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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
[Project No. 1417-274]

Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protests

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

- a. Type of Application: Request for a temporary variance from release restriction requirements
- b. Project No.: 1417-274
- c. Date Filed: January 21, 2020
- d. Applicant: Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District (Central)
- e. Name of Project: Kingsley Dam Project
- f. Location: The project is located on the North Platte and Platte Rivers in Garden, Keith, Lincoln, Dawson, and Gosper Counties in south-central Nebraska.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791a-825r.
- h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Michael A. Drain, P.E., Central, P.O. BOX 740, 415 Lincoln Street, Holdrege, NE 68949-0740, (308) 995-8601
- i. FERC Contact: Zeena Aljibury, (202) 502-6065, zeena.aljibury@ferc.gov
- j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests: February 21, 2020.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene, protests, comments, or recommendations using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and

contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-1417-274. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not considered part of the Commission record.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure 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.

k. Description of Request: Central requests Commission approval for a temporary modification of the current restrictions of releases at or above flood stage (as defined by the National Weather Service) from the Environmental Account (an account of storage water in Lake McConaughy to be released for environmental purposes) at North Platte. The request would only apply to release restrictions at North Platte site from March 1 through September 30, 2020 in order to test the channel capacity improvements. The Platte Recovery Implementation Program (Platte Program) estimates that the channel can pass flows at or near a stage of 6.6 feet without causing flooding. The current NWS designated flood stage for the North Platte River at North Platte is 6.0 feet. Central has consulted and received concurrence for this temporary variance from the Platte Program, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Nebraska Public Power District.

l. Locations of the Application: A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 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. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. Comments, Motions to Intervene, or Protests: Anyone may submit comments, a motion to intervene, or a protest 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, motions to intervene, or protests must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents: Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", or "PROTEST" as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number(s) of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person intervening or protesting; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 385.2010.

Dated: February 6, 2020.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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