

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, state and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

A limited number of copies of the EA are available from: Mr. Herman Der, Environmental Project Manager, Environmental Review and Compliance Branch I, Office of Pipeline Regulation, PR-11.1, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-0896.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Written comments must reference Docket No. CP96-199-000, and be addressed to: Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Comments should be filed as soon as possible, but must be received no later than September 23, 1996, to ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on this proposal. A copy of any comments should also be sent to Mr. Herman Der, Environmental Project Manager, PR-11.1, at the above address.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentor a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Additional information about this project is available from Mr. Herman Der, Environmental Project Manager.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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[Project No. 420 Alaska]

Ketchikan Public Utilities; Notice of Scoping Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969

August 19, 1996.

The Energy Policy Act of 1992, allows applicants to prepare their own draft environmental assessment (EA) for hydropower projects and file it with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) along with their license

application as part of the "applicant-prepared EA" process. Ketchikan Public Utilities (KPU) intends to prepare an EA to file with the Commission for the Ketchikan Lakes Hydroelectric Project No. 420. KPU will hold two public scoping meetings, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, to identify the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA.

Scoping Meetings

The times and locations of the two scoping meetings are:

Agency Meeting

Date: Wednesday, September 18, 1996.

Place: Ketchikan Public Utilities Office, 2930 Tongass Avenue, Ketchikan, Alaska.

Time: 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

Public Meeting

Date: Wednesday, September 18, 1996.

Place: Ketchikan Public Utilities Office, 2930 Tongass Avenue, Ketchikan, Alaska.

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

At the scoping meetings, KPU will (1) summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the EA; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantitative data, on the resources at issue; and (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EA.

All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited and encouraged to attend either or both meetings to assist in identifying and clarifying the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA.

To help focus discussions at the meetings, KPU prepared and distributed "Initial Consultation Package and Scoping Document 1" for this project. Copies of this scoping document can be obtained by calling Larry Keith of Greystone (consultant to KPU) at (303) 850-0930, or can be obtained directly at either meeting.

Site Visit

KPU will also conduct a site visit for this project on Thursday, September 19, 1996. Those attending the site visit must meet at the Fair Street Substation by 9:00 am. Those planning to attend the site visit must notify Mr. Ron Settje of KPU at (901) 225-1000.

Meeting Procedures

The meetings will be conducted according to the procedures used at

Commission scoping meetings. Because this meeting will be a NEPA scoping meeting, the Commission will not conduct another NEPA scoping meeting when the application and draft EA are filed with the Commission.

Both meetings will be recorded by a stenographer, and thus will become a part of the formal record of the proceedings for this project.

Those who choose not to speak may instead submit written comments on the project. These comments should be mailed to Larry Keith at Greystone, 5990 Greenwood Plaza Blvd. Suite 250, Englewood, CO 80111. All correspondence should show the following caption on the first page: Scoping Comments, Ketchikan Lakes Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 420, Alaska.

For further information, please contact Larry Keith at (303) 850-0930, or Chuck Hall of the Commission at (202) 219-2853.

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Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

August 19, 1996.

A final environmental assessment (FEA) is available for public review. The FEA was prepared in support of dam safety repairs to be made pursuant to 18 CFR 12.4 at the Upper North Fork Feather River Project. The work will be conducted to improve the seismic stability of the project's Butt Valley and Canyon Dams. The FEA finds that work would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The Upper North Fork Feather River Project is located on Butt Creek and the North Fork Feather River in Plumas County, California.

The FEA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the FEA can be viewed at the Commission's Reference and Information Center, Room 2A, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. Copies can also be obtained by calling the project manager, John Mudre, at (202) 219-1208.

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