFR part 1021). Based on information previously provided in the Final EIS, DOE has determined that no further review under NEPA is required.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of this ROD amendment may be requested by contacting Mr. Donald Metzler, Moab Federal Project Director, U.S. Department of Energy, by mail: 200 Grand Avenue, Grand Junction, Colorado, 81501; by phone: 1–800–637–4575 or 1–970–257–2115; by fax: 1–970–257–2175; or e-mail: [moabcomments@gjem.doe.gov](mailto:moabcomments@gjem.doe.gov). This ROD amendment will be available on the DOE NEPA Web site, at <http://www.eh.doe.gov/nepa/documents.html>, and on the project Web site at <http://www.gjem.energy.gov/moab/>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information on this amended ROD, contact Donald Metzler, as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** section above. For general information on the DOE NEPA process, contact Carol Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance, GC–20, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; telephone 1–202–586–4600, or leave a message at 1–800–472–2756.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOE analyzed several transportation methods in its *Remediation of the Moab Uranium Mill Tailings, Grand and San Juan Counties, Utah, Final Environmental Impact Statement* (DOE/EIS–0355) (Final EIS), issued in August 2005. An all truck option was among the reasonable alternative methods analyzed in the Final EIS for transporting the residual radioactive material. DOE also analyzed transportation by rail and slurry pipeline. In DOE's original ROD, issued in September 2005, DOE had

decided to relocate the residual radioactive material using predominately rail, with truck transport for some oversized materials. Under this amended Record of Decision (ROD), DOE will use truck and/or rail for all materials.

This ROD amendment allows an increase in the quantity to be shipped by truck. All other aspects of DOE's original decision remain unchanged, including that DOE will relocate the residual radioactive material at the Moab site and vicinity properties to a new disposal site 30 miles north at Crescent Junction, Utah, and will conduct active remediation of contaminated groundwater at the Moab site.

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*Basis for Decision:* Trucking will be performed primarily during daylight hours, thus minimizing potential safety hazards. The trucking option allows DOE more control over the schedule by giving the additional flexibility to supplement rail transport and avoid potential project delays.

This ROD amendment is essential to give DOE flexibility needed to expedite completion of the Moab, Utah, Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action (UMTRA) Project. Expediting completion is in accordance with Public Law 110–181, which directs DOE to complete remediation of the Moab site and the removal of the tailings to the Crescent Junction site in Utah by October 1, 2019 and, if DOE is unable to do so, DOE must submit a plan to Congress by October 2, 2019, with the projected completion date and estimated funding. This ROD amendment meets the strong stakeholder desire to relocate the residual radioactive material as soon as practicable by accelerating the date of the first shipment, reducing long-term risks through earlier completion, and reducing total project costs through greater flexibility and competition between rail and truck transporters. This amended decision incorporates all practicable means to avoid or minimize environmental harm. Although DOE identified in its original ROD rail transportation as part of the environmentally preferred alternative,

the analyses in the Final EIS show that truck transportation also can be conducted in a safe and environmentally sound manner. In view of the acceleration of long-term risk reduction at the Moab site that use of both truck and rail will afford, DOE now regards rail and truck transportation as equally environmentally preferable.

Issued in Washington, DC, this 25th day of February 2008.

**Inés R. Triay**

*Acting, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2493–084]

#### **Puget Sound Energy, Inc.; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests, Ready for Environmental Analysis, and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Fishway Prescriptions**

February 25, 2008.

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

a. *Application Type:* Amendment of License.

b. *Project No.:* 2493–084.

c. *Date Filed:* December 6, 2007.

d. *Applicant:* Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (Puget).

e. *Name of Project:* Snoqualmie Falls Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the Snoqualmie River, in the City of Snoqualmie, King County, Washington.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Joel Molander, Puget Sound Energy, Inc., M/S PSE–09S, P.O. Box 90868, Bellevue, Washington 98009–0868; telephone (425) 462–3603.

i. *FERC Contact:* Linda Stewart, telephone: (202) 502–6680, and e-mail: [linda.stewart@ferc.gov](mailto:linda.stewart@ferc.gov).

j. Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests, comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and fishway prescriptions is 60 days from the issuance of this notice; reply comments are due 105 days from the issuance date of this notice. All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

k. *Description of Request:* Puget proposes to modify the upgrades to the two powerhouses (Plants 1 and 2), as well as to the diversion dam, as authorized in the June 29, 2004 Order Issuing New License. At Plant 1, Puget proposes to remove the Machine Shop and Transformer House, and to temporarily relocate the Carpenter Shop and West Garage. Instead of retiring the five generating units at Plant 1 and replacing them with two new generating units, Puget also proposes to preserve generating units 1 through 4, and to replace generating unit 5. Puget proposes to remove and rebuild the Gatehouse and Powerhouse at Plant 2 in order to address seismic deficiencies and allow for improvements as required by the license. Instead of installing an inflatable rubber weir diversion dam as authorized in the license, Puget proposes to construct a fixed crest dam at a reduced height. Puget also proposes widening the channel on the left bank to provide additional flood protection and a better approach for flows entering Plant 1.

l. Please note that the underlying license is currently before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Any final Commission action would have to be by leave of the court.

m. *Locations of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's 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 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 reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

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

o. *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, .211, .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.

p. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents:* All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", "COMMENTS," "REPLY COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "FISHWAY PRESCRIPTIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions should relate to project works which are the subject of the license amendment. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. 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. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

q. As provided for in 18 CFR 4.34(b)(5)(i), a license applicant must file, no later than 60 days following the date of issuance of this notice of acceptance and ready for environmental analysis: (1) A copy of the water quality certification; (2) a copy of the request for certification, including proof of the date on which the certifying agency received the request; or (3) evidence of waiver of water quality certification.

r. *e-Filing:* Motions to intervene, protests, comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and fishway prescriptions 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 at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "eFiling" link.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2085-000]

#### Southern California Edison Company; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

February 25, 2008.

On November 29, 2005, Southern California Edison Company, licensee for the Mammoth Pool Hydroelectric Project, filed an application for a new or subsequent license pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission's regulations thereunder. The Mammoth Pool Project is located on the San Joaquin River in Fresno California.

The license for Project No. 2085 was issued for a period ending November 30, 2007. Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year-to-year an annual license to the then licensee under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of section 15 of the FPA, then, based on section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 2085 is issued to Southern California Edison Company, for a period effective December 1, 2007 through November