

6, and accordingly seeks waiver of the Commission's requirements. Copies of this filing were served upon Interstate and the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Comment date: January 30, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

26. Commonwealth Edison Company
[Docket No. ER97-1049-000]

Take notice that on December 31, 1996, Commonwealth Edison Company (Edison), submitted Amendment No. 1 to the Interconnection Agreement between Edison and Central Illinois Light Company (Central Illinois). Amendment No. 1 eliminates certain service schedules that provide services redundant to those obtained through Edison's and Central Illinois' unbundled power sales and open-access transmission tariffs. The Commission has previously designated the Interconnection Agreement as Edison's FERC Rate Schedule No. 33.

Edison requests an effective date of December 31, 1996, for Amendment No. 1, and accordingly seeks waiver of the Commission's requirements. Copies of this filing were served upon Central Illinois and the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Comment date: January 30, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

27. Commonwealth Edison Company
[Docket No. ER97-1050-000]

Take notice that on December 31, 1996, Commonwealth Edison Company (Edison), submitted a Notice of Cancellation, dated December 30, 1996, to cancel Edison's FERC Rate Schedule No. 38, effective date September 29, 1989. Edison's FERC Rate Schedule No. 38 is a Power Sales Agreement, dated December 31, 1988, between the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency (IMEA) and Edison which provided for IMEA to purchase power and energy from Edison. The Commission has previously designated the Power Sales Agreement as Edison's FERC Rate Schedule No. 38.

Edison requests an effective date of December 31, 1996, for the Notice of Cancellation, and accordingly seeks waiver of the Commission's requirements. Copies of this filing were served upon IMEA and the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Comment date: January 30, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraph

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,

888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Project No. 2322-322]

Duke Power Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

January 16, 1997.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) Regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing (OHL) has reviewed Duke Power Company's application requesting Commission authorization to: (1) Grant an easement to the City of Camden, South Carolina (Camden) to construct raw water withdrawal facilities on 1.47 acres of land within the boundary of the Catawba-Wateree Project, and (2) allow Camden to withdraw up to 12 million gallons per day (mgd) of water from Lake Wateree. The proposed raw water intake facility would be constructed near the Eagles Nest Subdivision on the southeast shore of Lake Wateree in Kershaw County, South Carolina.

The staff of OHL's Division of Licensing and Compliance has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed action. In the EA, the Commission's staff has analyzed the environmental impacts of the proposed project and has concluded that approval of the licensee's proposal 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 Public Reference Branch, Room 2A of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426 or by calling the Commission's

Public Reference Room at (202) 208-1371.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5679-7]

Project XL Draft Final Project Agreement for HADCO Corporation

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of opportunity for public comment.

SUMMARY: The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Regions I and II are announcing the availability of, and soliciting comments on, the draft Final Project Agreement developed for HADCO Corporation under EPA's Project XL initiative.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 24, 1997; public hearing, February 12, 1997, 12:30 p.m.; requests to attend the hearing must be received on or before February 11, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed or delivered to Mr. James Sullivan, U.S. EPA Region II, Mail Code DECA-RCB, 290 Broadway, New York, NY 10007-1866. A copy of any comments should also be sent to Regulatory Reinvention Pilot Projects, FRL-5197-9, Water Docket, Mail Code 4101, U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20460.

The public hearing will be held at HADCO Corporation, 1200 Taylor Road, Owego, New York 13827. Requests to attend the hearing should be made to Mr. James Sullivan, EPA Region 2, (212) 637-4138.

The FPA is available for review Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the following locations. (Hours of operation for each location can be obtained by calling the numbers provided).

1. Derry, NH Public Library, 64 East Broadway, Derry, NH, (603) 432-6140 (Cheryl Lynch, Reference Desk)
2. Aaron Cutler Memorial Library, 269 Charles Bancroft Highway, Hudson, NH, (603) 424-4044 (Claudia Danielson, Librarian)
3. Kelley Library, 234 Main St, Salem, NH (603) 898-7064, (Deborah Berlin, Reference Department)
4. Colburn Free Library, 275 Main St, Owego, NY (607) 687-3520, (Christine Burroughs, Librarian)

5. NYS DEC, 50 Wolf Road, Albany, NY, (518) 457-2553 (Mark Moroukian), or (518) 485-8988 (Larry Nadler)
6. NH DES, 6 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH (603) 271-2942, (Kenneth Marschner)
7. US EPA Region I Library, One Congress Street, 11th Floor, Boston, MA (888) 372-5427
8. US EPA Region II Library, 290 Broadway, 16th Floor, New York, NY, (212) 637-3185

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kenneth Rota, EPA Region I, (617) 565-3349; Jim Sullivan, EPA Region 2, (212) 637-4138; or Lisa Hunter, EPA Headquarters, (202) 260-4744.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: HADCO is one of the first facilities accepted into EPA's Project XL program. EPA created Project XL in 1995 as an initiative providing regulatory flexibility for industry to achieve environmental performance that is superior to what would be achieved through compliance with existing and reasonably anticipated future regulations. The HADCO Final Project Agreement (FPA) was developed by EPA, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NH DES), the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC), and HADCO Corporation ("the parties"). The FPA is the document that memorializes the parties' intentions concerning Project XL for the HADCO facilities in Owego, NY; Hudson, NH; Derry, NH and Salem, NH.

This XL project concerns the classification under RCRA Subtitle C of wastewater treatment (WWT) sludge generated from printed wire board manufacturing facilities (SIC 3672). This WWT sludge is presently classified as a listed hazardous waste, having the waste code F006, pursuant to regulations promulgated under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (40 CFR 261.31(a)). Because of this hazardous waste designation, HADCO, and others in the PWB industry, must currently ship this waste to a separate facility licensed to handle hazardous wastes before it can be reclaimed. The project seeks to demonstrate that (a) classifying HADCO's WWT sludge as an F006 waste pursuant to Subtitle C is not necessary to protect human health and the environment, (b) the WWT sludge can be safely reclaimed without all of the strict regulatory controls imposed by RCRA Subtitle C; and (c) a conditional delisting or solid waste variance will yield substantial economic and environmental benefits.

The HADCO FPA details a procedure through which HADCO will extensively test its sludge generated from the

treatment of wastewater associated with circuit board manufacture. This data will be reviewed by EPA, NH DES and NYS DEC, in order to determine if such data supports removal of the sludge from regulation as a hazardous waste, as defined in the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. Such a determination by EPA, NH DES, and NYS DEC is wholly contingent upon HADCO shipping the sludge off-site for reclamation of copper contained in the sludge. The four (4) HADCO facilities that are involved in this project collectively generate approximately 600 tons per year of this sludge.

HADCO has agreed to direct any cost savings realized towards the reclamation of non-hazardous copper containing dusts that are currently land filled. If no reclamation occurs, the project would be terminated. HADCO must also consider the installation of sludge driers to reduce sludge volume at its New Hampshire facilities, if feasible.

This draft FPA provides an overview of the parties' intentions under the XL agreement. The public hearing on February 12, 1997, is being held at HADCO's facility in Owego, New York, to provide additional opportunity for public comment at the HADCO facility included in this project that is most remote from the HADCO Corporation headquarters in New Hampshire. The parties to the agreement will consider any public comments received at the hearing and during this 30-day public comment period, modify the agreement if necessary, and determine whether to sign a final agreement. If a final agreement is reached, any legal mechanisms required to implement the agreement will be noticed publicly in accordance with all state and federal regulations.

In addition to the EPA contacts listed in the section entitled "For Further Information Contact," above, questions concerning Project XL and the HADCO project may also be directed to: Ken Marschner, NH DES, (603) 271-2943, Mark Moroukian, NYS DEC, (518) 457-2553, or Lee Wilmot, HADCO Corporation, (603) 896-2424. General information about Project XL may be obtained by accessing EPA's internet site for Project XL, at http://www.epa.gov/Project_XL. A copy of the HADCO FPA is posted at this location.

Dated: January 16, 1997.

Jon Kessler,

Director, Emerging Sectors and Strategies Division, Office of Policy, Planning, and Evaluation.

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Notice of Public Meetings on Drinking Water Issues

Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is holding a series of public meetings for purposes of information exchange on issues related to the development of regulations to control microbial pathogens and disinfection byproducts in drinking water, including an Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule, a long-term Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule, a Stage 1 Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproducts Rule and a Stage 2 Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproducts Rule. The Agency is developing this set of rules to take into account risk trade-offs between microbial contaminants and chemical byproducts of disinfection processes.

This series of meetings is anticipated to continue through spring and may also include meetings at later dates during this year. EPA is hereby providing notice of and inviting interested members of the public to participate in the meetings. As with all previous meetings in this series, EPA is instituting an open door policy to allow members of the public to attend these meetings. To assist EPA in managing limitations on conference room seating, members of the public who are interested in attending meetings are requested to contact Elizabeth Corr of EPA's Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water. Ms. Corr's phone number and e-mail address are provided in the final paragraph of this Notice.

As part of this series, a public meeting is scheduled for January 28 and 29 at the office of RESOLVE, 2828 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, that will include a broad discussion of issues related to the development of the Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule and the Stage 1 Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproducts Rule. This meeting will include a summary of technical discussions for purposes of providing information and analysis to stakeholders to allow them to reach individual conclusions as to their roles and positions regarding development of the rules. The meeting will also include discussion of EPA's schedule for development of the rules and options for proceeding. The January 28 and 29 meeting will be preceded by a public meeting on January 27 on technical issues related to drinking water treatment processes with emphasis on enhanced coagulation and pre-disinfection.