

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission

[Project No. 1025-054]

Safe Harbor Water Power Corporation;
Notice of Availability of Environmental
Assessment

July 23, 2003.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486; 52 FR 47897), the staff of the Office of Energy Projects has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for an application requesting Commission approval to allow the York Water Company use of the Safe Harbor Project lands and waters to withdraw 12 million gallons-per-day from Lake Clarke on the Susquehanna River for a municipal water supply. The project is located on the Susquehanna River in Lancaster and York Counties, Pennsylvania. The subject land does not involve federal or tribal lands.

The EA was attached to the Order Approving Non-Project Use of Project Lands and Water, issued on July 17, 2003. The EA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the proposal and concludes that approval of the proposal would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room, or it may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number (prefaced by P- and excluding the last three digits, in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

For further information, contact Hillary Berlin at 202-502-8915.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory
CommissionNotice of Application Accepted for
Filing and Soliciting Comments,
Protests, and Motions To Intervene

July 23, 2003.

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

a. *Type of Application*: Preliminary Permit.

b. *Project No.*: 12335-000.

c. *Date filed*: August 13, 2002 and Supplemented on February 7, 2003.

d. *Applicant*: Universal Electric Power Corporation.

e. *Name and Location of Project*: The Rome Dam Hydroelectric Project would be located on the West Branch Ausable River in Clinton and Essex Counties, New York, at the existing Rome Dam owned by Mr. Stan Kivort. The proposed project would not utilize federal or tribal lands.

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

g. *Applicant contact*: Mr. Raymond Helter, Universal Electric Power Corporation, 1145 Highbrook Street, Akron, OH 44301, Telephone (330) 535-7115.

h. *FERC Contact*: Mr. Lynn R. Miles, (202) 502-8763.

i. *Deadline for filing comments, protests, and motions to intervene*: 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all interveners filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person in the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervener 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.

j. *Description of Project*: The proposed run-of-river project would consist of: (1) An existing 180-foot-long, 40-foot-high concrete dam, (2) an impoundment with a surface area of 8 acres and a storage capacity of 150 acre-feet at normal maximum water surface elevation of 628 feet m.s.l., (3) four proposed 80-foot-long, 2.2-foot-diameter penstocks, (4) a proposed powerhouse containing four generating units with a combined installed capacity of 7.75 megawatts, (5) a proposed 300-foot-long, 14.7-kv transmission line, and (6) appurtenant facilities. The project would have an average annual generation of 46 GWh.

k. This filing 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 "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail

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m. *Competing Preliminary Permit*: Anyone desiring to file a competing application for preliminary permit for a proposed project must submit the competing application itself, or a notice of intent to file such an application, to the Commission on or before the specified comment date for the particular application (see 18 CFR 4.36). Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing preliminary permit application no later than 30 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing preliminary permit application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

n. *Competing Development Application*: Any qualified development applicant desiring to file a competing development application must submit to the Commission, on or before a specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent to file a development application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

o. *Notice of Intent*: A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

p. *Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit*: A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis,