

to prepare an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity from the California Public Utilities Commission in anticipation of constructing, at Blythe Energy's request a 230 kV transmission line from Western Area Power Administration's Buck Blvd. Substation to a new 500–230–161 kV Substation (Midpoint Substation) to be located adjacent to or under SCE's existing Palo Verde-Devers transmission line.

SCE states that copies of this filing were served upon the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California and Blythe Energy.

*Comment Date:* March 30, 2004.

#### 10. MidAmerican Energy Company

[Docket No. ER04–627–000]

Take notice that on March 9, 2004, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican), tendered for filing with the Commission a Transmission Operating Agreement between MidAmerican Energy Company and Nebraska Public Power District, which incorporates Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement dated December 31, 2003. MidAmerican requests an effective date of December 31, 2003, for this Agreement, however MidAmerican states that the revisions will not be implemented until January 1, 2005.

MidAmerican states that it has served a copy of the filing on the Iowa Utilities Board, the Illinois Commerce Commission and the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

*Comment Date:* March 30, 2004.

#### Standard Paragraph

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date, and, to the extent applicable, must be served on the applicant and on any other person designated on the official service list. This filing is available for review at the Commission 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 (202) 502–8222 or TTY,

(202) 502–8659. 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.

Magalie R. Salas,

*Secretary.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

##### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 3090–008, Vermont]

##### Village of Lyndonville Electric Department; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

March 11, 2004.

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 Vail Hydroelectric Project and has prepared a Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) for the project. The project is located on the Passumpsic River, in the Village of Lyndonville, within the county of Caledonia, Vermont. No Federal lands or facilities are occupied or used by the project.

The FEA 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.

A copy of the FEA 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 "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at 1–866–208–3676, or for TTY, (202) 502–8659.

Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

For further information, contact Timothy Looney at (202) 502–5069.

Magalie R. Salas,

*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

March 11, 2004.

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:* 12486–000.

c. *Date Filed:* February 2, 2004.

d. *Applicant:* Twin Lakes Canal Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Bear River Narrows Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The proposed project would be located 4 miles northeast of Riverdale, Idaho, on the Bear River in Franklin County, Idaho on lands of the United States administered by the Bureau of Reclamation.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Michael Kunz, Twin Lakes Canal Company, 19 South State Street, Preston, ID 83263; Nicholas E. Josten, Agent for Applicant, GeoSense, 2742 St. Charles Avenue, Idaho Falls, ID 83404, (208) 528–6152.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Mr. Lynn R. Miles, Sr. at (202) 502–8763.

j. *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. Please include the project number (P–12486–000) on any comments, protest, 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.

k. *Description of Project:* The proposed run-of-river project would consist of the following: (1) An new 85-foot-high, 700-foot-long embankment dam; (2) a proposed reservoir with a normal maximum elevation of 4,732 mean sea level with a surface area of 200 acres and a gross storage of 6,800 acre-feet; (3) a powerhouse containing one turbine with a total capacity of 7 megawatts; (4) approximately 3.5 miles of new three-phase transmission line would be required to connect a three-phase 345 kilovolt transmission line; and (4) appurtenant facilities. The project would have an annual generation of 41,300 megawatt-hours.

l. *Locations of Applications:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission in the Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street NE., Room 2A, Washington DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" 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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h. above.

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

n. *Competing 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.

o. *Competing Development Application*—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.

p. *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.

q. *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.

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, .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.

s. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents*—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION", "COMPETING APPLICATION", "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 Administration and Compliance, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

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

t. *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 Intent To File an Application for New License

March 11, 2004.

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of intent to file an application for a new license.

b. *Project No.:* 2232.

c. *Date Filed:* July 21, 2003.

d. *Submitted by:* Duke Power—current licensee.

e. *Name of Project:* Catawba-Wateree Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Catawba River, in Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, McDowell, and Mecklenburg Counties, North Carolina; and on the Catawba and Wateree Rivers in the counties of Chester, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lancaster, and York, South Carolina.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Section 15 of the Federal Power Act.

h. *Licensee Contact:* E. Mark Oakley, Catawba-Wateree Relicensing Project Manager, Duke Power, Mail Code EC12Y, P.O. Box 1006, Charlotte, NC 28201-1006.

i. *FERC Contact:* Ron McKittrick at 770-452-3778; [Ronald.McKittrick@ferc.gov](mailto:Ronald.McKittrick@ferc.gov).

j. *Effective Date of Current License:* September 1, 1958.