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Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. P 11797-000]

Grande Pointe Power Corporation; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

November 8, 2002.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) regulations contained in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) (18 CFR part 380 [FERC Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897]), the Office of Energy Projects staff (staff) reviewed the application for an original minor license for the Three Rivers Project, located on the St. Joseph River in the city of Three Rivers, St. Joseph County, Michigan, and has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the project. In this EA, the staff has analyzed the potential environmental effects of the existing project and concluded that licensing the project, with staff's recommended measures, 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, or it may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866)208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202)502-8659.

Any comments should be filed within 45 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please affix

"Three Rivers Project No. 11797-000," to all comments. For further information, please contact Sean Murphy at (202) 502-6145 or at sean.murphy@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.

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Secretary.

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PacifiCorp—Bear River Projects; Soda Project No. 20-019, Caribou and Franklin Counties, Idaho Grace-Cove Project No. 2401-007, Oneida Project No. 472-017; Notice of Intention To Hold Public Meeting for Discussion of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Bear River Hydroelectric Projects

November 8, 2002.

On October 23, 2002, the Commission staff mailed the Bear River Projects Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to the Environmental Protection Agency, resource and land management agencies, and interested organizations and individuals.

The DEIS was noticed in the **Federal Register** on November 1, 2002 (61 FR 6243), and comments are due December 31, 2002. The DEIS evaluates the environmental consequences of the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Bear River Projects in Idaho. The DEIS also evaluates the environmental effects of implementing the comprehensive settlement that replaces the applicant's proposal and agency recommendations, as well as evaluates staff's recommendations, and the no-action alternative. The projects are partially located on United States lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

A public meeting, which will be recorded by an official stenographer, is scheduled on Thursday, December 12, 2002, starting at 7:00 pm at the Caribou County Senior Center, 60 S. Main Street, Soda Springs, Idaho.

At this meeting, resource agency personnel and other interested persons will have the opportunity to provide oral and written comments and

recommendations regarding the DEIS for the Commission's public record.

For further information, please contact Susan O'Brien at (202) 502-8449, or susan.obrien@ferc.gov, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of Energy Projects, 888 First St. NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 11887-000]

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

November 8, 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:* 12388-000.

c. *Date Filed:* October 7, 2002.

d. *Applicant:* The City of Austin Electric Utility Department d/b/a Austin Energy.

e. *Name and Location of Project:* The Austin Energy Hydroelectric Project would be located at the existing Longhorn Dam owned by the City of Austin, on the Colorado River in Travis County, Texas.

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

g. *Applicant Contact:* Bob Kahn, Vice President, Austin Energy, 721 Barton Springs Road, Austin, TX 78704-1194, (512) 322-6572.

h. *FERC Contact:* Mr. Lynn R. Miles, (202) 502-8763.

i. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene, protests and comments:* 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-12388-000) 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. *Competing Application*: Project No. 12244-000, *Date Filed*: June 17, 2002, *Due Date*: October 7, 2002.

k. *Description of Project*: The proposed project would consist of: (1) The existing Longhorn Dam, a 506-foot-long, gated, concrete-gravity structure, which is 416 feet at the crest of the dam, (2) the existing Town Lake which has a surface area of 525 acres with a storage capacity of 6,000 acre-feet at a normal maximum water surface elevation of 428 msl, (3) a powerhouse containing one generating unit with an installed capacity of 2 MW, (4) an existing 69 kv transmission line approximately 0.5 mile long, and (5) appurtenant facilities. The project would have an annual generation of 8 GWh.

l. 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 the address in item g. above.

m. *Competing Applications*—Public notice of the filing of the initial preliminary permit application, which has already been given, established the due date for filing competing preliminary permit applications or notices of intent. Any competing preliminary permit or development application or notice of intent to file a competing preliminary permit or development application must be filed in response to and in compliance with the public notice of the initial preliminary permit application. No competing applications or notices of intent to file competing applications may be filed in response to this notice. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30 (b) and 4.36.

n. *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.

o. *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.

p. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents*—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "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 Compliance and Administration, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

q. *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.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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

November 12, 2002.

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

a. *Type of Application*: New License.
b. *Project No.*: 2516-026-WV.
c. *Date filed*: December 17, 2001.
d. *Applicant*: Allegheny Energy Supply Company, LLC.
e. *Name of Project*: Dam No. 4 Hydro Station.

f. *Location*: On the Potomac River, near the Town of Shepherdstown, in Berkeley and Jefferson Counties, West Virginia.

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

h. *Applicant Contact*: Charles L. Simons, Allegheny Energy Supply Company, LLC, 4350 Northern Pike, Monroeville, PA 15146, (412) 858-1675.

i. *FERC Contact*: Peter Leitzke, (202) 502-6059 or peter.leitzke@ferc.gov.

j. *Cooperating agencies*: We are asking Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with us in the preparation of the environmental document. Agencies who would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing documents described in item k below.

k. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests and requests for cooperating agency status*: 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.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all interveners filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor 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.

Motions to intervene and protests and requests for cooperating agency status may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages