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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2659-016]

#### **PacifiCorp, Oregon; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment**

December 5, 2003.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for surrender of license for the Powerdale Hydroelectric Project. The project is located on the Hood River, in Hood River County, Oregon. There are no federal lands within the project boundary although the lower half of the bypassed reach and the powerhouse are located within the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. The Commission staff has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the license surrender.

The EA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of decommissioning the project and removing most of the project facilities. In the EA, staff concludes that surrendering the license, with appropriate environmental protection measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" 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.

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Please file any comments (an original and 8 copies) within 45 days from the date of this notice. The comments should be addressed to Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please affix the Project No. 2659-016 to all comments. Comments may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper (see 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii)). Instructions for electronic filing are available on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### **Notice of Application for Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests and Adoption of Environmental Impact Statement**

December 5, 2003.

Take notice that the following applications have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection:

a. *Application Type:* (1) Application for Approval of the Rock Island Anadromous Fish Agreement and Habitat Conservation Plan and Adoption as an Amendment of License; (2) Application for Approval of the Rocky Reach Anadromous Fish Agreement and Habitat Conservation Plan as an Offer of Settlement and Adoption as an Amendment of License; and (3) Application for Approval of the Wells Anadromous Fish Agreement and Habitat Conservation Plan and Adoption as an Amendment of License.

In accordance with the Commission's procedures for complying with the

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and consistent with the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) for implementing NEPA at 40 CFR 1506.3, the Commission, as a cooperating agency, has decided to adopt an environmental impact statement (EIS) produced by the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service. The EIS is titled: "Anadromous Fish Agreements and Habitat Conservation Plans, Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Wells, Rocky Reach, and Rock Island Hydroelectric Projects." The FERC staff has independently reviewed the EIS, and agrees with its analyses and conclusions. The staff, therefore, finds that the EIS meets the standards for an adequate environmental analysis under NEPA, and can be adopted.

b. *Project Numbers:* P-2149-106, P-2145-057, and P-943-083.

c. *Date Filed:* November 24, 2003.

d. *Applicants:* Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington (P-943 and P-2145) and Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County, Washington (P-2149).

e. *Name of Projects:* Wells Project (FERC No. P-2149), Rocky Reach Project (FERC No. P-2145), and Rock Island Project (FERC No. P-943).

f. *Location:* The projects are located on the main stem Columbia River.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791 (a) 825(r) and 799 and 801.

h. *Applicant Contacts:* Tracy Yount, Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington, P.O. Box 1231, Wenatchee, WA 98807-1231, phone: (509) 663-8121.

Robert W. Clubb, Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County, Washington, 1151 Valley Mall Parkway, East Wenatchee, WA 98802-4497, phone: (509) 884-7191.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Mr. Robert Fletcher at (202) 502-8901, or e-mail address: [robert.fletcher@ferc.gov](mailto:robert.fletcher@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing comments and or motions:* January 9, 2004.

k. *Description of Request:* The licensees for each of these three projects request Commission approval of their Anadromous Fish Agreements and project-specific Habitat Conservation Plans. The objectives of these agreements and plans are to achieve no net impact for each anadromous fish species and their habitat affected by each project. Further, the licensees request the Commission to amend the license of each project to incorporate the