

c. Date Filed: January 22, 2007
 d. Applicant: Ice House Partners, Inc.
 e. Name of Project: Ice House Power Project

f. Location: On the Nashua River in the Town of Ayer, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. The project does not utilize lands of the United States.

g. Filed Pursuant to: Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, 16 U.S.C. 2705, 2708

h. Applicant Contact: Liisa Dowd, Ice House Partners, Inc., 323 West Main Street, Ayer, MA 01432, (978) 772-3303

i. FERC Contact: Tom Dean, (202) 502-6041

j. Cooperating Agencies: We are asking Federal, state, and local agencies and Indian tribes 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 item l below.

k. Pursuant to Section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the application, and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

l. Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status: March 23, 2007.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on 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.

Additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status 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 at

(<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "eFiling" link.

m. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. Description of Project: The Ice House Power Project would consist of the existing facilities: (1) The 300-foot-long, 10-foot-high Ice House Dam consisting of a 210-foot-long spillway topped with flashboards; (2) a 137-acre reservoir with a normal full pond elevation of 215 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum; (3) a 50-foot-wide, 600-foot-long power canal; (4) a restored powerhouse containing two generating units with a total installed capacity of 270 kilowatts; and (5) appurtenant facilities. The project would have an average annual generation of 2,500 megawatt-hours.

o. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

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, contact FERC Online Support.

p. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the Massachusetts State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR 800.4.

q. Procedural schedule and final amendments: The application will be processed according to the following Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate. The Commission staff proposes to issue one environmental assessment rather than issue a draft and final EA. Comments, terms and conditions, recommendations, prescriptions, and reply comments, if any, will be addressed in an EA. Staff intends to give at least 30 days for entities to comment on the EA, and will take into consideration all comments received on the EA before final action is taken on the license application.

Issue Acceptance Letter or Deficiency Letter—April 2007.

Issue Scoping Document—May 2007.

Notice of application is ready for environmental analysis—July 2007.

Notice of the availability of the EA—November 2007.

Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

Magalie R. Salas,
 Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2985-004]

MeadWestvaco; Notice of Change in Applicant's Proposal Concerning the Redevelopment of the Willow Mill Hydroelectric Project

February 9, 2007.

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent (NOI) to File Application for a New License and Commencing Licensing Proceeding.

b. *Project No.:* 2985-004.

c. *Dated Filed:* April 14, 2006.

d. *Applicant:* MeadWestvaco.

e. *Name of Project:* Willow Mill Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Housatonic River in Berkshire County, Massachusetts. The project does not occupy federal lands.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Robert Miller, MeadWestvaco, 547A Sissonville Road, Potsdam, NY 13676, (315) 267-5609.

i. *FERC Contact:* Kristen Murphy, (202) 502-6236, or via e-mail at kristen.murphy@ferc.gov.

j. *The Willow Mill Project includes:* a 14-foot-high, 150-foot-wide stone masonry gravity dam; an impoundment of approximately 11 surface acres; a 10-foot-deep, 18-foot-wide rubble and masonry canal that runs approximately 50 feet to a 10-foot-deep, 18-foot wide, 260-foot long rubble and masonry underground headrace; two steel penstocks, one leading to a 100-kW unit, the other leading to a 360-kW unit. The two generating units are located in the basement of MeadWestvaco's paper mill, and release flow to an 8-foot-wide underground tailrace that reconnects to the Housatonic River approximately 700 feet downstream from Willow Mill Dam. The 360-kW unit has not been operated

since 1966. The 100-kW unit ceased operating in 2005.

