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Upper Peninsula Power Company; Notice of Public Scoping Meeting

[Project No. 1864-005]

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The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has received an application for a new license (relicense) for the existing project operated by the Upper Peninsula Power Company (UPPCo) on the Ontonagon River system in the western part of Michigan's Upper Peninsula and a small portion of neighboring Wisconsin. The project includes four developments: Bond Falls, Bergland, Cisco, and Victoria.

Upon review of the application, supplemental filings and intervenor submittals, the Commission staff concludes that, given the location and interaction of the project with other projects nearby, staff will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that describes and evaluates the probable impacts of the applicant's proposals and alternatives for the project.

One element of the EIS process is scoping. Scoping activities are initiated early to:

- Identify reasonable alternative operational procedures and environmental enhancement measures that should be evaluated in the EIS;
- Identify significant environmental issues related to the operation of the existing project;
- Determine the depth of analysis for issues that will be discussed in the EIS; and
- Identify resource issues that are of lesser importance and, consequently, do not require detailed analysis in the EIS.

Scoping Meetings

Commission staff will conduct three public meetings for the Bond Falls Project. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend any of the planned meetings and help staff identify the scope of environmental issues that should and should not be analyzed in the Bond Falls EIS.

Two scoping meetings will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 1996, at the Best Western Porcupine Mountain Lodge in Silver, City, MI. The first meeting will be held from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, EST, and will be oriented toward resource agency concerns. The second meeting will be held in the evening from 7:30 PM to 10:00 PM, EST, and will be oriented toward public participation.

A third scoping meeting will be held on Thursday, January 11, 1996, at the Sylvania Visitor Center in Watersmeet, MI. The meeting will be held in the evening from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM, EST, and will be oriented toward public participation.

Procedures

The meetings, which will be recorded by a stenographer, will become part of the formal record of the Commission's proceeding on the Bond Falls Project. Individuals presenting statements at the meetings will be asked to sign in before the meeting starts and to identify themselves for the record.

Concerned parties are encouraged to speak during the public meeting. Speaking time allowed for individuals will be determined before each meeting, based on the number of persons wishing to speak and the approximate amount of time available for the session. All speakers will be provided at least 5 minutes to present their views.

Objectives of the Scoping Meetings

At the scoping meetings, the staff will:

- Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the EIS;
- Identify resource issues that are of lesser importance and, therefore, do not require detailed analysis;
- Solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantifiable data, concerning significant local resources; and
- Encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EIS.

Information Requested

Federal and state resource agencies, local government officials, interested groups, area residents, and concerned individuals are requested to provide any information they believe will assist the Commission staff to analyze the environmental impacts associated with relicensing the project. The types of information sought include the following:

- Data, reports, and resource plans that characterize the baseline physical, biological, or social environments in the vicinity of the projects; and

- Information and data that helps staff identify or evaluate significant environmental issues.

Scoping information and associated comments should be submitted to the Commission no later than January 31, 1996. Written comments should be provided at the scoping meeting or mailed to the Commission, as follows: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426.

All filings sent to the Secretary of the Commission should contain an original and 8 copies. Failure to file an original and 8 copies may result in appropriate staff not receiving the benefits of your comments in a timely manner. See 18 CFR 4.34(h).

All correspondence should clearly show the following caption on the first page:

FERC Project No. 1864: Bond Falls

Intervenors and interceders (as defined in 18 CFR 385.2010) who file documents with the Commission are reminded of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure requiring them to serve a copy of all documents filed with the Commission on each person whose name is listed on the official service list for this proceeding. See 18 CFR 4.34(b).

For further information, please contact Frankie Green at (202) 501-7704.

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West Texas Gas, Inc.; Notice of Filing

December 6, 1995.

Take notice that on December 1, 1995, West Texas Gas, Inc. (WTG) filed Seventeenth Revised Sheet No. 4 to its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, proposed to be effective January 1, 1996. WNG states that this tariff sheet and the accompanying explanatory schedules constitute WTG's quarterly PGA filing submitted in accordance with the Commission's purchased gas adjustments regulations.

WTG states that copies of the filing were served upon WTG's customers and interested state commissions.

Any persons desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.211