

Subpart E—Projects With Minor and Minor Part Licenses Not Subject to Sections 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act

§ 16.19 Procedures for an existing licensee of a minor hydroelectric power project or of a minor part of a hydroelectric power project with a license not subject to sections 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act.

(a) *Applicability.* This section applies to an existing licensee of a minor hydroelectric power project or of a minor part of a hydroelectric power project that is not subject to sections 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act.

(b) *Notification procedures.* (1) An existing licensee with a minor license or a license for a minor part of a hydroelectric project must file a notice of intent pursuant to § 16.6(b).

(2) If the license of an existing licensee expires on or after October 17, 1994, the licensee must notify the Commission as required under § 16.6(b) at least five years before the expiration of the existing license.

(3) The Commission will give notice of a licensee's intent to file or not to file an application for a subsequent license in accordance with § 16.6(d).

(c) *Requirement to make information available.* (1) Except as provided in paragraph (c)(2) of this section, a licensee must make the information described in § 16.7 available to the public for inspection and reproduction when it gives notice to the Commission under paragraph (b).

(2) The requirement of paragraph (c)(1) of this section does not apply if an applicant filed an application for a subsequent license on or before [insert the effective date of the rule].

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§ 16.20 Applications for subsequent license for a project with an expiring license not subject to sections 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act.

(a) *Applicability.* This section applies to an application for subsequent license for a project with an expiring license that is not subject to sections 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act.

(b) *Licensing proceeding.* (1) An applicant for a license for a project with an expiring license not subject to sections 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act must file its application under Part I of the Federal Power Act.

(2) The provisions of section 7(a) of the Federal Power Act do not apply to licensing proceedings involving an application described in paragraph (b)(1).

(c) *Requirement to file.* An applicant must file an application for subsequent license at least 24 months before the expiration of the existing license.

(d) *Requirements for and processing of applications.* An application for subsequent license must meet the requirements of, and will be processed in accordance with, §§ 16.5, 16.8, 16.9(b)(2), 16.9(b)(3), 16.9(b)(4), 16.9(c), and 16.9(d).

(e) *Applicant notice.* An applicant for subsequent license or exemption that proposes to expand an existing project to encompass additional lands must include in its application a statement that the applicant has notified, by certified mail, property owners on the additional lands to be encompassed by the project and governmental agencies and subdivisions likely to be interested in or affected by the proposed expansion.

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§ 16.21 Operation of projects with a minor or minor part license not subject to sections 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act after expiration of a license.

(a) A licensee of a minor or minor part project not subject to sections 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act that has filed an application for a subsequent license or exemption may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires until the Commission acts on its application.

(b) If the licensee of a minor or minor part project not subject to sections 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act has not filed an application for a subsequent license or exemption, the Commission may issue an order requiring the licensee to continue to operate its project in accordance with the terms

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and conditions of the license until the Commission either acts on any applications for subsequent license timely filed by another entity or takes action pursuant to §§ 16.25 or 16.26.

§ 16.22 Application for an exemption by a licensee with a minor or minor part license for a project not subject to sections 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act.

(a) *Applicability.* This section applies to an existing licensee with a license for a project not subject to sections 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act.

(b) *Information requirements.* An applicant for an exemption must meet the requirements of, and will be processed in accordance with, subpart K or subpart J of part 4 of this chapter, and §§ 16.5, 16.8, 16.9(b)(2) (except the requirement to comply with §§ 4.41, 4.51, or 4.61 of this chapter), §§ 16.9(b)(3), 16.9(b)(4), 16.9(c), 16.9(d), and 16.20(c).

(c) *Standard of comparison.* If an application for subsequent license is filed in competition with an application for exemption by an existing licensee, the Commission will decide among competing applications in accordance with the standards of § 16.13 and not in accordance with the provisions of § 4.37(d)(2) of this chapter.

Subpart F—Procedural Matters

§ 16.23 Failure to file timely notices of intent.

(a) An existing licensee of a water power project with a license subject to sections 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act that fails to file a notice of intent pursuant to § 16.6(b) by the deadlines specified in § 16.6(c) shall be deemed to have filed a notice of intent indicating that it does not intend to file an application for new license, nonpower license, or exemption.

(b) An existing licensee of a water power project with a license not subject to sections 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act that fails to file a notice of intent pursuant to § 16.6(b) by the deadlines specified in § 16.20(c) shall be deemed to have filed a notice of intent indicating that it does not intend to file an application for subsequent license or exemption.

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§ 16.24 Prohibitions against filing applications for new license, nonpower license, exemption, or subsequent license.

(a) *Licenses subject to sections 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act.* (1) An existing licensee with a license subject to sections 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act that informs the Commission that it does not intend to file an application for new license, nonpower license, or exemption for a project, as required by § 16.6, may not file an application for new license, nonpower license, or exemption for the project, either individually or in conjunction with an entity or entities that are not currently licensees of the project.

(2) An existing licensee with a license subject to sections 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act that fails to file an application for new license, nonpower license, or exemption for a project at least 24 months before the expiration of the existing license for the project may not file an application for new license, nonpower license, or exemption for the project, either individually or in conjunction with an entity or entities that are not currently licensees of the project.

(b) *Licenses not subject to sections 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act.* (1) An existing licensee with a license not subject to sections 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act that informs the Commission that it does not intend to file an application for subsequent license or exemption for a project, as required by § 16.6, may not file an application for subsequent license or exemption for the project, either individually or in conjunction with an entity or entities that are not currently licensees of the project.

(2) An existing licensee with a license not subject to sections 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act that fails to file an application for subsequent license or exemption for a project by the deadlines specified in § 16.20(c) may not file an application for subsequent license or exemption for the project, either individually or in conjunction with an entity or entities that are not currently licensees of the project.