

Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas Branch 1.
- Reference Docket No. CP04–34–000.

- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before February 23, 2004.

Please note that we are continuing to experience delays in mail deliveries from the U.S. Postal Service. As a result, we will include all comments that we receive within a reasonable time frame in our environmental analysis of this project. However, the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of any comments or interventions or protests to this proceeding. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link and the link to the User's Guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create a free account which can be created on-line.

We may mail the EA for comment. If you are interested in receiving it, please return the Information Request (appendix 4). If you do not return the Information Request, you will be taken off the mailing list.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor." Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 2).⁴ Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

⁴ Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

Environmental Mailing List

An effort is being made to send this notice to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1–866–208–FERC or on the FERC Internet website (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance with eLibrary, the eLibrary helpline can be reached at 1–866–208–3676, TTY (202) 502–8659, or at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov. The eLibrary link on the FERC Internet Web site also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission now offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries and direct links to the documents. Go to <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm>.

Finally, public meetings or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx> along with other related information.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 287–009]

Midwest Hydro Inc.; Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions

January 20, 2004.

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

a. *Type of Application:* New major license.

b. *Project No.:* 287–009.

c. *Date Filed:* April 8, 2002.

d. *Applicant:* Midwest Hydro Inc.

e. *Name of Project:* Dayton Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Fox River near the City of Dayton, in La Salle County, Illinois. The project does not occupy Federal lands.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Loyal Gake, Midwest Hydro Inc., 116 State Street, P.O. Box 167, Neshkoro, WI 54960 (920) 293–4628.

i. *FERC Contact:* Tom Dean at (202) 502–6041, thomas.dean@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice, reply comments due 105 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. Documents 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 (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "eFiling" link.

The Commission's rules of practice and procedure 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.

k. *Status of environmental analysis:* This application is ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. *Description of Project:* The existing project consists of: (1) A 23-foot-high, 594-foot-long arch buttress concrete dam; (2) a 200-foot-long earthen embankment; (3) a concrete head gate structure with four 15.5-foot-wide by 9.5-foot-high wooden gates; (4) a 900-foot-long, 135-foot-wide power canal; (5) a 200-acre reservoir with a normal storage capacity of 605 area-feet, at a normal pool elevation of 498.90 mean sea level; (6) a powerhouse containing three generating units with a combined capacity of 3,680 kW; and (7) appurtenant facilities.

m. 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 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. 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/esubsribenow.htm> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support. To view upcoming FERC events, go to www.ferc.gov and click on "View Entire Calendar".

Anyone may obtain an extension of time for these deadlines from the Commission only upon a showing of good cause or extraordinary circumstances in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2008.

All filings must: (1) Bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "REPLY COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b), and 385.2010.

n. *Procedures schedule:* The Commission staff proposes to issue one Environmental Assessment (EA) rather than issuing a draft and final EA. Staff intends to allow 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. The application will be processed according to the following schedule, but revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate:

Issue notice of availability of EA: June 2004.

Ready for Commission decision on the application: August 2004.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER02-1656-017 and EL03-216-001]

California Independent System Operator Corporation; Notice of Agenda of Staff Technical Conference

January 21, 2004.

As announced in the Notice of Technical Conference issued on December 16, 2003, the Commission Staff will convene a technical conference on January 28-29, 2004, to discuss with state representatives and market participants in California various substantive issues related to the California Independent System Operator's (CAISO) Revised MD02 proposal, including the flexible offer obligation proposal, the residual unit commitment process, pricing for constrained-output generators, marginal losses, and ancillary services and other market efficiency issues not related to the mitigation of market power. The market power mitigation issues will be discussed at the technical conference proposed to be held in San Francisco, California in early March 2004.

The conference will focus on the six issue areas identified in the agenda, which is appended to this notice. The discussion of each topic on the conference agenda will begin with a short presentation by the Commission Staff to frame the issue, followed by an open discussion amongst all participants. Participants are encouraged to be prepared to discuss the issues substantively.

The conference will begin at 9 a.m. eastern time on both days, and will adjourn at 5 p.m. eastern time on January 29, 2004. The conference will be held in the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC. The conference is open for the public to attend, and registration is not required.

For more information about the conference, please contact: Olga

Kolotushkina at (202) 502-6024 or at olga.kolotushkina@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

Agenda for January 28-29 Staff Technical Conference

*I. Flexible Offer Obligation Proposal*¹

- How will the implementation of this proposal affect day-ahead (DA) and real-time (RT) market timelines?
- To what extent does the Flexible Offer Obligation provide adequate incentive to suppliers to participate in CAISO's markets and provide CAISO with the reliability it needs?
- Explain why, if at all, slow-start units present special circumstances that justify exempting them from the Flexible Offer Obligation requirements. What are the alternatives for a slow-start unit to protect itself from unrecovered start-up and minimum-load costs by bidding into the DA market?

*II. Residual Unit Commitment (RUC) Issues*²

- Energy Procurement Target.
- Why is energy procurement needed if procured capacity can ensure reliability?
- Explain what impacts the procurement of energy could have on the DA market, e.g., discouraging load from bidding.
- Would energy purchased through RUC receive a different price than energy procured from the DA market? Explain.
- Who would pay for energy that was procured but ultimately not needed?
- Treatment of and obligations for imports.
- Explain the extent to which the purchase of only capacity (not energy) gives imports sufficient incentive to acquire the necessary transmission capacity across the ties.
- Rescission of RUC availability payment.
- How does the RUC availability payment differ from a call option?
- How does the RUC availability payment differ from offering operating reserve capacity?
- Netting of start-up/minimum load (SU/ML) costs.
- What are the pros and cons of permitting units that are committed in the DA market to receive payment to cover SU/ML costs in the DA market and retain all revenues for subsequent sales?
- Obligations from commitment in DA market and RUC.
- Explain how, if at all, units committed to supply capacity in RUC are obligated to offer energy in real time. What are the impacts to markets?
- Discussion of use of daily or monthly gas indices in cost-based option for SU/ML costs.

*III. Ancillary Services (A/S)*³

- To what extent should the ISO have well-defined, transparent A/S procurement rules? How much flexibility should the ISO have in determining when to purchase needed A/S? What are the impacts?

¹ See California Independent System Operator Corporation, 105 FERC ¶ 61,140 (2003) (October 28 Order) at P 217-232.

² See October 28 Order at P 99-130.

³ See October 28 Order at P 79-84.