

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. P-11495-000]

Public Notice of Intent To Conduct Public Scoping Meetings and a Site Visit

April 7, 1995.

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

- a. Type of Application: Original for Major Project.
- b. Project No.: 11495-000.
- c. Date filed: August 26, 1994.
- d. Applicant: Nooksack River Hydro, Inc., Bothell, WA.
- e. Name of Project: Clearwater Creek.
- f. Location: On Clearwater Creek, near Deming, Whatcom County, WA.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791(a)-825(r).
- h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Lon Covin, Hydro West Group, Inc., 1422 130th Avenue NE., Bellevue, WA 98005, (206) 455-0234.

- i. FERC Contact: Mr. Surender M. Yepuri, P.E., (202) 219-2847.

- j. Deadline date for written comments on scoping (environmental issues): May 26, 1995.

- k. Status of Environmental Analysis: On December 15, 1994, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Clearwater Creek Project (FERC No. 11495) and Warm Creek Project (FERC No. 10865).

- l. Intent to Conduct Public Scoping Meetings: Two scoping meetings will be conducted on Tuesday, May 9, 1995, at 7:00 p.m., and Wednesday, May 10, 1995, at 10:00 a.m.

- Location: Hampton Inn, 3985 Bennett Drive, Bellingham, WA 98225.

Interested individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise are invited to attend either or both meetings and assist the staff in identifying the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EIS.

To help focus discussions at the meetings, a scoping document outlining subject areas to be addressed in the EIS will be mailed to agencies and interested individuals on the Commission mailing list. Copies of the scoping document will also be available at the scoping meetings.

Persons choosing not to speak at the meetings, but who have views on issues or information relevant to the issues, may submit written statements for inclusion in the public record at the

meeting. In addition, written comments may be filed with the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street NE., Washington, DC, 20426, by the deadline date shown in Item (j) above. All written correspondence should clearly show the following caption on the first page: Clearwater Creek Hydro Project, FERC No. 11495.

Intervenors—those on the Commission's service list for this proceeding (parties)—are reminded of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, requiring parties filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of the document on each person whose name appears on the official service list.¹ Further, if a party or interceder 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.

Site Visit: A site visit to the Clearwater Creek Hydro project is planned for May 9, 1995. Those who wish to attend should plan to meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Acme Country Kitchen on Route 9 in Acme, Washington.

- m. Description of Project: The proposed project would consist of: (1) A 10-foot-high, 75-foot-long reinforced concrete diversion weir with a crest elevation of 1,665 feet on the National Geodetic Vertical Datum; (2) a 40-foot-wide, 80-foot-long, and 18-foot-high concrete intake structure; (3) a 63-inch-diameter, 8,785-foot-long steel penstock; (4) a 48-foot-wide, 48-foot-long, and 35-foot-high concrete powerhouse equipped with a vertical Pelton turbine generator unit with a rated capacity of 6.0 MW; (5) an 80-foot-long tailrace; (6) a 35-kV, 11.4-mile-long transmission line; and (7) appurtenant equipment.

- n. Purpose of Project: Project power would be sold to a local utility.

- o. Available Locations of Application: A copy of the application, as amended and supplemented, is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, located at 941 North Capitol Street NE., Room 3104, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. A copy is also available for inspection and

reproduction at the applicant's office (see item (h) above).

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP95-304-000]

Shell Western E&P Inc.; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order

April 10, 1995.

Take notice that on April 6, 1995, Shell Western E&P Inc. (SWEPI), 200 North Dairy, Houston, Texas 77001, filed a petition in Docket No. CP95-304-000, requesting that the Commission declare that a 33-mile, 6-inch pipeline extending from the outlet of a carbon dioxide (CO₂) recovery plant north of Denver City, Texas to an interconnection with a Hinshaw pipeline in Lea County, New Mexico, is a gathering facility exempt from Commission jurisdiction pursuant to Section 1(b) of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the petition which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

SWEPI states that it is the operator of the Denver Unit, an established oil and gas producing unit with approximately 1200 wells and an extensive network of gathering and re-injection lines connecting the wells within the unit to the Denver Unit CO₂ Recovery Plant (DUCRP), all located in Gaines and Yoakum Counties, Texas. It is indicated that since 1983, the Denver Unit has been under carbon dioxide (CO₂) flood, an enhanced oil recovery process where CO₂ is injected into a subterranean reservoir to recover additional oil. It is also indicated that the plant was built in 1984 to remove water, hydrocarbons and hydrogen sulfide from the produced CO₂ stream at the Denver Unit so that the CO₂ is pure enough to re-inject. SWEPI states that one of the by-products of the CO₂ separation process is low Btu, off-spec gas having a Btu content of 700 Btu, a CO₂ content of 12 percent by volume, and a nitrogen content of up to 25 percent by volume. It is stated that small quantities of the off-spec gas are sold to other plants in the area for fuel, but the majority of the off-spec gas is circulated and re-injected along with the CO₂ because previously there was no existing market for that product.

SWEPI states that the pipeline is an existing liquids line that would be converted to gas service and used to move the off-spec gas from the plant to a point where it can be transported to the only feasible market for the product, an electric generating plant operated by

¹The official service list can be obtained by calling the Office of the Secretary, Dockets Branch at (202) 208-2020.