

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Project No. 1835-231

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(B) This order constitutes final agency action. Requests for rehearing by the Commission may be filed within 30 days of the date of issuance of this order, pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 385.713.

Nebraska Public Power District

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ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER ARTICLE 409

(Issued November 05, 2003)

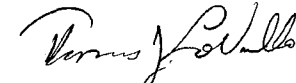
On August 20, 2003, Nebraska Public Power District (licensee or NPPD) filed a request for an extension of time to comply with certain studies approved under the Rock Weir Fishery Management Plan<sup>1</sup> for the North Platte/Keystone Diversion Dam Project. The project is located on the North Platte and South Platte Rivers in Keith and Lincoln Counties in south central Nebraska.

The licensee indicated that during the past two years, flows into Lake McConaughy have reached record lows due to drought conditions. The licensee stated that it has completed two of the three test releases as required in the Rock Weir Plan and proposes to postpone by one year the 5-10 cubic feet per second release. The licensee proposes to conduct the study during the fall of 2004 and spring of 2005 and file the final report by October 31, 2005. NPPD stated that it discussed the extension of time request with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and received no objections to the proposed extension.

The reasons advanced by NPPD in support of the requested extension of time are reasonable and justify the extension.

The Director Orders:

(A) Nebraska Public Power District's August 15, 2003, request to postpone the third of three test releases until the fall of 2004 and spring of 2005, and file the final report on the Rock Weir Fishery Resource Management Plan by October 31, 2005, is approved.



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<sup>1</sup> 89 FERC ¶ 62,018 (1999).

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