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 utilize the Corps' existing Mississippi Lock and Dam # 18 and consist of: (1) Twelve proposed 80-foot-long, 108-inch-diameter steel penstocks, (2) a proposed powerhouse containing 12 generating units having a total installed capacity of 28 MW, (3) a proposed 1,000-foot-long, 14.7 kV transmission line, and (4) appurtenant facilities.

The applicant estimates that the average annual generation would be 172 GWh and would be sold to a local

utility.

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- 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 notice of intent to file a development application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing license

application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

- o. Notice of Intent—A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.
- p. Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit—A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, 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, .211, .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.

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 "efiling" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing.

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"COMMENTS",

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Applicant specified in the particular application.

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

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

April 9, 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.: 12435-000.
 - c. Date filed: January 17, 2003.
- d. *Applicant:* Universal Electric Power Corporation.
- e. *Name of Project:* Mississippi L&D#24 Project.
- f. *Location:* On the Mississippi River, in Pike and Calhoun Counties, Missouri and Illinois, utilizing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mississippi Lock and Dam #24.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a–825r.
- h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Raymond Helter, Universal Electric Power Corp., 1145 Highbrook Street, Akron, OH 44301, (330) 535–7115.
- 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.

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Applicant estimates that the average annual generation would be 307 GWh and would be sold to a local utility.

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Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2852-015]

New York State Electric & Gas Corporation; Notice of Teleconference

April 9, 2003.

- a. Date and Time of Teleconference: May 7, 2003, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- b. FERC Contact: Patricia Leppert at (202) 502–6034; patricia.leppert@ferc.gov or John Costello at (202) 502–6119; john.costello@ferc.gov.
- c. Purpose of the Teleconference: To clarify the January 22, 2003, letter from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation which provided comments on the Environmental Assessment for the Keuka Hydroelectric Project issued December 12, 2002. In addition, to clarify the January 6, 2003, letter from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation which provided comments on the draft Programmatic Agreement proposed by the Commission for the Keuka Project.
 - d. Proposed Agenda:
- (1) Introduction Recognition of Participants Teleconference Objectives
- (2) Clarification of the comments (a list of questions will be provided to the participants prior to the meeting)
- (3) Summary of Meeting
- (4) Follow-up Actions
 - e. To access the teleconference:
- (1) Call 1-800-369-1828
- (2) The Leader name is "John Costello"
- (3) The passcode is "Costello"

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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