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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Pioneer Hydropower Incorporated) Project No. 3127-003

ORDER GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM LICENSING OF A
SMALL HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT OF 5 MEGAWATTS OR LESS

(Issued February 12, 1982)

The Applicant 1/ filed an application for exemption from all or part of Part I of the Federal Power Act pursuant to 18 C.F.R. Part 4 SUBPART K (1980) implementing in part Section 408 of the Energy Security Act (Act) of 1980 for a project as described in the attached public notice. 2/ 3/

Notice of the application was published in accordance with Section 408 of the Act and the Commission's regulations and comments were requested from interested Federal and State agencies including the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the State Fish and Wildlife Agency. All comments, protests and petitions to intervene that were filed have been considered. No agency has any objection relevant to issuance of this exemption.

Standard Article 2 included in this exemption, requires compliance with any terms and conditions that Federal or State fish and wildlife agencies have determined appropriate to prevent loss of, or damage to, fish and wildlife resources. The terms and conditions referred to in Article 2 are contained in any letters of comment by these agencies which have been forwarded to the Applicant in conjunction with this exemption.

Should the Applicant contest any terms or conditions that were proposed by Federal or State agencies in their letters of comment as being outside the scope of Article 2, the Commission shall determine whether the disputed terms or conditions are outside the scope of Article 2.

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- 1/ Pioneer Hydropower Incorporated, Project No. 3127-003, filed on October 22, 1981.
- 2/ Pub. Law 96-294, 94 Stat. 611. Section 408 of the ESA amends inter alia, Sections 405 and 408 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. §§2705 and 2708).
- 3/ Authority to act on this matter is delegated to the Deputy Director, Office of Electric Power Regulation under §375.308 of the Commission's regulations 45 Fed. Reg. 21216 (1980), as amended by Order No. 112 in Docket No. RM81-5, issued November 21, 1980, (45 Fed. Reg. 79024).

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The Ware Lower Dam is classified as a significant hazard dam. A failure of the dam could result in property damage and loss of life downstream. Article 6, included in this exemption requires that an Emergency Action Plan for the project be filed. In addition, Article 6 reserves to the Commission the right to make periodic inspections.

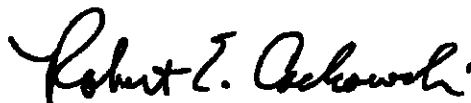
It is ordered that:

(A) Ware Lower Project No. 3127-003 as described and designated in Pioneer Hydropower Incorporated's application filed on October 22, 1981, is exempted from all of the requirements of Part I of the Federal Power Act, including licensing, subject to the standard articles in §4.106 of the Commission's regulations, 18 C.F.R. §4.106 45 Fed. Reg. 76115 (November 18, 1980), and the following Special Article.

Article 6. This exemption is subject to the following provisions of 18 C.F.R., Part 12:

- (1) Section 12.4(b)(2)(1), (ii), (iii)(B)(iv), and (v);
- (2) Section 12.4(c); and
- (3) Subpart C

(B) This order is final unless a petition appealing it to the Commission is filed within 30 days from the date of its issuance, as provided in Section 1.7(d) of the Commission's regulations, 18 C.F.R. 1.7(d)(1979), as amended, 44 Fed. Reg. 46449 (1979). The filing of a petition appealing this order to the Commission or an application for rehearing as provided in Section 313(a) of the Act does not operate as a stay of the effective date of this order, except as specifically ordered by the Commission.



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