

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo

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FPC Urged To Schedule Action On Mountain Sheep Dam Query

By J. ROBERT SMITH
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Washington (Special) — The Federal Power Commission is being urged by Pacific Northwest Power Co. to schedule action on its application for a license to build high Mountain Sheep dam in the Middle Snake river.

But FPC officials say they are so jammed up with other hydroelectric controversies they might not get to the Mountain Sheep case for another year.

The company recently filed amendments to its high Mountain Sheep dam application to make it conform to the recommendation of the Corps of Engineers' proposed project for that stretch of the river.

The power company now proposes to build a dam about 690 feet high, with an ultimate generating capacity of 1,750,000 KW, at a cost of \$212 million.

"We're jammed up right now," observed a high FPC official. "I don't know when we've had so many requests for hearings on hydro cases."

He noted that the FPC will hold a hearing next month on the Round Butte dam proposal of Portland General Electric Co., that Idaho Power Co. wants hearings on proposals to amend its fish passage scheme for its dams in Hells Canyon stretch of the river, that hearings have been in progress for months over several rival projects on the Pend Oreille river in Washington state, not to mention cases in other sections of the country.

"So I don't know whether we will get to the Mountain Sheep case in January or February, or not until winter of 1960-61," he added.

The first step will be for the FPC to give public notice that it has received the completed application. This will afford the public, the states and federal agencies an opportunity to submit comments or ask to intervene.

A possible intervener is the Hells Canyon Association, which has already filed some preliminary motions in this case at the FPC. This is the group which fought Idaho Power Co. in the Hells Canyon case and lost in its effort to block the Boise utility from building low dams in this area. The Hells Canyon Association now is more favorably disposed toward the proposed Nez Perce dam, just below the confluence of the Salmon and Snake rivers.

Pacific Northwest Power Co. — organized for this purpose by PGE, Pacific Power and Light Co., Washington Water Power and Montana Power Co. — states its case for high Mountain Sheep dam in its application as follows:

Companion Dam
"The applicant proposes to construct, as its Middle Snake river project, the high Mountain Sheep development. This dam... will be located on the Middle Snake river immediately upstream of the confluence of the Salmon river. A companion dam (which is not included in this application for license), the Lower Canyon development, would be located on the Salmon river immediately above its confluence with the Snake, developing head to elevation 1575. The two dams would provide a maximum of 5,600,000 acre feet of usable storage and in excess of 3,300,000 KW of ultimate capability.

"Development of substantially the same resources could also be obtained with a single dam, the Nez Perce development, located on the Snake river immediately downstream from the confluence of the Snake and Salmon rivers. This dam would be a concrete gravity dam, approximately 700 feet high, normal pool elevation 1490, with two powerhouses on each side of the river, initial installation of 8 units of 1,200,000 KW rated capacity, and ultimate installation of 17 units of 2,550,000 KW rated capacity.

"Nez Perce development would provide lesser resource development than high Mountain Sheep and Lower Canyon. Depending upon field experience with experimental fish handling devices, the resources of the Salmon river might, alternately, be developed by diverting portions of Salmon river flows in excess of necessary minimum flow into the high Mountain Sheep reservoir. Applicant does not include the Lower Canyon development nor the Salmon river diversion in its application for license for the Middle Snake river project."

The power company argument boils down to this:

1. There is no reason why high Mountain Sheep dam should not be built now, so give us a license to start construction.
2. Nez Perce dam cannot be built now because no method has been found for getting migratory fish past high dams, and until this is found a dam at Nez Perce site would block the Salmon river fishery.
3. If methods are devised for passing fish around high dams, then in that future time it would be feasible to build a dam at Lower Canyon on the Salmon river in conjunction with high Mountain Sheep. This, the company maintains, would provide more benefits than if the Nez Perce dam were built.
4. If fish passage problems are never satisfactorily solved for high dams, then the Salmon river should be maintained as a sanctuary for fish, unblocked by Lower Canyon or any other dam, including Nez Perce. But meanwhile, high Mountain Sheep dam would be built or underway (the company estimates it would take about seven years to finish) and providing water storage and a new source of kilowatts for the region.

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Pvt. Claude B. Dodge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville B. Dodge, 497 Wilson rd., Central Point, arrived home recently for a 30-day leave. He has been attached to the 19th engineers, Second Army, at Ft. Meade, Md., and will report to Ft. Dix, N.J., for assignment in Germany.

SWORN IN NAVY

Jerry Lee Fields, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee C. Fields, 1850 Myers lane, Medford, was recently sworn into the Navy in Portland. He is now undergoing basic training at the Naval Training center, San Diego, Calif.

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