

15. Central Vermont Public Service Corporation

[Docket No. ER03-226-000]

Take notice that on November 26, 2002, Central Vermont Public Service Corporation (CVPS) tendered for filing the Forecast 2003 Cost Report required under Paragraph Q-2 on Original Sheet No. 19 of the Rate Schedule FERC No. 135 (RS-2 rate schedule) under which CVPS sells electric power to Connecticut Valley Electric Company Inc. (Customer). CVPS states that the Cost Report reflects changes to the RS-2 rate schedule which were approved by the Commission's June 6, 1989 order in Docket No. ER88-456-000. The Forecast 2003 Cost Report supports rates that represent a decrease of \$1,266,280 for estimated non-energy costs in 2003.

Copies of the filing were served upon the Customer, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, and the Vermont Public Service Board.

Comment Date: December 17, 2002.

16. Duke Energy Corporation

[Docket No. ER03-227-000]

Take notice that on November 25, 2002, Duke Energy Corporation, on behalf of Duke Power and Duke Electric Transmission, (collectively, Duke), tendered for filing an amended Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement (NITSA) between Duke and the City of Seneca, South Carolina. Duke seeks an effective date of November 1, 2002 for the amended NITSA.

Comment Date: December 16, 2002.

17. SP Newsprint Co.

[Docket No. QF03-34-000]

Take notice that on November 27, 2002, SP Newsprint Co., 1301 Wynooski Street, P. O. Box 70, Newberg, Oregon 97123, tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) a Notice of Application for Commission Certification of Qualifying Status of a Cogeneration Facility pursuant to Section 292.207(b) of the Commission's regulations. No determination has been made that the submittal constitutes a complete filing.

The new cogeneration facility will be located at the applicant's recycled content newsprint mill in Newberg, Oregon, and will consist of two natural gas-fired turbine generators combined with two heat recovery steam generators. The power output and steam recovered from the facility will be substantially used in the papermaking process. Surplus power and capacity not needed for the papermaking process may be sold to Pacific Northwest utilities or energy marketers. SP Newsprint currently purchases electric

energy from PGE. PGE may provide the applicant with a variety of services including interconnection, wheeling, and ancillary services. In addition to PGE, it is anticipated that Bonneville Power Administration may provide wheeling and transmission services for the facility. The energy source for the facility will be natural gas. The maximum net electric power production capacity of the new cogeneration facility will be approximately 100 MW. The facility is expected to be in commercial operation by July 2003.

Comment Date: December 27, 2002.

Standard Paragraph

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing should file 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). 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, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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

December 3, 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.:* 12248-000.

c. *Date filed:* June 18, 2002.

d. *Applicant:* Iron Bridge Hydro, LLC.

e. *Name and Location of Project:* The Iron Bridge Dam Hydroelectric Project would be located on the Sabine River in Van Zandt, Hunt, and Rains Counties, Texas. The project would utilize a dam owned by the Sabine River Authority of Texas. The project would not occupy Federal or Tribal lands.

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

g. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Brent Smith, President, Northwest Power Services, Inc., P.O. Box 535, Rigby, ID 83442, (208) 745-0834.

h. *FERC Contact:* Elizabeth Jones (202) 502-8246.

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-12248-000) 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 would operate in a run-of-river mode and would consist of: (1) An

existing concrete dam 85-foot high, and 29,080-foot-crest-length, (2) an existing reservoir with a surface area of 36,015 acres, a storage capacity of 1,660,000 acre-feet, and a normal maximum water surface elevation of 438 feet, (3) a proposed 96-inch steel penstock approximately 200 feet long, (4) a proposed powerhouse containing one turbine with a total installed capacity of 2 MW, (5) a proposed switchyard, (6) approximately three miles of proposed 25kV transmission line, and (7) appurtenant facilities.

The project would have an estimated annual generation of 1.8 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 FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. For TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at Iron Bridge Hydro, LLC, 975 South State Highway, Logan, UT 84321, (435) 752-2580.

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", "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.

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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Recreation Plan Amendment and Soliciting Motions To Intervene, Protests, and Comments

December 3, 2002.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Amendment of Recreation Plan.

b. *Project No.:* P-2113-148.

c. *Date filed:* October 4, 2002.

d. *Applicant:* Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company.

e. *Name and Location of Project:* This amendment will affect project lands on the shores of the Rice development, located on the Tomahawk River in Lincoln and Oneida Counties, Wisconsin. The Rice reservoir is composed of three lakes: Nokomis Lake, Bridge Lake, and Deer Lake. The project utilizes U.S. Forest Service lands within the Nicolet and Ottawa National Forests and lands of the Lac Vieux Desert Bank of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians. This project does not include any hydroelectric generating facilities.

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

g. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Robert Gall, President, Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company, 2301 North Third Street, Wausau, Wisconsin.

h. *FERC Contact:* Elizabeth Jones (202) 502-8246.

i. *Deadline for filing comments, protests, and motions to intervene:* January 3, 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. 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