

preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

q. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene: Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

r. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents: Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION", "COMPETING APPLICATION", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing an original and eight copies to: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Hydropower Administration and Compliance, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper; *see* 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

s. Agency Comments: Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an

agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12380-000]

Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions to Intervene, Protests, and Comments

July 24, 2003.

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

- a. *Type of Application:* Preliminary Permit.
- b. *Project No.:* 12380-000.
- c. *Date filed:* October 1, 2002 (Supplemented March 20, 2003).
- d. *Applicant:* Mokelumne River Water and Power Authority.
- e. *Name of Project:* Conjunctive Use Project.
- f. *Location:* On the Mokelumne River, in Calaveras and San Joaquin Counties, California. The existing dam is owned by the East Bay Municipal Utility District. The Applicant is proposing to study the development of additional capacity to and in a way that would not affect the operation of the currently licensed Lower Mokelumne River Project FERC No. 2916 operated by East Bay Municipal Utility District.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r.
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Tom Flinn, Secretary, Mokelumne River Water and Power Authority, PO Box 1810, 1810 E. Hazelton Avenue, Stockton, CA 95201, (209) 468-3000, and Ms. Elizabeth W. Whittle, Nixon Peabody LLP, Market Square North, 401 9th Street NW., Suite 900, Washington, DC 20004, (202) 585-8338.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Robert Bell, (202) 502-6062.
- j. *Deadline for filing comments, protests, and motions to intervene:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all interveners filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person in the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervener 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.

k. Description of Project: The proposed project would consist of: (1) A proposed diversion-intake structure at the Pardee Reservoir, (2) a proposed 10,300-foot-long tunnel 12 to 15 feet in diameter, (3) a proposed 57,400-foot-long, 10.5-foot-diameter steel penstock, (4) a proposed powerhouse containing two generating units having a total installed capacity of 6 MW, (5) the proposed Duck Creek Reservoir formed by a 130-foot-high, 5,700-foot-long dam plus dikes and having a surface area of 2,980 acres, with storage capacity of 100,000 acre-feet and normal water surface elevation of 274 feet msl, (6) a proposed 1320-foot-long 12 kV transmission line and (7) appurtenant facilities.

The applicant estimates that the average annual generation would be 15 GWh and would be sold to a local utility.

l. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. For TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

m. Competing Preliminary Permit: Anyone desiring to file a competing application for preliminary permit for a proposed project must submit the competing application itself, or a notice of intent to file such an application, to the Commission on or before the specified comment date for the particular application (*see* 18 CFR 4.36). Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing preliminary permit application no later than 30 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing preliminary permit application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

n. Competing Development Application: Any qualified development applicant desiring to file a competing development application must submit to the Commission, on or before a specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely