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Office of Energy Projects

Hydro Licensing Status Workshop 2002

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Commission Meeting Room

10 AM



Workshop Agenda

- Welcome and Opening Remarks
- Introductions
- Regional WQC and CZM Workshop Briefing
- Overview and Pending Applications
- Project Specific Discussions
- Closing Remarks

MAINE

Gulf Island-Deer Rips Project No. 2283

Androscoggin River, ME, 31.12 MW (three developments),
filed 1991 (FPL Energy Maine Hydro LLC), relicense

- **Activity Since December 2001 Workshop:** Maine DEP advises that it is waiting for Maine legislature to revise water quality standards.
- **Remaining Actions:** Need WQC (due Sept. 2003).

Burnham Project No. 11472

Sebasticook River, ME, 1.05 MW, filed 1994 (Ridgewood Maine Hydro Partners, LP), unlicensed operating project

- **Activity Since December 2001 Workshop:** Maine DEP advises that it is waiting for Maine legislature to revise water quality standards.
- **Remaining Actions:** Need WQC (due Sept. 2003).

Flagstaff Project No. 2612

Dead River, ME, no generating facilities, filed 1995 (FPL Energy Maine, LLC), relicense

- **Activity Since December 2001 Workshop:** Applicant currently negotiating with the Maine DEP on WQC terms for this and two other projects.
- **Remaining Actions:** Need WQC (due Nov. 2002).

Damariscotta Mills Project No. 11566

Damariscotta River, ME, 460 kW, filed 1995 (Ridgewood Maine Hydro Partners), unlicensed operating project

- **Activity Since December 2001 Workshop:** DEA issued Jan. 2002. Requested ESA concurrence from FWS Feb. 2002. Received FWS concurrence May 2002. Programmatic Agreement signed July 2002. FEA issued July 2002.
- **Remaining Actions:** Need WQC (due Nov. 2002).

NEW YORK

Hoosic River Project No. 2616

Hoosic River, NY, 18 MW (two developments), filed 1991
(Erie Boulevard Hydro, LP), relicense

- **Activity Since December 2001 Workshop:** Settlement filed Aug. 2002. WQC issued Sept. 2002.
- **Remaining Actions:** Order scheduled for Nov. 2002.

Oswego River Project No. 2474

Oswego River, NY, 18 MW (three developments), filed 1991
(Erie Boulevard Hydropower, LP), relicense

- **Activity Since December 2001 Workshop:** Commission staff is assisting stakeholders, as needed, in settlement negotiations. Settlement expected by March 2003.
- **Remaining Actions:** Need WQC (expected following settlement agreement).

School Street Project No. 2539

Mohawk River, NY, 38 MW, filed 1993 (Erie Boulevard Hydro, LP), relicense

- **Activity Since December 2001 Workshop:** Commission staff is assisting stakeholders, as needed, in settlement negotiations. Settlement agreement expected after Oswego River settlement completed.
- **Remaining Actions:** Need WQC (expected following settlement agreement).

VERMONT

Carver Falls Project No. 11475

Poultney River, NY/VT, 1.85 MW, filed 1994 (Central Vermont Public Service Corporation), unlicensed operating project

- **Activity Since December 2001 Workshop:** Commission staff continues to discuss WQC issuance with VANR.
- **Remaining Actions:** Need WQC (due May 2003).

Silver Lake Project No. 11478

Sucker Brook, VT, 2.2 MW, filed 1994 (Central Vermont Public Service Corporation), unlicensed operating project

- **Activity Since December 2001 Workshop:** Commission staff continues to discuss WQC issuance with VANR.
- **Remaining Actions:** Need WQC (due May 2003).

Lamoille River Project No. 2205

Lamoille River, VT, 16.88 MW (four developments), filed 1987 (Central Vermont Public Service Corporation), relicense

- **Activity Since December 2001 Workshop:** Commission staff continues to discuss WQC issuance with VANR.
- **Remaining Actions:** Need WQC (due April 2003).

Clyde River Project No. 2306

Clyde River, VT, 4.8 MW (four developments), filed 1991
(Citizens Utility Company), relicense

- **Activity Since December 2001 Workshop:** WQC issued Aug. 2002 but it has been appealed by NGOs, and is stayed pursuant to state law.
- **Remaining Actions:** Need non-stayed WQC.

MICHIGAN

Bond Falls Project No. 1864

Ontonagon River, MI/WI, 12 MW (four developments), filed 1987 (Upper Peninsula Power Company), relicense

- **Activity Since December 2001 Workshop:** DEIS issued Dec. 2001. FEIS issued June 2002.
- **Remaining Actions:** Need final 4(e) conditions from the FS (expected Dec. 2002).

