

**3. Bangor Hydro-Electric Company, Central Maine Power Company, NSTAR Electric & Gas Corporation, on behalf of its affiliates: Boston Edison Company, Commonwealth Electric Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company, Canal Electric Company, New England Power Company; Northeast Utilities Service Company, on behalf of its operating company affiliates: The Connecticut Light and Power Company, Western Massachusetts Electric Company, Public Service Company of New Hampshire, Holyoke Power and Electric Company, Holyoke Water Power Company, The United Illuminating Company, Vermont Electric Power Company, Central Vermont Public Service Company, and Green Mountain Power Corporation**

[Docket No. ER04-157-000]

Take notice that on November 4, 2003, Bangor Hydro-Electric Company, Central Maine Power Company, NSTAR Electric & Gas Corporation, New England Power Company, Northeast Utilities Service Company, The United Illuminating Company, Vermont Electric Power Company, Central Vermont Public Service Corporation, and Green Mountain Power Corporation (collectively, the New England Transmission Owners) filed, pursuant to section 205 of the Federal Power Act, a request for approval of a return on common equity component of the regional and local transmission rates under the Regional Transmission Organization for New England (RTO-NE) open access transmission tariff.

The New England Transmission Owners state that they are serving a copy of this filing on the Governors and utility regulatory commissions of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. The New England Transmission Owners further state that a copy of the filing is being served electronically on Participants in the New England Power Pool (NEPOOL) and the filing has been electronically posted on the RTO-NE Web site (<http://www.rto-ne.com/>) under the heading "Legal Filings," and those New England transmission customers (including customers under the local tariffs of the New England Transmission Owners) that are not Participants in NEPOOL have been provided notice of such posting. The New England Transmission Owners state that they will provide a hard copy of this filing to any interested party upon request; to the extent that such notice procedures do not technically comply with any of the service requirements set forth in the

Commission's regulations, the New England Transmission Owners request waiver of such requirements to permit service of this filing in the manner described above.

*Comment Date:* December 1, 2003.

**4. ISO New England Inc., Bangor Hydro-Electric Company, Central Maine Power Company, NSTAR Electric & Gas Corporation, on behalf of its affiliates: Boston Edison Company, Commonwealth Electric Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company, Canal Electric Company, New England Power Company, Northeast Utilities Service Company, on behalf of its operating company affiliates: The Connecticut Light and Power Company, Western Massachusetts Electric Company, Public Service Company of New Hampshire, Holyoke Power and Electric Company, Holyoke Water Power Company, The United Illuminating Company, and Vermont Electric Power Company**

[Docket Nos. RT04-2-000 and ER04-116-000]

Take notice that on October 31, 2003, ISO New England Inc., Bangor Hydro-Electric Company, Central Maine Power Company, NSTAR Electric & Gas Corporation, New England Power Company, Northeast Utilities Service Company, The United Illuminating Company and Vermont Electric Power Company (collectively, Filing Parties) filed, pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act and in accordance with Order No. 2000, a request for approval of a regional transmission organization for New England.

The Filing Parties states that they are serving a copy of the request on the Governors and utility regulatory commissions of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont, and New England transmission customers that are not participants in the New England Power Pool (NEPOOL). Filing Parties further state that a copy of the request is being served electronically on the NEPOOL Participants and a copy is being posted on the website of ISO New England Inc.

*Comment Date:* December 1, 2003.

#### **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 filed 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**

[Project No. 8657-064]

#### **Virginia Hydrogeneration and Historical Society, L.C.; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment**

November 14, 2003.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (FERC Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects staff (staff) reviewed the Order Proposing Revocation of License for the Harvell Dam Project, located on the Appomattox River in Petersburg, Virginia, and prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed action at the project. In this EA, staff analyzed the potential environmental effects of the revocation of license and concluded that the revocation, or any other alternative considered, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC

20426 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, call toll-free 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Any comments should be filed with the Commission by December 15, 2003, and should be addressed to Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please affix "Harvell Dam Project No. 8657-064" to all comments. Please provide an original and seven copies of comments. For further information, please contact Monica Maynard at (202) 502-6013, or at [monica.maynard@ferc.gov](mailto:monica.maynard@ferc.gov).

Comments 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 at <http://www.ferc.gov> 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**

[Project No. 11659-002, Alaska]

**Gustavus Electric Company; Notice of Intention to Hold Public Meetings on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Falls Creek Hydroelectric Project and Land Exchange**

November 13, 2003.

On November 7, 2003, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Falls Creek Hydroelectric Project and Land Exchange was noticed in the **Federal Register** by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The DEIS was prepared jointly by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the National Park Service. The DEIS evaluates the environmental

consequences of issuing a license for the construction and operation of the Falls Creek Hydroelectric Project on the Kahtaheena River (Falls Creek), the exchange of Federal land within Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve with state land, and the removal of land from wilderness designation and the designation of other land as wilderness.

Comments on the DEIS are due by January 6, 2004. All comments should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments 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.

Commission and National Park Service staff will conduct public meetings to present the DEIS findings, answer questions about the findings, and solicit public comment. The public meetings will be recorded by a court reporter, and all meeting statements (oral or written) will become part of the public record for this proceeding.

The meetings will be held at the following locations:

*December 8, 2003:* City Hall, Hoonah, Alaska.

*December 9, 2003:* Gustavus School—Multi-Purpose Room, Gustavus, Alaska.

*December 10, 2003:* Hammond Room—Centennial Hall, 101 Egan Drive, Juneau, Alaska.

*December 11, 2003:* Glacier Room—Clarion Suites, 325 W. 8th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska.

Each meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and end at 9 p.m.

For further information or copies of the DEIS, please contact Bob Easton (FERC) at (202) 502-6045 or Bruce Greenwood (NPS) at (907) 644-3527.

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 11859-002]

**Arizona Independent Power, Inc.; Notice of Surrender of Preliminary Permit**

November 14, 2003.

Take notice that Arizona Independent Power, Inc., permittee for the proposed Azipco Pumped Storage Project, has requested that its preliminary permit be terminated. The permit was issued on February 16, 2001, and would have expired on January 31, 2004.<sup>1</sup> The project would have been located on Beardsley Canal in Maricopa County, Arizona.

The permittee filed the request on September 25, 2003, and the preliminary permit for Project No. 11859 shall remain in effect through the thirtieth day after issuance of this notice unless that day is a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday as described in 18 CFR 385.2007, in which case the permit shall remain in effect through the first business day following that day. New applications involving this project site, to the extent provided for under 18 CFR part 4, may be filed on the next business day.

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project Nos. 11933-001, 11935-001 and 11938-001]

**Bliss-Gooding Highway Hydropower, Inc., et al.; Notice of Surrender of Preliminary Permits**

November 14, 2003.

Take notice that the permittees for the subject projects have requested to surrender their preliminary permits. Sufficient preliminary engineering and financial studies have determined that the projects would not be economically feasible.

Project No.	Project Name	Stream	State	Expiration date
11933-001 .....	Bliss-Gooding Highway .....	Malad River .....	ID .....	09-30-2004
11935-001 .....	Inlet Project .....	Jim Byrns Slough .....	ID .....	11-30-2004

<sup>1</sup> 94 FERC ¶62,153.