

buried 27-inch diameter conduit 17,600 feet long to a penstock forebay formed by an earth-fill dam 25 feet high and 34 feet long with an ogee concrete spillway on the East Fork of Boulder Creek; a concrete gravity dam about 4 feet high and 45 feet in length located near the toe of the West Fork diversion dam; a recovery pond; a pumphouse containing a 3 horsepower (hp) pump; an 8-inch diameter steel pipe about 60 feet long from the pumphouse and connecting with the buried 27-inch diameter conduit; 22,200 feet of 34 to 30-inch steel penstock; a powerhouse containing three 1975-hp impulse turbines operating under a static head of 1,527 feet, connected to three 1,400-kilowatt (kW) generators; an afterbay reregulating pool with gates and ditches to return water to water-right owners; access roads; a return ditch to Boulder Creek; a switchyard; a 69-kilovolt (kV) transmission line extending 28 miles to a substation at Escalante and a 69-kV line 23 miles long between the Escalante and Henrieville substations; and other appurtenant structures and equipment. There are no proposed changes to the project facilities.

m. Garkane Power Association (Garkane Power) has demonstrated that it has made an effort to contact all federal and state resources agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGO), and others affected by the project. Garkane Power has also demonstrated that a consensus exists that the use of alternative procedures is appropriate in this case. Garkane Power has submitted a communications protocol that is supported by the stakeholders.

The purpose of this notice is to invite any additional comments on Garkane Power's request to use the alternative procedures, pursuant to Section 4.34(i) of the Commission's regulations. Additional notices seeking comments on the specific project proposal, interventions and protests, and recommended terms and conditions will be issued at a later date. Garkane Power will complete and file a preliminary Environmental Assessment, in lieu of Exhibit E of the license application. This differs from the traditional process, in which an applicant consults with agencies, Indian tribes, NGOs, and other parties during preparation of the license application and before filing the application, but the Commission staff performs the environmental review after the application is filed. The alternative procedures are intended to simplify and expedite the licensing process by combining the pre-filing consultation and environmental review processes into a single process, to facilitate greater participation, and to improve

communication and cooperation among the participants.

Garkane Power has met with federal and state resources agencies, NGOs, elected officials, flood control and downstream interests, environmental groups, business and economic development organizations, the boating industry, and members of the public regarding the Boulder Creek Project. Garkane Power intends to file 6-month progress reports during the alternative procedures process that leads to the filing of a license application by April 30, 2005.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Request to Use Alternative Procedures in Preparing a License Application

October 12, 2001.

Take notice that the following request to use alternative procedures to prepare a license application has been filed with the Commission.

a. *Type of Filing:* Request to use alternative procedures to prepare a new license application.

b. *Project No.:* 632-008

c. *Date filed:* September 26, 2001.

d. *Applicant:* City of Monroe.

e. *Name of Project:* Lower Monroe Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On Monroe Creek near the City of Monroe in Sevier County, Utah. The project occupies 6.69 acres of federal lands within Fishlake National Forest.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Jones & DeMille Engineering, Darin Robinson, Engineer, 1440 South Pipe Lane, Richfield, UT 84701 (435) 896-8266.

i. *FERC Contact:* Dianne E. Rodman at (202) 219-2830; e-mail Dianne.Rodman@ferc.fed.us.

j. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

k. *Deadline for Comments:* 30 days from the date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P.

Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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 (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

l. The existing project consists of: (1) a 3-foot-high and 13-foot-long concrete overflow-type diversion dam topped with 3-foot-high flashboards; (2) a concrete intake structure with a trash rack and a 21-inch diameter cast iron pipeline 100 feet long; (3) a 4,405-foot-long welded steel penstock of which 24 feet is 20-inch diameter pipe and 4,381 feet is 16-inch diameter pipe; (4) a powerhouse containing a Pelton wheel connected to a generator rated at 100-kilowatts (kW); (5) a 2.4-kilovolt (kV), 3-phase generator lead and a transmission line approximately 3,570 feet long; and (6) appurtenant facilities. There are no proposed changes to the project facilities.

m. The City of Monroe (Monroe City) has demonstrated that it has made an effort to contact all federal and state resources agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGO), and others affected by the project. Monroe City has also demonstrated that a consensus exists that the use of alternative procedures is appropriate in this case. Monroe City has submitted a communications protocol that is supported by the stakeholders.

The purpose of this notice is to invite any additional comments on Monroe City's request to use the alternative procedures, pursuant to Section 4.34(i) of the Commission's regulations. Additional notices seeking comments on the specific project proposal, interventions and protests, and recommended terms and conditions will be issued at a later date. Monroe City will complete and file a preliminary Environmental Assessment, in lieu of Exhibit E of the license application. This differs from the traditional process, in which an applicant consults with agencies, Indian tribes, NGOs, and other parties during preparation of the license application and before filing the application, but the Commission staff performs the environmental review after the application is filed. The alternative procedures are intended to simplify and expedite the licensing process by combining the pre-filing consultation and environmental review processes into a single process, to facilitate greater participation, and to improve communication and cooperation among the participants.

Monroe City has met with federal and state resources agencies, NGOs, elected officials, flood control and downstream interests, environmental groups, business and economic development organizations, the boating industry, and members of the public regarding the Lower Monroe Project. Monroe City intends to file 6-month progress reports during the alternative procedures process that leads to the filing of a license application by February 14, 2004.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL01-68-000]

Investigation of Wholesale Rates of Public Utility Sellers of Energy and Ancillary Services in the Western Systems Coordinating Council; Notice of Technical Conference Concerning West-Wide Price Mitigation for the Winter Season and Procedures for Seeking Participation

October 12, 2001.

Take notice that the Commission is convening a technical conference to be held on Monday, October 29, 2001, at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The Technical Conference will commence at 1 p.m. and will be open to all interested persons. On June 19, 2001, the Commission prescribed price mitigation for California spot markets and markets throughout the West.¹ In that order, the Commission also invited interested parties to file with the Commission comments and proposals for the purpose of revisiting the mitigation methodology for future periods, if necessary. This technical conference will address possible modifications to the current West-wide price mitigation methodology for the winter season.

As a starting point for discussions at the conference, and based on the comments that were filed, possible modifications to the current price mitigation methodology include the following: (1) Eliminate the 10 percent adder for sales into California; and (2)

require the California Independent System Operator to not only recalculate the price for spot market transactions when there is a Stage 1 reserve deficiency, but also recalculate the price when the average of the three gas indices increase by 10 percent above the level last used for calculating the mitigated price (*i.e.*, 66 cents based on the current average of \$6.64/MMBtu).

Persons wishing to speak at the conference must submit a request to make a statement in the above-captioned dockets. The request should be submitted by e-mail to David Boergers at david.boergers@ferc.fed.us (include Docket No. EL01-68-000 in the subject heading of the e-mail), and should be followed up, at the same time, with a letter to the Secretary of the Commission. The request should clearly specify the name of the person desiring to speak, his or her title and affiliation, and the party or parties the speaker represents. There will be limited opportunity to participate via teleconferencing. Persons wanting to participate in this manner should specify their interest in their request to speak. In addition, the request should include a telephone number for notifying the speaker. The request should also include a brief summary of the issue or issues the speaker wishes to address, not to exceed one page. All e-mail requests must be submitted on or before Wednesday, October 17, 2001.

The number of persons desiring to speak at the conference may exceed the time available. Thus, interested persons are encouraged to join with other persons with similar interests. Based on the requests to participate, panels of speakers will be specified. The Secretary will issue a notice listing the speakers and panels for the conference.

In addition, all interested persons are invited to submit written comments on matters addressed at the conference. These comments should be submitted on or before November 9, 2001, in the above-captioned proceedings. All comments will be placed in the Commission's public files and will be available for inspection in the Commission's Public Reference Room at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, during regular business hours. Additionally, all comments may be viewed, printed, or downloaded remotely via the Internet through FERC's Homepage using the RIMS link. User assistance for RIMS is available at 202-208-2222, or by e-mail to rimsmaster@ferc.fed.us.

Comments related to this proceeding may be filed either in paper format or electronically. Those filing

electronically do not need to make a paper filing.

For paper filings, the original and 14 copies of the comments should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 and should refer to Docket No. EL01-68-000.

Comments filed electronically via the Internet must be prepared in WordPerfect, MS Word, Portable Document Format, or ASCII format. To file the comments, access the Commission's website at www.ferc.gov and click on "Make An E-Filing," and then follow the instructions for each screen. First time users will have to establish a user name and password. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgment to the sender's e-mail address upon receipt of comments. User assistance for electronic filing is available at 202-208-0258 or by e-mail to efiling@ferc.fed.us. Comments should not be submitted to the e-mail address.

The conference will be transcribed. Those interested in obtaining transcripts need to contact ACE Federal Reporters, at 202-347-3700.

The Capitol Connection will broadcast the conference via the Internet and by phone. To find out more about The Capitol Connection's live Internet and phone bridge, contact David Reiningger or Julia Morelli at 703-993-3100 or go to www.capitolconnection.gmu.edu.

Live and archived audio of the conference will also be available for a fee via National Narrowcast Network. Live audio is available by telephone at 202-966-2211 and by subscription on the Web at www.hearing.com. The Web audio will be archived and available for listening after the event is completed. Billing is based on listening time.

Anyone interested in purchasing videotapes of the conference should call VISCOM at 703-715-7999.

Questions about the conference program should be directed to: Camilla Ng, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, 202-208-0706, camilla.ng@ferc.fed.us.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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¹ See *San Diego Gas & Electric Company v. Sellers of Energy and Ancillary Service Into Markets Operated by the California Independent System Operator Corporation and the California Power Exchange*, 95 FERC ¶ 61,418 at 62,570 (2001).