

must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

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

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

l. The existing Dam No. 5 Hydro Station Project consists of: (1) A 100-foot-long, 80-foot-wide headrace; (2) a brick and concrete powerhouse containing two generating units with a total installed capacity of 1,210 kilowatts; (3) a 250-foot-long, 90-foot-wide tailrace; (4) a substation; and (5) appurtenant facilities. The applicant estimates that the total average annual generation would be 5,945 megawatthours. All generated power is sold to Allegheny Power for use in the existing electric grid system serving West Virginia and Maryland.

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 "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call 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.

n. *Scoping Process:* The Commission staff intends to prepare a Multiple Project Environmental Assessment (MPEA) for the Dam No. 4 Hydro Station Project (FERC No. 2561-026) and the Dam No. 5 Hydro Station Project (FERC No. 2517-012) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The MPEA will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts and reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. The staff believes that combining both the projects into one environmental document would provide the best approach for analyzing potential cumulative environmental effects associated with both projects located relatively close to one another on the Potomac River.

Commission staff do not propose to conduct any on-site scoping meetings at this time. Instead, we will solicit comments, recommendations, information, and alternatives by issuing a Scoping Document (SD).

Copies of the SD outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the EA were distributed to the parties on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of the

SD may be viewed on the web 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 1-866-208-3676 or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

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[Docket No. AD03-3-000]

Capital Availability for Energy Markets; Notice of Technical Conference

December 20, 2002.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is planning two technical conferences on capital finance and credit in energy markets. The first will be on capital availability for energy infrastructure. It is scheduled for Thursday, January 16, 2003 at FERC headquarters, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC, in the Commission Meeting Room (Room 2C). The second, scheduled for February 5, covering credit issues and potential solutions, is still in the formative stages.

The January 16 conference is for the purpose of evaluating the status of capital available to energy markets and infrastructure. Speakers will include representatives of investment banks, commercial banks, insurance companies, hedge funds, credit rating agencies and other similar institutions as well as market participants and end users. In addition to FERC, representatives of other relevant agencies will attend.

We look forward to an informative discussion of the issues to clarify the state of financial investment in energy. Contradictory anecdotal reports on availability and unavailability of financial backing needs to be cleared up to ensure that adequate, well-functioning energy markets and infrastructure is available to enable workable, competitive markets.

The one-day meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 5 p.m. All interested parties are invited to attend. There is no registration fee.

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Additionally, live and archived audio of FERC public meetings are available for a fee via National Narrowcast Network's Hearings.com, and Hearing-On-The-Line services. Interested parties may listen to the conference live by phone or web. Hearings.com audio will be archived immediately for listening on demand after the event is completed. Call (202) 966-2211 for further details.

The Agenda is currently being firmed up. We will issue further details on the conference, including the Agenda and a list of participants, as plans evolve. For additional information, please contact Anita Herrera of the Office of Market Oversight & Investigations at 202-502-8150 or by e-mail, Anita.Herrera@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas,
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Revised Public Utility Filing Requirements; Notice Providing Detail on Electric Quarterly Reports Software Availability and Announcing Schedule for Software Demonstrations

December 20, 2002.

The Commission issued an order on December 18, 2002, instructing all public utilities to file Electric Quarterly Reports using software available on its Web site beginning with the report due on or before January 31, 2003. The order ends the interim filing format and fully implements Order No. 2001,¹ a final rule which requires public utilities to file Electric Quarterly Reports.² This

¹ Revised Public Utility Filing Requirements, Order No. 2001, 67 FR 31043, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,127 (April 25, 2002); reh'g denied, Order No. 2001-A, 100 FERC ¶ 61,074, reconsideration and clarification denied, Order No. 2001-B, 100 FERC ¶ 61,342 (2002).

² Respondents are reminded that complete contract data, including all active contracts under 18 CFR part 35, are required beginning with this quarter's filing.