WISCONSIN

Holcombe Project No. 1982

Chippewa River, WI, 33 MW, filed 1996 (Northern States Power Company), relicense

- **Activity Since December 2001 Workshop:** Scoping document issued Feb. 2002. ESA consultation completed July 2002. EA issued July 2002.
- **Remaining Actions:** Order scheduled for Dec. 2002.

ARIZONA

Childs Irving Project No. 2069

Fossil Creek, AZ, 7 MW (2 developments), filed 1992
(Arizona Public Service Company), Coconino and Tonto
National Forests, relicense

- **Activity Since December 2001 Workshop:** Declaratory order issued Dec. 2001. Surrender application filed April 2002 (supersedes 1992 relicense application). Application noticed May 2002 (comment period ended June 2002). Additional information requested July 2002.
- **Remaining Actions:** Additional information due in part Dec. 2002, and in part March 2003. Issue DEA (April 2003). Need formal ESA consultation and WQC for surrender application.

CALIFORNIA

Lytle Creek Project No. 1932, Santa Ana Powerhouse Nos. 1 & 3 Project No. 1933, and Mill Creek No. 2 & 3 Project No. 1934

Lytle Cr, Santa Ana R, and Mill Cr, CA, combined 9.8 MW,
filed 1994 (Southern California Edison), San Bernardino
National Forest, relicense

- **Activity Since December 2001 Workshop:** Ongoing settlement negotiations. DEA issued May 2002. Section 10(j) negotiations held Aug. 2002. FEA issued Sept. 2002.
- **Remaining Actions:** Lytle Creek, Mill Creek, and Santa Ana Projects – need final 4(e) conditions from the FS (due Nov. 2002). Lytle Creek – need BO (expected Nov. 2002). Santa Ana - need WQC (due March 2003).

Big Creek No. 4 Project No. 2017

San Joaquin River, CA, 98.8 MW, filed 1997 (Southern California Edison), Sierra National Forest, relicense

- **Activity Since December 2001 Workshop:** ESA consultation requested Jan. 2002. FEIS issued Feb. 2002. Final 4(e) conditions filed May 2002.
- **Remaining Actions:** Need WQC (due June 2003) and BO (expected Dec. 2002).

Escondido Project No. 176

San Luis Rey River, CA, 1.64 MW, filed 1971, amended 1975 (City of Escondido), relicense

- **Activity Since December 2001 Workshop:** Two status reports filed by applicant. Ongoing settlement negotiations.
- **Remaining Actions:** Pursuant to 1988 legislation, any new license shall be subject to, and therefore must await, comprehensive settlement agreement among the project owners, the six affected Indian Tribes, and the United States. Final agreement may be reached in the next 12 to 18 months.

Crane Valley Project No. 1354

Willow Creek and San Joaquin River, CA, 29 MW (five developments), filed 1986, amended 2001 (Pacific Gas and Electric), Sierra National Forest, relicense

- **Activity Since December 2001 Workshop:** PG&E filed additional information March 2002. REA notice issued March 2002 (comment period ended June 2002) Supplemental Environmental Assessment issued Sept. 2002 (comments due Nov. 2002).
- **Remaining Actions:** Need FWS concurrence on ESA (due Nov. 2002), final FS 4(e) conditions (due Nov. 2002), and Programmatic Agreement signature (due Nov. 2002).

Pit 1 Project No. 2687

Pit and Fall Rivers, CA, 69 MW, filed 1993 (Pacific Gas and Electric), relicense

- **Activity Since December 2001 Workshop:** WQC issued Dec. 2001.
- **Remaining Actions:** Need BO (expected imminently).

Angels Project No. 2699 (1.4 MW), Utica Project No. 2019 (3.6 MW), Upper Utica Project No. 11563 (storage)

North Fork Stanislaus River Basin, CA, filed 1993 (Utica Power Authority & Northern CA Power Agency), Stanislaus National Forest, relicense

- **Activity Since December 2001 Workshop:** Cooperative multi-project DEA with Forest Service issued May 2002. ESA consultation requested July 2002. FEA issued Oct. 2002.
- **Remaining Actions:** Need final 4(e) conditions from FS for Utica and Upper Utica (due Jan. 2003). Need BO for all three projects (due Dec. 2002).

IDAHO

Bliss Project No. 1975, Upper Salmon Falls Project No. 2777, Lower Salmon Falls Project No. 2061, and Shoshone Falls Project No. 2778

Snake River, ID, combined 169 MW, filed 1995 (Idaho Power Company), relicense

- **Activity Since December 2001 Workshop:** DEIS issued Jan. 2002. ESA consultation requested Jan. 2002. Section 10(j) negotiations held June 2002. FEIS issued July 2002. Historic Preservation Act Section 106 consultation completed. WQC issued.
- **Remaining Actions:** Need BO (expected Nov. 2002).

OREGON

North Umpqua Project No. 1927

North Umpqua River, OR, 185 MW (eight developments),
filed 1995 (PacifiCorp), Umpqua National Forest, relicense

- **Activity Since December 2001 Workshop:** DEIS issued April 2002 (comment period ended June 2002). ESA consultation requested May 2002. WQC issued June 2002.
- **Remaining Actions:** Issue FEIS (Dec. 2002). Need Programmatic Agreement, BO (expected Nov. 2002), and final 4(e) conditions from FS. Parties intend to amend Settlement Agreement (expected Nov. 2002).

WASHINGTON

Condit Project No. 2342

White Salmon River, WA, 14.7 MW, filed 1991 (PacifiCorp), relicense

- **Activity Since December 2001 Workshop:** By declaratory order issued Dec. 2001 (clarified March 2002), the Commission stated it will treat amendment/settlement as a request to surrender license. Draft Supplemental EIS issued Jan. 2002. Final Supplemental EIS issued June 2002. BO from FWS on Sept. 2002.
- **Remaining Actions:** Need BO from NMFS (expected Jan. 2003). Need WQC for settlement and license amendment application (due May 2003).

Snoqualmie Falls Project No. 2493

Snoqualmie River, WA, 42 MW (49 MW proposed), filed 1991 (Puget Sound Energy), relicense

- **Activity Since December 2001 Workshop:** FWS concurred with staff's finding of "not likely to adversely affect" in Jan. 2002.
- **Remaining Actions:** Need WQC (due April 2003). Need to complete ESA consultation with NMFS (due Oct. 2002) and state action on CZMA certification.

Warm Creek Project No. 10865

Warm Creek, WA, 3.7 MW, filed 1993 (Warm Creek Hydro),
unconstructed

- **Activity Since December 2001 Workshop:** FEIS with the Clearwater Creek Project issued June 2002.
- **Remaining Actions:** Need BO from FWS (expected Nov. 2002). Need WQC.

Clearwater Creek Project No. 11495

Clearwater Creek, WA, 6.0 MW, filed 1994 (Nooksack River Hydro), unconstructed

- **Activity Since December 2001 Workshop:** FEIS with the Warm Creek Project issued June 2002.
- **Remaining Actions:** Need BO from FWS (due Nov. 2002). Need WQC (due Sept. 2003). Need state action on CZMA certification.

Irene Creek Project No. 10100

Irene Creek, tributary of Skagit River, WA, 6.5 MW, filed 1990, amended 1999 (Cascade River Hydro), Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, unconstructed

- **Activity Since December 2001 Workshop:** Draft Supplemental EIS issued Jan. 2002. ESA consultation requested Feb. 2002. Final Supplemental EIS issued Sept. 2002.
- **Remaining Actions:** Need BO (due Nov. 2002), final 4(e) conditions (due Dec. 2002), and state action on CZMA certification.

Anderson Creek Project No. 10416

Anderson Creek, tributary of Skagit River, WA, 6.25 MW, filed 1990, amended 1999 (Washington Hydro Development Corp.), Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, unconstructed

- **Activity Since December 2001 Workshop:** Draft Supplemental EIS issued Jan. 2002. ESA consultation requested Feb. 2002. Final Supplemental EIS issued Sept. 2002.
- **Remaining Actions:** Need BO (due Nov. 2002) and 4(e) conditions (due Dec. 2002).

Rocky Creek Project No. 10311

Rocky Creek, tributary of Skagit River, WA, 8.3 MW, filed 1990, amended 2001 (Skagit River Hydro), unconstructed

- **Activity Since December 2001 Workshop:** Draft Supplemental EIS issued April 2002. Final Supplemental EIS issued Oct. 2002.
- **Remaining Actions:** Need state action on CZMA certification.

Martin Creek Project No. 10942

Martin and Kelley Creeks, WA, 10.2 MW, filed 1994
(Skykomish River Hydro), Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National
Forest, unconstructed

- **Activity Since December 2001 Workshop:** DEIS issued Feb. 2002. ESA consultation requested Feb. 2002. FEIS issued Sept. 2002.
- **Remaining Actions:** Need BO (expected Oct. 2002), WQC (due Dec. 2002), and FS final 4(e) conditions (due Dec. 2002).