

Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Hydropower Administration and Compliance, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

r. **Agency Comments**—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

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Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Protests, and Motions To Intervene

October 7, 2002.

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.*: 12329-000.

c. *Date filed*: August 2, 2002.

d. *Applicant*: Universal Electric Power Corporation.

e. *Name and Location of Project*: The Jennings Randolph Dam Hydroelectric Project would be located on the North Branch Potomac River in Garrett County, Maryland and Mineral County, West Virginia, at the existing Jennings Randolph Dam administered by the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps).

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*: Tom Papsidero, (202) 502-6002.

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

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. Comments, protests, and interventions 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 under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. Please include the project number (P-12329-000) on any comments or motions filed.

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 project, using the Corps' existing Jennings Randolph Dam and Reservoir, would consist of: (1) a proposed 350-foot-long, 6-foot-diameter penstock, (2) a proposed powerhouse with an installed capacity of 2.6 megawatts, (3) a proposed 500-foot-long, 14.7-kv transmission line, and (4) appurtenant facilities. The project would operate in a run-of-river mode and would have an average annual generation of 8.4 GWh.

k. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website 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 ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov. For TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item g. above.

l. **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.

m. **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.

n. **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.

o. **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, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

p. **Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene**—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

q. **Filing and Service of Responsive Documents**—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION", "COMPETING APPLICATION",

“PROTEST”, or “MOTION TO INTERVENE”, as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission’s regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Hydropower Administration and Compliance, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564–7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 12, 2002 (67 FR 17992).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D–AFS–E60006–KY Rating EC2, Daniel Boone National Forest Land Exchange Project, Exchanging two Federal Tracts for 98.17 Acres of Privately Owned Land located in Owsley County, Federal Lands to be considered are Tract 107AB (52.15 acres) located on Langdon Branch in

Leslie County and Tract 745 (39.96 acres) located on Spicer Fork in Perry County, KY.

Summary

EPA expressed environmental concerns with potential adverse impacts from the proposed land exchange and reasonably foreseeable surface mining activities on the long-term quality of headwater streams. The final EIS should describe how the water quality of Buckhorn Lake will be protected.

ERP No. D–AFS–F65032–MN Rating EC2, Holmes/Chipmunk Timber Sale Project, Implementation, Superior National Forest, LaCroix Ranger District, Saint Louis County, MN.

Summary

EPA expressed environmental concerns with potential impacts to 219 acres of wetlands under the preferred alternative. The final EIS should describe restoration methodologies and the details of contingency mitigation measures.

ERP No. D–BLM–G65083–NM Rating EC2, Farmington Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Managing Public Lands within the Farmington Field Office (FFO) Boundaries and Federal Oil and Gas Resources within the New Mexico Portion of San Juan Basin, San Juan, McKinley, Rio Arriba and Sandoval Counties, NM.

Summary

EPA expressed environmental concerns for potential impacts to water quality, riparian habitat and air quality. The final EIS should give more detail on mitigation measures and discuss contrasts between the various alternatives.

ERP No. D–FHW–E40320–NC Rating EO1, US 321 Highway Improvement Project (TIP), from NC–1500 (Blackberry Road) north to U.S. 221 in Blowing Rock, Funding and U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit Issuance, Town of Blowing Rock, Caldwell and Watauga Counties, NC.

Summary

EPA expressed environmental objections to Alternative 4A due to impact to the Blue Ridge Escarpment and cut-and fill construction.

ERP No. D–FHW–E40795–NC Rating EC2, US–17 Interstate Corridor Improvements, south of NC–1127 (Possum Track Road) to north of NC–1418 (Roberson Road) Funding and Permit Issuance, City of Washington and Town of Chocowinity Vicinity, Beaufort and Pitt Counties, NC.

Summary

EPA had environmental concerns and requested more information regarding noise analysis, farmland losses, and mitigation of potential impacts.

ERP No. D–FHW–K40252–CA Rating EO2, Willits Freeway Bypass Project, Construction and Operation of a New Segment of U.S. 101, Funding, U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit, NPDES Permit and Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit, City of Willits, Mendocino County, CA.

Summary

EPA expressed environmental objections to the magnitude of impact to waters of the U.S. from the proposed project. Additionally, sufficient information regarding feasibility and commitment to appropriate mitigation measures was not provided. EPA had concerns about the scope of analysis, indirect and cumulative impacts, and the avoidance and minimization of these impacts.

ERP No. D–NPS–K65365–AZ Rating LO, Navajo National Monument, General Management Plan and Development Concept Plan, Implementation, Navajo Counties, AZ.

Summary

EPA expressed lack of objections and supports protecting cultural and natural resources and providing improved visitor services by emphasizing partnerships with tribes and other stakeholders.

ERP No. D–USN–D52000–00 Rating EC1, Introduction of F/A 18 E/F (Super Hornet) Aircraft, Replacing the F–14 (TOMCAT) and F/A–18 C/D (Hornet) Aircraft, Homebasing and Operation, Possible Homebase sites include Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana, VA; Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Beaufort, SC and MCAS Cherry Point.

Summary

EPA expressed environmental concern regarding noise impacts associated with the introduction of the Super Hornet aircraft. EPA believes that Alternative 6 would have lesser overall adverse consequences to the natural environment than Alternative 4A.

Final EISs

ERP No. F–AFS–F05123–00, Adoption—Bond Falls Hydroelectric Project, New License Issuance for an Existing Hydroelectric License (FECR No. 1864–005), Ontonagon River Basin, Ontonagon and Gogebic Counties, MI and Vilas County, WI.