

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission

Notice of Amendment of Exemption

January 30, 1998.

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

- a. *Type of Application:* Amendment of Exemption.
- b. *Project No.:* 4055-024.
- c. *Date Filed:* October 7, 1996, March 3, 1997, and December 29, 1997.
- d. *Applicant:* Vernon F. Ravenscroft.
- e. *Name of Project:* Ravenscroft Ranch Project.
- f. *Location:* On the Malad River in Gooding County, Idaho.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Vernon Ravenscroft, HC60, Box 1469, Bliss, ID 83314, (208) 837-4936.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Paul Shannon, (202) 219-2866.
- j. *Comment Date:* March 16, 1998.
- k. *Description of Filing:* Vernon F. Ravenscroft filed an application for amendment of exemption to increase the height of the project's penstock intake structure by two feet to help prevent ice build-up near the intake. The exemptee also proposes to increase the height of the project's spillway by six inches to increase the operating water surface level in the project's canal and stabilize river bypass flows during low flows. The exemptee states the increased spillway height will not affect high water levels at the upstream diversion dam. The higher water levels in the canal will affect lands owned or leased by the exemptee and lands on a right-of-way obtained from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

1. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, and D2.

B. 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.

C1. 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. 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, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

D2. 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory
CommissionNotice of Intent To File an Application
for a Subsequent License

January 30, 1998.

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

- a. *Type of filing:* Notice of Intent to File An Application for a Subsequent License.
- b. *Project No.:* 6058.
- c. *Date filed:* January 15, 1998.
- d. *Submitted By:* Hydro Development Group, Inc., current licensee.
- e. *Name of Project:* Halesboro #4 Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* On the Oswegatchie River, in St. Lawrence County, New York.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR Section 16.19 of the Commission's regulations.
- h. *Effective date of current license:* January 1, 1953.
- i. *Expiration date of current license:* December 31, 2002.
- j. *The project consists of:* (1) Two concrete dams spanning the river and

connecting to a small island, comprising; (a) a 92-foot-long, 14.3-foot-high dam with 22-inch-high flash boards; (b) a 58-foot-long, 5-foot-high dam with 2-foot-high flash boards; (2) a 2-acre reservoir; (3) a 200-foot-long, 22-foot-high canal; (4) a powerhouse containing two generating unit with a total installed capacity of 1,490 kW; (5) a 23 kV transmission line; and (6) appurtenant facilities.

k. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.19, information on the project is available at: Hydro Development Group, Inc., c/o CHI Energy, Inc., P.O. Box 58, Route 12F, Airport Road, Dexter, NY 13634, (315) 639-6700.

l. *FERC contact:* Tom Dean (202) 219-2778.

m. Pursuant to 18 CFR Sections 16.9 and 16.20 each application for a new or subsequent license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by December 31, 2000.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission

[Docket No. RM95-9-005]

Open Access Same-time Information
System (OASIS) and Standards of
Conduct; Notice of Filing of Industry
Report on the Future of OASIS and
Request for Comments

January 30, 1998.

On November 3, 1997, the Commercial Practices Working Group (Commercial Practices Group) and the OASIS How Working Group (How Group) jointly submitted a report to the Commission entitled "Industry Report to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on the Future of OASIS." The report responds to a Commission request to the electric industry to provide a report outlining the requirements for OASIS Phase 2 requirements by providing what is described as a coordinated action plan for the future development of OASIS. The Commercial Practices Group and How Group state that they jointly prepared the report and that the report was intended to represent a broad base of perspectives from diverse segments of the electric industry.

The report is available for public review and inspection during normal business hours in the Commission's Public Reference Room, Room 2A, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. The report is also available for review and downloading on the Commission Issuance Posting System (CIPS), an electronic bulletin board service, that provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission. The Industry's Phase 2 report can be found under the file name "RM95-9L.EXE", the date of the file is November 20, 1997, and its title is "Industry Report on the Future of OASIS." The report is in WordPerfect 6.1 format and is contained in a self extracting file.

