

agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. See 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

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 thereunder 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. With this notice, we are designating Wisconsin Public Service Corporation as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation, pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and section 106 of the National Historical Preservation Act.

m. Wisconsin Public Service Corporation filed with the Commission two Pre-Application Documents (PADs) and a proposed process plan and schedule for each project, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

n. Copies of the PADs 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 for each project, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field, to access the documents. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy of each PAD is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.

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

o. With this notice, we are soliciting comments on the PADs and the Commission staff's Scoping Document 1 (SD1) for the projects, as well as for study requests for each project. All comments on the PADs and SD1, and study requests for each project should be sent to the address above in paragraph h. In addition, all comments on the PADs and SD1, study requests, requests for cooperating agency status, and all communications to and from Commission staff related to the merits of the potential applications must be filed with the Commission. Documents may be filed electronically via the Internet.

See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and seven copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, 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 names (Tomahawk Hydroelectric Project and/or Grandfather Falls Hydroelectric Project) and project numbers (P-1940-027 and/or P-1966-053), and bear the appropriate 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 or commenting on the PADs or SD1, and any agency requesting cooperating status must do so by January 12, 2013.

p. Although our current intent is to prepare a single environmental assessment (EA), there is the possibility that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be required. Nevertheless, the scoping meeting noted below will satisfy the NEPA scoping requirements, irrespective of whether an EA or EIS is issued by the Commission.

Scoping Meetings

Commission staff will hold two scoping meetings to discuss both projects at the time and place 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:

Daytime Scoping Meeting

Date: Thursday, December 13, 2012.
Time: 1:00 p.m. (CST).

Location: Tomahawk City Hall, 23 North 2nd Street, Tomahawk, Wisconsin 54487, Phone: (920) 433-5713.

Evening Scoping Meeting

Date: Thursday, December 13, 2012.
Time: 7:00 p.m. (CST).

Location: Tomahawk City Hall, 23 North 2nd Street, Tomahawk, Wisconsin 54487, Phone: (920) 433-5713.

SD1, which outlines the subject areas to be addressed in the environmental document, was mailed to the individuals and entities on the Commission's mailing list for each project. 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 n. Based on all oral and written comments, a Scoping Document 2 (SD2) may be issued. SD2 may include a revised process plan and schedule, as well as a list of issues, identified through the scoping process.

Meeting Objectives

At the scoping meetings, staff will: (1) Initiate scoping of the issues; (2) review and discuss existing conditions and resource 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 the appropriateness of 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 PADs for both projects in preparation for the scoping meetings. Directions on how to obtain a copy of the PADs and SD1 are included in item n of this document.

Meeting Procedures

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will be placed in the public records of the project.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. EL13-24-000, et al.]

Alaska Electric Light and Power Company, et al.; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order

Alaska Electric Light and Power Company	Docket Nos. EL13-24-000; Project No. 2307-063
Alaska Energy Authority	Project No. 14241-003
City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska	Project No. 2818-024
Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington	Project No. 2145-115
Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County, Washington	Project No. 2157-209
Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington	Project No. 2114-256
Sabine River Authority of Texas and Sabine River Authority, State of Louisiana	Project No. 2305-040
Southeast Alaska Power Agency	Project Nos. 2911-036, 3015-013

Take notice that on November 21, 2012, pursuant to section 207(a)(2) of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure 18 CFR 385.207(a)(2), Alaska Electric Light and Power Company, Project No. 2307; Alaska Energy Authority, Project No. 14241; City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, Project No. 2818; Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington, Project No. 2145; Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County, Washington, Project No. 2157; Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington, Project No. 2114; Sabine River Authority of Texas and Sabine River Authority, State of Louisiana, Project No. 2305; and Southeast Alaska Power Agency, Project Nos. 2911 and 3015 (collectively, Power Site Reservation Fees Group or Petitioners) filed a petition for declaratory order requesting the Commission find that collection of annual charges under section 10(e)(1) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 803(e)(1), for hydropower licensees' use and occupancy of lands that they own but that are subject to a power site reservation under FPA section 24, 16 U.S.C. 818, is inconsistent with the language, structure, and purpose of FPA Part I, including section 10(e)(1).

Any person desiring to intervene in or to file a protest or comments regarding this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests and comments will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make filers 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, protests or comments must be filed on or before the comment date. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene, protests, or comments on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of comments,

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 comment, protest, or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, 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 email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on December 21, 2012.

Dated: November 26, 2012.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PR13-12-000]

Southern California Gas Company; Notice of Petition for Rate Approval

Take notice that on November 21, 2012, Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) filed pursuant to 284.123(b)(1) of the Commission's regulations to revise its Statement of Operating Conditions stating new rates and reflecting SoCalGas' election to base its rates for Off-System Delivery service and Offshore Delivery service on rates approved by the California Public Utilities Commission for comparable intrastate transportation services, as more fully detailed in the petition.

Any person desiring to participate in this rate 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 date as indicated below. Anyone filing an intervention or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. Anyone filing an intervention or protest on or before the intervention or protest date need not serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

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 7 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, December 7, 2012.

Dated: November 27, 2012.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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