

f. *Location*: The project is located on the White River in Taney County, Missouri.

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

h. *Applicant Contact*: Tom Snyder, Empire District Electric Company, 3135 State Highway “Y”, Forsyth, MO 65653. Tel: (417) 625–5100 ext. 2580.

i. *FERC Contact*: Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Mr. Vedula Sarma at (202) 219–3273 or by e-mail at [vedula.sarma@ferc.fed.us](mailto:vedula.sarma@ferc.fed.us).

j. *Deadline for filing comments and/or motions*: November 30, 2001.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, 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.

Please include the project number (2221–027) on any comments or motions filed.

k. *Description of Filing*: The licensee proposes to replace the four 1930 vintage Francis waterwheels, with new stainless steel waterwheels that are being designed to fit in the same hole and bolt to the same shaft and generator as the original wheel. The new waterwheel will pass approximately 300 cfs and thereby increases the total hydraulic capacity of the plant from 5,800 to 7,200 cfs. Even though, the turbine capacity would be increased by 30 percent, the installed capacity would not change since there are no plans to upgrade the generators.

l. *Locations of the Application*: A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission’s Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208–1371. This filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the “RIMS” link, select “Docket#” and follow the instructions (call 202–208–2222 for assistance).

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission’s mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *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, 385.211, 385.214. 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.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents*—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title “COMMENTS”, “RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS”, “PROTEST”, OR “MOTION TO INTERVENE”, as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

p. *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.

David P. Boergers,  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Request To Use Alternative Procedures in Preparing a License Application

October 24, 2001.

Take notice that the following request to use alternative procedures to prepare a license application has been filed with the Commission.

a. *Type of Application*: Request to use alternative procedures to prepare an original license application.

b. *Project No.*: 11894.

c. *Date filed*: October 19, 2001.

d. *Applicant*: Rugraw, Inc.

e. *Name of Project*: Lassen Lodge Project.

f. *Location*: On the South Fork Of Battle Creek, near the town of Mineral in Tehama County, California. The project would not be located on federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791(a)–825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact*: Arthur Hagood, Vice President, Synergics Centre,

Synergics Energy Services (Synergics), 191 Main Street, Annapolis, MD 21401; 410–268–8820.

i. *FERC Contact*: Alan Mitchnick at (202) 219–2826; e-mail [Alan.Mitchnick@ferc.fed.us](mailto:Alan.Mitchnick@ferc.fed.us).

j. *Deadline for Comments*: November 23, 2001.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, 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.

k. The proposed project would require the construction of: (1) An 80-foot-long diversion structure with a maximum height of 6 feet; (2) about 7,000 feet of low-pressure pipeline and about 12,000 feet of high-pressure pipeline; (3) a powerhouse with an installed capacity of 7 megawatts; and (4) 10 miles of 60-kilovolt transmission line.

l. A copy of the request to use alternative procedures is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the “RIMS” link—select “Docket #” and follow the instructions (call 202–208–2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

m. Synergics, on behalf of Rugraw, Inc. has demonstrated that it has made an effort to contact all federal and state resources agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGO), and others affected by the project. Synergics has also demonstrated that a consensus exists that the use of alternative procedures is appropriate in this case. Synergics has submitted a communications protocol that is supported by the stakeholders.

The purpose of this notice is to invite any additional comments on Synergics’ request to use the alternative procedures, pursuant to Section 4.34(i) of the Commission’s regulations. Additional notices seeking comments on the specific project proposal, interventions and protests, and recommended terms and conditions will be issued at a later date. Synergics will complete and file a preliminary Environmental Assessment, in lieu of Exhibit E of the license application. This differs from the traditional process, in which an applicant consults with agencies, Indian tribes, NGOs, and other parties during preparation of the license application and before filing the application, but the Commission staff

performs the environmental review after the application is filed. The alternative procedures are intended to simplify and expedite the licensing process by combining the pre-filing consultation and environmental review processes into a single process, to facilitate greater participation, and to improve communication and cooperation among the participants.

Synergics has contacted federal and state resources agencies, NGOs, elected officials, environmental groups, and the public regarding the Lassen Lodge Project. Synergics intends to file 6-month progress reports during the alternative procedures process.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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

October 24, 2001.

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

a. *Application Type:* Amendment of Preliminary Permit Application.

b. *Project No.:* 12060-000.

c. *Date filed:* July 2, 2001, amended October 15, 2001.

d. *Applicant:* Mark R. Frederick.

e. *Name of Project:* Rock Creek Hydroelectric Energy Project.

f. *Location:* Would utilize the existing Wise Canal and Rock Creek Lake of Pacific Gas & Electric Company's Drum-Spaulding Project No. 2310, in Placer County, California.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Mark R. Frederick, 17825 Crother Hills Road, Meadow Vista, CA 95722, (530) 887-1984.

i. *FERC Contact:* James Hunter, (202) 219-2839.

j. *Deadline for filing comments and or motions:* 60 days from the issue date of this notice. Filings already made in this proceeding need not be refiled.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, 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.

Please include the project number (P-12060-000) on any comments or motions filed.

k. *Description of Project:* The Applicant has withdrawn his preliminary permit application for the Rock Creek Lake Outlet Project No. 12069 and combined that project with the one first proposed as the PG&E Wise Canal Project No. 12060. The proposed project, as amended, using PG&E's existing Wise Canal and Rock Creek Lake, would consist of: (1) A proposed remotely controlled gated intake structure at an existing diversion dam on the canal above the lake, (2) a proposed 4,000-foot-long, 6-foot-diameter penstock, (3) a proposed powerhouse containing a 1,400-kilowatt generating unit, (4) a proposed draft tube emptying into the canal below the lake, (5) a proposed connection to an overhead transmission line, and (6) appurtenant facilities. The project would have an annual generation of 11.3 gigawatthours that would be sold to PG&E or a power distributor.

l. *Locations of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. This filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

m. *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.

n. *Preliminary Permit—*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.

o. *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.

p. *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 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.

q. *Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list* should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

r. *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, 385.211, 385.214. 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.

s. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—*Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.