

payment therefor and delivery thereof. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified or official bank check or checks in the aggregate amount of \$1,050,000, payable in New York Clearing House funds.

Unless postponed all bids for the proposed issuance of Bonds must be presented to Applicant before 11:00 a.m., New York Time, on April 11, 1962, at Room 2033, Two Rector Street, New York 6, New York. Unless Applicant rejects all bids, which it reserves the right to do, or excludes a bid or bids for reasons specified in the statement of the terms and conditions, it will accept the bid which will provide it with the lowest annual cost of money.

Applicant will utilize the proceeds of approximately \$35,000,000 to be obtained from the proposed issuance of Bonds, together with proceeds of approximately \$19,900,000 to be obtained from the proposed issuance of additional Common Stock (Docket No. E-7025), to repay an estimated \$42,000,000, principal amount of Promissory Notes, which Applicant has already issued or will have issued under the authority granted by this Commission in Docket No. E-7011,* and toward the cost of its current construction program, which is expected to require the expenditure of approximately \$44,000,000 for 1962 and \$56,000,000 for 1963.

Applicant's estimated construction expenditures for 1962 and 1963 include \$250,000 for completion of the Iron Gate Hydroelectric project in 1962, and \$3,000,000 in 1962 and \$15,000,000 in 1963 for installation of a 150,000 kw unit at the Dave Johnston Steam Plant at Glenrock, Wyoming. Applicant allocates \$5,500,000 to the Salt Caves Hydroelectric project—subject to obtaining required regulatory authority permits. Other items, for 1962 and 1963, respectively, are: electric transmission facilities, \$14,265,000 and \$6,600,000; other facilities, \$5,031,000 and \$4,500,000; electric distribution facilities, \$15,383,000 and \$17,000,000; additions to steam heating, water and telephone utility systems, \$1,827,000 and \$1,540,000, and, other plant facilities, surveys and investigations, \$1,845,000 and \$5,160,000.

Written notice of the application has been given to the Public Utilities Commission of California, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, the Public Service Commission of Montana, the Public Utility Commissioner of Oregon, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, and the Public Service Commission of Wyoming, and to the Governor of each of those States. Notice of the application has also been given by publication in the Federal Register on March 8, 1962 (27 F. R. 2259), stating that any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to the application should file a petition or protest on or before March 21, 1962 with the Federal Power Commission, Washington 25, D.C. No protest or petition or request to be heard in opposition to the granting of the application has been received.

On March 13, 1962, the Public Utilities Commission of California; on March 6, 1962, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission; on March 7, 1962, the Public Service Commission of Montana; on March 16, 1962, the Public Utility Commissioner of Oregon; on March 16, 1962, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission; and, on March 8, 1962, the Public Service Commission of Wyoming approved the proposed issuance of \$35,000,000 principal amount of Bonds, in the manner and for the purposes set forth above.

The Commission finds:

(1) Applicant, a Maine corporation, owns and operates facilities for the transmission and sale at wholesale of electric energy which is transmitted between the States of Oregon and Washington, from the State of Oregon to the State of California, and between the States of Montana and Wyoming, and is consumed outside of the States in which it is generated. These facilities are in addition to and do not include facilities used for the generation of electric energy or facilities used in local distribution or only for the transmission of electric energy in intrastate commerce, or facilities for the transmission of electric energy consumed wholly by the transmitter. Applicant is, therefore, a public utility within the meaning of that term as used in Section 204 of the Federal Power Act.

*By order issued October 6, 1961, in Docket No. E-7011, Applicant was authorized to issue up to \$45,000,000, principal amount of Promissory Notes, under a Credit Agreement of August 15, 1961, between Applicant and various banks. The notes were to be dated as of the dates of the borrowings; were to mature eleven months after dates or on March 31, 1963, whichever should be earlier; and, were to bear interest at the New York prime rate. The notes were to be issued for the following purposes: to discharge notes aggregating \$10,000,000 issued by The California Oregon Power Company and assumed by Applicant in the merger of California Oregon into Applicant; to discharge notes aggregating \$18,000,000 issued by Applicant to obtain construction funds; and, to provide additional funds required for Applicant's construction program. The application for the issuance of the notes stated that Applicant's construction program had an estimated cost of \$30,034,000 in the last six months of 1961 and an estimated cost of \$12,000,000 in the first three months of 1962.