

a. *Type of Application*: Settlement Agreement.

b. *Project No.*: 5334–019.

c. *Date Filed*: August 7, 2003.

d. *Applicant*: Charter Township of Ypsilanti, MI.

e. *Name of Project*: Ford Lake Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location*: On the Huron River, Washtenaw County, within the township of Ypsilanti, Michigan. The project does not affect Federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Rule 602 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.602.

h. *Applicant Contact*: Ms. Joann Brinker, Administrative Services/ Human Resources Director, Charter Township of Ypsilanti, 7200 South Huron River Driver, Ypsilanti, MI 48197, (734) 484–0065.

i. *FERC Contact*: Monte TerHaar, (202) 502–6035 or [monte.terhaar@ferc.gov](mailto:monte.terhaar@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for Filing Comments*: The deadline for filing comments on the Settlement Agreement is 20 days from the date of this notice. The deadline for filing reply comments is 30 days from the date of this notice. All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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

Comments may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions of the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-filing" link.

k. Charter Township of Ypsilanti filed a partial Settlement Agreement on behalf of itself, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and the Michigan Hydro Relicensing Coalition. The purpose of the Settlement Agreement is to resolve, among the signatories, issues related to the Township's pending Application for a New Major License for the Ford Lake Hydroelectric Project. The Settlement Agreement covers compliance monitoring of impoundment levels and tailrace elevations; maintenance of natural riparian habitat; and establishes an escrow account for future fish

protection, fisheries habitat improvement, and, in the event of license surrender, dam decommissioning.

l. A copy of the Settlement Agreement 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 eLibrary (FERRIS) link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at 1–866–208–3676, or for TTY, (202) 502–8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

**Linda Mitry,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. DI02–3–002]

#### AquaEnergy Group Ltd.; Notice of Combined Initial Information Meeting and Scoping Meeting, Site Visit, and Solicitation of Scoping Comments

August 8, 2003.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations allow applicants to prepare their own Environmental Assessment (EA) for hydropower projects and file it with the Commission along with their license application as part of an alternative licensing procedure (ALP).<sup>1</sup> On July 22, 2003, the Commission noticed the request of AquaEnergy Group Ltd. (AquaEnergy) to use the ALP and set a deadline for comments of August 21, 2003. AquaEnergy wishes to hold combined Initial Information/Scoping Meetings on August 26 and 27, 2003. Because the Commission will need ample time to fully consider comments received from interested stakeholders on AquaEnergy's request to use the ALP, the Commission may not have decided on AquaEnergy's request to use the ALP

prior to the combined meetings. However, the ALP allows greater flexibility than the traditional licensing process, and the Commission believes that it is in the public interest to solicit scoping comments in this notice. The Commission has not pre-judged AquaEnergy's request to use the ALP.

#### Public Meeting and Site Visit

AquaEnergy distributed a combined Initial Information Package (IIP)/ Scoping Document 1 (SD1) for the Makah Bay Offshore Wave Energy Pilot Project on August 5, 2003, to the mailing list for this proceeding. AquaEnergy will hold combined Initial Information/Scoping Meetings on Tuesday, August 26 and Wednesday, August 27, 2003. The purposes of the meetings are to review the information presented in the IIP/SD1 and to initiate the identification of areas of interest that should be addressed in the licensing and any related Applicant-Prepared Environmental Assessment (APEA) processes. The meetings will be held as follows:

#### Agency Meeting

*When*: Tuesday, August 26, 2003, 5 p.m.–6 p.m.

*Where*: Makah Tribal Offices, Neah Bay, Washington.

#### Public Meeting

*When*: Tuesday, August 26, 2003, 7 p.m.–9 p.m.

*Where*: Makah Tribal Community Center, Neah Bay, Washington.

#### Public Meeting

*When*: Wednesday, August 27, 2003, 7 p.m.–9 p.m.

*Where*: Clallam County Public Utility District, 2431 Highway 101 East, Port Angeles, Washington.

AquaEnergy will also conduct a site visit to the project on Tuesday, August 26, 2003. Those wishing to attend the site visit should meet at Makah Tribal Council Offices in Neah Bay, Washington. Please RSVP Mary Jane Parks, AquaEnergy, at (626) 253–1981, if you plan to attend the site visit.

The deadline for filing comments is September 26, 2003. All documents (an original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Scoping comments may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web

<sup>1</sup> 81 FERC ¶ 61,103 (1997).