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David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project Nos. 2901-008 and 2902-009]

Nekoosa Packaging Corporation; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

February 7, 2001.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for license for the Big Island Hydroelectric Project and the Holcomb Rock Hydroelectric Project, located on the James River in Bedford and Amherst Counties, Virginia, and has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the project. No federal lands or Indian Reservations are occupied by project works or located within the project boundary.

The DEA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the DEA are available for review at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The DEA may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance).

Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Please affix Project No. 2901-008 and Project No. 2902-009 to all comments. For further information, contact James T. Griffin at (202) 219-2799 or Monte TerHaar at (202) 219-2768.

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.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2720-032—Michigan/
Wisconsin]

City of Norway, Michigan; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

February 7, 2001.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for amendment of license for the existing Sturgeon Falls Hydroelectric Project, located on the Menominee River in Dickinson County, Michigan, and Marinette County, Wisconsin, and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project. In the EA, the Commission staff has analyzed the potential environmental effects of the proposed license amendment and has concluded that approval of the proposed action, with staff-recommended measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the EA are available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Branch, Room 2A, located at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The EA may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm>. Please call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please affix "Sturgeon Falls Project, FERC Project No. 2720-032" to all comments. For further information,

please contact Patti Leppert at (202) 219-2767. Comments and protests 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.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Intent To File Application for a New License

February 7, 2001.

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

- a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File an Application for New License.
- b. *Project No:* 2082.
- c. *Date Filed:* December 15, 2000.
- d. *Submitted By:* PacifiCorp, 825 N.E. Multnomah, Suite 1500, Portland, OR 97232.
- e. *Name of Project:* Klamath Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* Klamath River in Oregon and California, and Fall Creek, a tributary in California. In Oregon, the Project is located in the Klamath County near the town of Klamath Falls, and in California, the Project is located in Siskiyou County, near the town of Hornbrook, California.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Section 15 of the Federal Power Act, 18 CFR 16.6.
- h. Pursuant to Section 16.19 of the Commission's regulations, the licensee is required to make available the information described in Section 16.7 of the regulations. Such information is available from the licensee at PacifiCorp, 825 N.E. Multnomah, Suite 1500, Portland, OR 97232. Contact Todd Olson at 503-813-6657.
- i. *FERC Contact:* John M. Mudre, (202) 219-1208, John.Mudre@ferc.fed.us.
- j. *Expiration Date of Current License:* February 28, 2006.
- k. *Project Description:* The proposed Klamath Project would contain six dams (five mainstream and one on a tributary), a waterway conveyance system with approximately seven miles of waterways, and seven powerhouses. The developments are: Eastside with 3.2 megawatts (MW) capacity, Westside with 600 kilowatt capacity, J.C. Boyle with 80 MW capacity, Copco No. 1 with 20 MW capacity, Copco No. 2 with 27

MW capacity, Iron Gate with 18 MW capacity, and Fall Creek with 2.2 MW capacity.

1. The licensee states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a new license for Project No. 2082. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.9(b)(1) each application for a new 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 February 28, 2004.

A copy of the notice of intent 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. The notice may be viewed on <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Proposed Base Charge and Rates for Boulder Canyon Project

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of proposed base charge and rates.

SUMMARY: The Western Area Power Administration (Western) is proposing an adjustment to the base charge and rates for Boulder Canyon Project (BCP) firm power service. The current base charge and rates expire September 30, 2001. The proposed base charge and rates will provide enough revenue to pay all annual costs, including interest expense, and repay required investment within the allowable period. The rate impacts are detailed in a rate package to be provided to all interested parties. The proposed base charge and rates are scheduled to go into effect on October 1, 2001, to correspond with the start of the Federal fiscal year (FY), and will remain in effect through September 30, 2002. This **Federal Register** notice initiates the formal process for the proposed base charge and rates.

DATES: The consultation and comment period will begin today and will end May 14, 2001. A public information forum at which Western will present a detailed explanation of the proposed base charge and rates is scheduled for April 4, 2001, beginning at 10 a.m. MST, at the Desert Southwest Customer Service Regional Office. A public comment forum at which Western will receive oral and written comments is scheduled for April 25, 2001, beginning at 10 a.m. MST, at the same location.

ADDRESSES: Written comments are to be sent to: Mr. J. Tyler Carlson, Regional Manager, Desert Southwest Customer Service Region, Western Area Power

Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005-6457, e-mail: carlson@wapa.gov. Western should receive written comments by the end of the consultation and comment period to be assured consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Maher A. Nasir, Rates Team Lead, Desert Southwest Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005-6457, telephone (602) 352-2768, e-mail: nasir@wapa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed base charge and rates for BCP firm power service are designed to recover an annual revenue requirement that includes the investment repayment, interest, operation and maintenance, replacements, payment to states, visitor services, and uprating payments. These annual costs are reduced by the projected revenue from water sales, visitor services, water pump energy sales, facility use charge, regulation services, miscellaneous lease, late fees, and the prior year carryover to determine the annual revenue requirement. The projected annual revenue requirement is the base charge for firm power service and is divided by 50 percent to capacity dollars and 50 percent to energy dollars. The annual energy dollars are divided by the annual energy sales and the annual capacity dollars are divided by the annual capacity sales to determine the proposed energy rate and the proposed capacity rate.

TABLE 1.—PROPOSED FIRM POWER BASE CHARGE AND RATES

Effective period	Total composite (mills/kWh)	Base charge	Energy rate (mills/kWh)	Capacity rate (\$/kW-month)	Capacity energy split
10/01/2001	10.75	\$51,151,389	5.54	\$1.06	50/50

The Deputy Secretary of the Department of Energy (DOE) approved the existing rate formula for calculating the base charge and rates in Rate Schedule BCP-F6 for BCP firm power service on September 18, 2000 (Rate Order No. WAPA-94, 65 FR 60932, October 13, 2000), which has been submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for final confirmation and approval. Existing Rate Schedule BCP-F6 became effective

on October 1, 2000, through September 30, 2005. Under Rate Schedule BCP-F6, on October 1, 2000, the composite rate for FY 2001 was 9.75 mills per kilowatthour (mills/kWh), the base charge was \$47,788,574, the forecasted energy rate was 5.04 mills/kWh, and the forecasted capacity rate was \$0.99 per kilowattmonth (kWmonth). The proposed base charge and rates for BCP firm power service for FY 2002 will result in an overall composite rate

increase of approximately 9 percent on October 1, 2001, when compared with the current BCP firm power service base charge and rates under Rate Schedule BCP-F6. The increase in the proposed base charge and rates is due to higher annual costs and lower energy sales. Table 2 compares the current base charge and rates in Rate Schedule BCP-F6 and the proposed base charge and rates along with the percentage change in the base charge and rates.