



NOTICE

LAKE LIVINGSTON HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

Take notice that on December 21, 2007, the East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. (ETEC) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) the following documents related to ETEC's proposal to develop a hydroelectric generating facility at Lake Livingston Dam:

1. Notice of Intent to File Application for Original License for the Lake Livingston Hydroelectric Project;
2. Pre-Application Document; and
3. Request for authorization to use Alternative Licensing Procedures (ALP) under section 4.34(i) of the FERC regulations (18 C.F.R. § 4.34(i)).

Purpose and Brief Description of Filings

Notice of Intent (NOI) – The NOI serves as a formal notification that ETEC intends to file an application for a license under Part I of the Federal Power Act to construct and operate hydroelectric facilities at Lake Livingston Dam. The NOI contains ETEC's contact information and basic data about the proposed power project, including its location, principal project works, and expected generating capacity. The NOI also identifies federal, state, and local political subdivisions and Indian tribes that are likely to be affected by the project. Required elements of the NOI are set forth in § 5.5 of the FERC Regulations (18 C.F.R. § 5.5).

Pre-Application Document (PAD) – The PAD provides the FERC staff and interested agencies, Indian tribes, local governments, and members of the public with existing information relevant to the project proposal that ETEC has been able to obtain with due diligence. Among other information, the PAD describes existing and proposed project facilities and operations, information on the existing environment, existing data or studies relevant to the existing environment, and any known or potential impacts of the proposed project on the specified resources. The PAD serves as the initial information document for the scoping of environmental and resource issues and the identification of any additional studies necessary to support the licensing proposal. The PAD also includes a Process Plan and Schedule and a Communications Protocol for the licensing proceeding, and the tentative date and location of an environmental scoping meeting to be held in the Project vicinity in late March, 2008. (Formal notice of the scoping meeting will be published in this newspaper at least 15 days prior to the meeting.) The purposes and content requirements of the PAD are set forth in § 5.6 of FERC's Regulations (18 C.F.R. § 5.6).

Request for authorization to use Alternative Licensing Procedures (ALP) – Under FERC rules, the "Integrated Licensing Process" (ILP) is the default procedure that all hydropower license applicants must use unless they receive FERC authorization to use a different procedure. The ALP is one of two alternate processes recognized by FERC, and ETEC has requested authority to use the ALP for the Lake Livingston project. The ILP is most appropriate for substantial hydropower developments that involve multiple complex resource issues. The ILP can, however, be unnecessarily lengthy in the case of more modest-sized projects that involve relatively straight-forward resource impacts. ETEC believes this project falls into the latter category, and that the ALP is the more appropriate licensing procedure.

The ALP combines into a single process the pre-filing consultation process among the applicant, agencies, and other stakeholders, the environmental review process under the National Environmental Policy Act, and administrative processes associated with the Clean Water Act and other statutes. The ALP also facilitates early and effective collaboration among all interested participants; allows for the preparation of a draft environmental assessment by the applicant (or its consultant); and promotes cooperative efforts among the applicant, agencies and other participants to resolve issues raised in the licensing process.

As of the date of this Notice, the following agencies and political subdivisions have expressly concurred in the use of the ALP for the Lake Livingston project: U.S. Department of the Interior (covering all bureaus within USDO, including U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, and Bureau of Indian Affairs); Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; State Historic Preservation Officer, Texas Historical Commission; Trinity River Authority of Texas; Counties of Polk, San Jacinto and Walker, Texas; Cities of Livingston and Onalaska, Texas.



Comments Invited

Any agency, Indian tribe, or member of the public that wishes to comment on ETEC's request to use alternative licensing procedures pursuant to section 4.34(i) of the Commission's Regulations may submit comments to FERC not later than January 22, 2008. Commenters must submit an electronic filing pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 385.2003(c) or an original and eight copies of their comments to the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426. Any submission to FERC should reference "Project No. 12632." Information on how to use FERC's electronic filing system is available on the Commission's website at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.

Availability of Documents

Any interested person or entity may request a copy of the above referenced documents from ETEC using the following contact information:

East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc.
ATTN: Tandra Offield, Office Manager
2905 Westward Drive
P.O. Box 631623
Nacogdoches, TX 75963
Phone: 936-560-9532
Fax: 936-560-9215

The subject documents are also available for viewing and copying by appointment at the following location:

Sam Houston Electric Cooperative
1157 East Church Street
Livingston, TX 77351
Phone: 936-327-5711

Electronic copies of the subject documents may also be viewed and downloaded on FERC's e-Library website: <http://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp> (type "P-12632" in the "Docket Number" field).