k. In its PAD, MeadWestvaco stated it was evaluating its options relative to rehabilitating the 100 kW unit, or potentially increasing the overall hydraulic capacity of the facility. Pursuant to 18 CFR 5.11, MeadWestvaco filed a Proposed Study Plan on September 26, 2006. The plan included a Hydropower Redevelopment Study to evaluate the feasibility of rehabilitating the existing facility, replacing the generator units with newer models, or expanding the overall facility capacity. In its Revised Study Plan, filed January 23, 2007, MeadWestvaco withdrew the Hydropower Redevelopment Study proposal. Rather, MeadWestvaco now states that it will rehabilitate the 100-kW unit during 2007, and otherwise has no plans to upgrade or expand the project.

l. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.7, information on the project is available at: Ms. Patricia C. Begrowicz, MeadWestvaco, 40 Willow Street, South Lee, MA 01260.

m. Willow Mill Project information is 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 or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. Copies are also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph m.

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.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER06-615-004; Docket No. ER06-723-001; ER06-723-002; ER06-723-003]

California Independent System Operator Corporation; Notice Rescinding Period for Post-Technical Conference Comments

February 9, 2007.

On February 1, 2007, staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission convened a technical conference to address issues related to the California Independent System Operator Corporation's (CAISO) tariff, which reflects the Market Redesign and Technology Upgrade (MRTU) program. The purpose of the technical conference was to explore and discuss the CAISO's proposed methodology for allocating transmission import capacity in conjunction with resource adequacy requirements in the MRTU Tariff. Two notices were issued prior to the technical conference providing commentors until February 16, 2007, to file post-technical conference comments with the Commission.¹

This notice rescinds the previously-announced February 16, 2007 period to file post-technical conference comments with the Commission. Instead, commentors should submit their comments with the CAISO, consistent with the directions given by the CAISO in its February 7, 2007 market notice,² in anticipation of the CAISO preparation of a tariff filing under section 205³ of the Federal Power Act setting forth a methodology for allocating transmission import capacity in conjunction with resource adequacy requirements in the MRTU Tariff.

For more information, please contact Aileen Roder at 202-502-6022, aileen.roder@ferc.gov, or Shawn Bennett at 202-502-8930, shawn.bennett@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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¹ See Notice of Technical Conference, Docket No. ER06-615-004 (Dec. 27, 2006); See also Notice of Staff Technical Conference and Agenda, Docket No. ER06-615-004 (Jan. 18, 2007).

² California ISO Market Notice: Resource Adequacy Import Allocation Revision Process (Feb. 7, 2007), <http://www.caiso.com/1b7e/1b7ebe5238962.html>.

³ 16 U.S.C. 824d (2000).

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD07-7-000]

Conference on Competition in Wholesale Power Markets; Supplemental Notice of Conference

February 9, 2007.

As announced in the Notice of Conference issued on January 8, 2007, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will hold the first in a series of conferences on February 27, 2007, to examine the state of competition in wholesale power markets. The first conference will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (EST) at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in the Commission Meeting Room. All interested persons are invited to attend, and registration is not required.

The agenda for this conference, with a list of participating panelists, is attached. In order to allot sufficient time for questions and responses, each speaker will be provided with eight (8) minutes for prepared remarks. Due to the limitation of time, slides and graphic displays (e.g., PowerPoint® presentations) will not be permitted during the conference. Presenters who wish to distribute copies of their prepared remarks or handouts should bring 100 double-sided copies to the conference. Presenters who wish to include comments, presentations, or handouts in the record for this proceeding should file their comments with the Secretary of the Commission. Comments may either be filed on paper or electronically via the eFiling link on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Following the conference, any interested person will be permitted to file written comments in the above docket on or before March 13, 2007.

Transcripts of the conference will be immediately available from Ace Reporting Company (202-347-3700 or 1-800-336-6646) for a fee. They will be available for the public on the Commission's eLibrary system seven calendar days after FERC receives the transcript.

A free webcast of this event will be available through <http://www.ferc.gov>. Anyone with Internet access who desires to view this event can do so by navigating to www.ferc.gov's Calendar of Events and locating this event in the Calendar. The event will contain a link to its webcast. The Capitol Connection provides technical support for the free webcasts. It also offers access to this