

20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). 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. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date, and, to the extent applicable, must be served on the applicant and on any other person designated on the official service list. This filing is available for review at the Commission 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 (202) 502-8222 or TTY, (202) 502-8659. 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.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions

November 3, 2003.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* New License Application.

b. *Project No.:* 2726-012.

c. *Date Filed:* July 29, 2002.

d. *Applicants:* Idaho Power Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Upper and Lower Malad Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the Malad River in Gooding County, Idaho, near the town of Hagerman. The project does not occupy any federal lands.

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

h. *Applicant Contacts:* Mr. Lewis Wardle, Project Manager, Hydro

Relicensing Department, Idaho Power Company, PO Box 70, Boise, ID 83707, (208) 388-2964.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to John Blair at (202) 502-6092 or e-mail at john.blair@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions:* 60 days from the issuance 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.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all interveners 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 interveners file 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.

Comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions 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 (www.ferc.gov) under the "e-Filing" link.

k. This application has been accepted and is ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. The existing upper development consists of: (1) A concrete diversion dam consisting of a 100-foot-long gated spillway section and a 44-foot-wide flume intake section; (2) an impoundment approximately 0.9 acre in surface area having a total volume of about 5 acre-feet; (3) a 4,635-foot-long, 15-foot-wide concrete flume having an 80-foot-long overflow spillway with three reject siphons located 304.5 feet upstream of the penstock intake structure; (4) a 105-foot-long, 5-foot-high diversion dam diverting Cove Creek flows to the flume via a 90-foot-long, 3-foot-radius semi-circular steel aqueduct; (5) an 80.5-foot-long, 21-foot-wide concrete intake structure; (6) a 238-foot-long, 10-foot-diameter welded steel penstock; (7) a reinforced concrete powerhouse containing one vertical Francis turbine generator having an installed capacity of 8.27 megawatts (MW); (8) a 0.76-mile-long, 46-kilovolt transmission line running from the powerhouse to the Hagerman substation; and (9) appurtenant facilities.

The existing lower development consists of: (1) A concrete diversion dam located immediately downstream of the upper development powerhouse consisting of a 163-foot-long gated spillway section and a 56-foot-wide flume intake section; (2) an impoundment approximately 0.7 acre in surface area having a total volume of about 5 acre-feet; (3) a 5,318-foot-long, 17-foot-wide concrete flume having a 250-foot-long reject overflow spillway located 2,194 feet upstream of the penstock intake structure and a reject overflow structure located 157 feet upstream of the penstock intake structure; (4) an 85-foot-long, 23-foot-wide concrete intake structure; (5) a 301-foot-long, 12-foot-diameter welded steel penstock; (6) a reinforced concrete powerhouse containing one vertical Francis turbine generator having an installed capacity of 13.5 MW; 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 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, call (866) 208-3676 or for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in Item h above.

n. The Commission directs, pursuant to section 4.34(b) of the Regulations (see Order No. 533 issued May 8, 1991, 56 FR 23108, May 20, 1991) that all comments, recommendations, terms and conditions and prescriptions concerning the application be filed with the Commission within 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

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.

o. *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.

Notice of the availability of the draft EA: April 2004

Initiate 10(j) process: April 2004

Notice of the availability of the final EA: August 2004

Ready for Commission decision on the application: October 2004

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

Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission, Soliciting Additional Study Requests, and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Re-licensing and a Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

November 3, 2003.

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.*: 2114-116.

c. *Date Filed*: October 29, 2003.

d. *Applicant*: Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, WA.

e. *Name of Project*: Priest Rapids Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location*: On the Columbia River in portions of Grant, Yakima, Kittitas, Douglas, Benton, and Chelan counties, Washington. The project occupies federal lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Energy, Department of the Army, and Fish and Wildlife Service.

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

h. *Applicant Contact*: Ms. Laurel Heacock, Licensing Manager, Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, 30 C Street SW, Ephrata, Washington 98823, telephone (509) 754-6622.

i. *FERC Contact*: Charles Hall, telephone (202) 502-6853, e-mail Charles.Hall@ferc.gov.

j. *Cooperating agencies*: We are asking Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies 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 § 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*: December 22, 2003.

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 (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

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

n. The project includes two developments with a total authorized capacity of 1,755 megawatts (MW) as follows:

(a) The Wanapum development consisting of a dam 186.5 feet high and 8,637 feet long with upstream fish

passage facilities, a reservoir with an approximate surface area of 14,680 acres, a powerhouse with ten turbine-generator units with a total nameplate capacity of 900 MW, transmission lines, and appurtenant facilities.

(b) The Priest Rapids development consisting of a dam 179.5 feet high and 10,103 feet long with upstream fish passage facilities, a reservoir with an approximate surface area of 7,725 acres, a powerhouse with ten turbine-generator units with a total nameplate capacity of 855 MW, transmission lines, and appurtenant facilities.

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 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/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email 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 WASHINGTON 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.

Issue Acceptance letter: January 2004

Issue Scoping Document 1 for

comments: January 2004

Issue Scoping Document 2: April 2004

Notice of application is ready for environmental analysis: April 2004

Notice of the availability of the draft NEPA document: December 2004

Notice of the availability of the final NEPA document: August 2005

Ready for Commission's decision on the application: August 2005

Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance