

Copies of the application have been served upon the Vermont Public Service Board and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

*Comment date:* January 11, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice. The commission will limit its consideration of comments to those that concern the adequacy or accuracy of the application.

#### 21. Catamount Heartlands Limited

[Docket No. EG00-51-000]

Take notice that on December 14, 1999, Catamount Heartlands Limited (Applicant) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an application for Commission determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's regulations.

Applicant is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Catamount Energy Corporation, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Central Vermont Public Service Corporation, a public utility within the meaning of Part II of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 824 *et seq.*, and a holding company exempt from regulation as a holding company pursuant to Section 3(a)(2) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 (the 1935 Act).

The Applicant is organized under the Companies act of England and Wales and is scheduled to own a 50 per cent interest in Heartlands Power Limited (HPL). HPL is now constructing, and will own, a 98 MW net gas-fired electrical generating facility in Fort Dunlap, Birmingham, England (the Facility).

Construction of the Facility began in March, 1997, and the Facility is expected to be placed in operation in the fall of 2000. Applicant will be engaged indirectly, through its affiliate (as defined in Section 2(a)(11)(B) of the 1935 Act) HPL, exclusively in the business of owning part of the Facility, which is an eligible facility as defined in Section 32(a)(2) of the 1935 Act, and which will sell electric energy at wholesale only. No electric energy produced by the Facility will be resold to any customer within the United States.

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#### Standard Paragraphs

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., 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). 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 these filings are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

##### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 9974-040]

##### Rough and Ready Hydro Inc.; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

December 22, 1999.

A final environmental assessment (FEA) is available for public review. The FEA is for the proposed revocation of exemption from licensing for the Upper Watertown Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 9974). The FEA finds that the proposed revocation would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The Upper Watertown Hydroelectric Project is located on the Rock River in the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, Wisconsin.

The FEA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the DEA can be viewed at the Commission's Public Reference Room, Room 2A 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. Copies can also be obtained by calling the project manager, Bob Fletcher at (202) 219-1206 or viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm>. Please call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

##### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-36-000]

##### Guardian Pipeline, L.L.C.; Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Guardian Pipeline Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Meetings and Site Visit

December 22, 1999.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the facilities proposed in the guardian Pipeline Project in various counties of Illinois and Wisconsin.<sup>1</sup> These facilities would consist of about 149 miles of pipeline and 25,080 horsepower (hp) of compression. This EIS will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

If you are a landowner on Guardian's proposed route and receive this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" was attached to the project notice Guardian provided to landowners along and adjacent to the proposed route. This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain. It is available for viewing on the FERC Internet website ([www.ferc.fed.us](http://www.ferc.fed.us)).

This notice is being sent to landowners of property crossed by and adjacent to Guardian's proposed route; landowners of property along a major route alternative; Federal, state, and local agencies; elected officials;

<sup>1</sup> Guardian Pipeline, L.L.C.'s application in Docket No. CP00-36-000 was filed with the Commission under Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act.