

26. Madison Gas and Electric Company

[Docket No. ER01-1391-000]

Take notice that on March 2, 2001, Madison Gas and Electric Company (MGE) tendered for filing with the Commission a Notice of Cancellation of MGE's Rate Schedule FERC No. 14. MGE seeks to cancel Rate Schedule FERC No. 14 in its entirety, including all supplements. This would cancel MGE's Interchange Agreement with Wisconsin Electric Power Company, effective January 1, 2001, and is occasioned by the recent formation and commencement of operations of the American Transmission Company LLC.

Copies of this filing have been served on Wisconsin Electric Power Company, the American Transmission Company LLC and the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.

Comment date: March 23, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

27. Portland General Electric Company

[Docket No. ER01-1392-000]

Take notice that on March 2, 2001, Portland General Electric Company (PGE) tendered for filing under PGE's Final Rule pro forma tariff (FERC Electric Tariff First Revised Volume No. 8, Docket No. OA96-137-000), a letter of agreement for Energy Imbalance Service with Bonneville Power Administration.

A copy of this filing was caused to be served upon Bonneville Power Administration, as noted in the filing letter.

Comment date: March 23, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraphs

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. 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 motion to intervene. Copies of these filings are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

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David P. Boergers,*Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Project No. 11855-000]****JLH Hydro, Inc.; Notice of Public Scoping For The Environmental Assessment Evaluating Issuance of an Original Minor License For The Idols Hydroelectric Project**

March 8, 2001.

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and procedures of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Commission staff intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) that evaluates the environmental impacts of issuing an original minor license for the Idols Hydroelectric Project, No. 11855-000 to be located on the Yadkin River near the town of Clemmons in Davie and Forsyth counties, North Carolina. The project would not utilize federal lands.

The proposed project would consist of the following existing facilities: (1) A 10-foot-high, 660-foot-long, rubble masonry dam having an ungated 410-foot-long spillway; (2) a 1-mile-long, reservoir with a surface area of 35 acres, and no appreciable storage at normal pool elevation, 672.3 feet mean seal level; (3) a 900-foot-long, 100 to 150-foot-wide tailrace, separated from the main river channel by a 200-foot-long, concrete retaining wall and a mid-channel island; and (4) a 60-foot-long by 39-foot-wide brick utility building, which would contain the project's transformers.

The site's 146-foot-long by 36-foot-wide powerhouse, located at the northeast end of the dam, was a stone masonry and wood structure, which contained 6 vertical Francis-type turbines directly connected to 6 generators having a total installed capacity of 1,411 kilowatts. On February 8, 1998, a major fire destroyed the powerhouse's generators and electrical equipment as well as its wooden roof, walls, and floor.

The applicant proposes: (1) To use the project's existing dam, water intake structures, wicket gates, and turbines; (2) to reconstruct the powerhouse with a steel roof and red concrete block

walls; (3) to install 6 generators having a combined capacity of 1,440 kilowatts in the restored powerhouse structure; (4) to install 3 dry-type transformers in the utility building; (5) to improve the existing canoe take-out, portage trail, and put-in area around the dam's west side; and (6) to operate the project in a run-of-river mode to produce an average of 5,866,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity per year.

The EA will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental effects, if any, of the proposed action and reasonable alternatives, and will include an economic, financial, and engineering analysis. Preparation of staff's EA will be supported by a scoping process to ensure identification and analysis of all pertinent issues.

At this time, the Commission staff does anticipate holding any public or agency scoping meetings nor conducting a site visit. Rather, the Commission staff will issue one Scoping Document: (1) Outlining staff's preliminary evaluation of subject areas to be addressed in the EA; and (2) requesting concerned resource agencies, Native American tribes, non-governmental organizations, and individuals to provide staff with information on project area environmental resource issues that need to be evaluated in the EA.

The aforementioned scoping document will be provided to all entities and persons listed on the Commission's mailing list for the subject project. Those not on the mailing list for the Idols Hydroelectric Project may request a copy of the scoping document from Jim Haimes, the project's Environmental Coordinator, at (202) 219-2780 or by contacting him by E-mail at james.haimes@ferc.fed.us.

David P. Boergers,*Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. RM00-12-000]****Electronic Filing of Documents; Notice of Additional Qualified Documents for Electronic Filing**

March 8, 2001.

Take notice that beginning March 12, 2001, the Commission will accept Motions to Intervene and Comments on Proposed Rulemakings for filing via the Internet in lieu of paper copies.