CIPS is available at no charge to the user. CIPS can be accessed over the Internet by pointing your browser to the URL address: <http://www.ferc.fed.us>. Select the link to CIPS. CIPS also may be accessed using a personal computer with a modem by dialing 202-208-1397, if dialing locally, or 1-800-856-3920, if dialing long distance. To access CIPS in this manner, set your communications software to 19200, 14400, 12000, 9600, 7200, 4800, 2400, or 1200 bps, full duplex, no parity, 8 data bits and 1 stop bit. CIPS user assistance is available at 202-208-2474.

The complete text on diskette in WordPerfect format may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, La Dorn Systems Corporation. La Dorn Systems Corporation is located in the Public Reference Room at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

We invite written comments on this report within 60 days of the date of issuance of this notice in accordance with the instructions below.

Instructions for Filing Written Comments

Written comments (an original and 14 paper copies and one copy on a computer diskette in WordPerfect 6.1 format or in ASCII format) must be received by the Commission on or before [insert date 60 days from the date of issuance of this notice]. Comments must be filed with the Office of the Secretary and must contain a caption that references Docket No. RM95-9-005. All written comments will be placed in the Commission's public files and will be available for inspection or copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room during normal business hours. All comments received on diskette will be

made available to the public on the Commission's electronic bulletin board (EBB).

ADDRESSES: Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marvin Rosenberg (Technical Information), Office of Economic Policy, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, (202) 208-1283

William C. Booth (Technical Information), Office of Electric Power Regulation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, (202) 208-0849

Gary D. Cohen (Legal Information), Office of the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426 (202) 208-0321.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Issuance of Decisions and Orders by the Office of Hearings and Appeals; Week of October 20 Through October 24, 1997

During the week of October 20 through October 24, 1997, the decisions and orders summarized below were issued with respect to appeals, applications, petitions, or other requests filed with the Office of Hearings and Appeals of the Department of Energy. The following summary also contains a list of submissions that were dismissed by the Office of Hearings and Appeals.

Copies of the full text of these decisions and orders are available in the Public Reference Room of the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Room 1E-234, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585-0107, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., except federal holidays. They are also available in *Energy Management: Federal Energy Guidelines*, a commercially published loose leaf reporter system. Some decisions and orders are available on the Office of Hearings and Appeals World Wide Web site at <http://www.oha.doe.gov>.

Dated: January 27, 1998.

George B. Breznay,

Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals.

Department of Energy

Office of Hearings and Appeals

[Decision List No. 56]

Week of October 20 Through October 24, 1997

Personnel Security Hearing

Personnel Security Hearing, 10/20/97, [VSO-0155]

An OHA Hearing Officer issued an Opinion regarding the eligibility of an individual to maintain access authorization under the provisions of 10 CFR Part 710. The Hearing Officer found that the individual used an illegal drug, cocaine, based on the positive test result of a random drug screening conducted by the National Guard. The Hearing Officer found that additional security concerns were raised by the fact that the Individual had used cocaine after signing a drug certification in which he promised not to use drugs while holding an access authorization. The Hearing Officer found the Individual had not mitigated these security concerns and recommended that the individual's access authorization not be restored.

Refund Application

CertainTeed Corporation, 10/20/97, [RC272-345, RC272-353]

The Department of Energy rescinded two crude oil refunds granted to CertainTeed Corp. because of the waiver signed by the firm in the Surface Transporters (ST) proceeding. The DOE rejected the firm's argument that it was not bound by the waiver since the DOE had granted its request to dismiss its ST claim and process its crude oil refund application. However, in view of the unique circumstances of this case, the DOE decided not to require the repayment of the larger of the two refunds.

Refund Applications

The Office of Hearings and Appeals issued the following Decisions and Orders concerning refund applications, which are not summarized. Copies of the full texts of the Decisions and Orders are available in the Public Reference Room of the Office of Hearings and Appeals.

Dale V. Hunt	RJ272-48	10/24/97
Empire Manufacturing Co.	RK272-03956	10/24/97
Gerber Products Co. et al	RK272-03188	10/24/97
Homes of Merit, Inc.	RC272-00371	10/24/97
Homes of Merit, Inc.	RK272-4587	