

CMP requests that the Commission allow these Agreements to be deemed effective on March 1, 2000 in order to coincide with the commencement of retail access in the State of Maine. .

Comment date: April 20, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraphs

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of these filings are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2853-058]

Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

April 7, 2000.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application requesting the Commission's approval of an application to amend the license for the Broadwater Project for the construction of a structural wall in the project reservoir. The wall would extend from the upstream face of the project dam 150 feet into the reservoir. The wall constructed of rock riprap would separate an irrigation canal intake at the project dam from the hydraulic influences of the turbine intake and

would alleviate the clogging of the irrigation canal intake with debris during spring runoff. The Broadwater Project is located on the Missouri River in Broadwater County, Montana.

An Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared by staff for the proposed action. In the EA, Commission staff does not identify any significant impacts that would result from the Commission's approval of the construction of the proposed wall in the project reservoir. Thus, staff concludes that approval of the proposed amendment of license would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA has been attached to and made a part of an Order Amending License, issued March 28, 2000, for the Broadwater Project (FERC No. 2853-058). Copies of the EA can be viewed at the Commission's Public Reference Room, Room 2A, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The EA also may be viewed on the Web at www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protects

April 7, 2000.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Application Type:* Non-Project Use of Project Lands and Waters.

b. *Project No:* P-1494-205.

c. *Dated Filed:* March 20, 2000.

d. *Applicant:* Grand River Dam Authority.

e. *Name of Project:* Pensacola Project.

f. *Location:* The Pensacola Project is located on the Grand (Neoscho) River in Craig, Delaware, Mayes, and Ottawa Counties, Oklahoma. This project does not utilize Federal or Tribal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Bob Sullivan, Grand River Dam Authority, P.O. Box 409, Vinita, OK 74301, (918) 256-5545.

i. *FERC Contact:* Shannon Dunn at shannon.dunn@ferc.fed.us, or telephone (202) 208-0853.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions, or protests:* May 8, 2000.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Please include the project number (P-1494-205) on any comments, motions, or protests filed.

k. *Description of Project:* Grand River Dam Authority, licensee for the Pensacola Project, requests approval to grant permission to Grand Marine L.L.C., to dredge approximately 43,013 cubic yards of material to construct a new access canal 1,258 feet-long (50' wide) and a boat basin (150' x 150'). The canal and boat basin would be adjacent to Echo Bay in the Grand Lake O' the Cherokees. The canal would provide boat access to marine service work and in-water boat sales display along State Highway 125 north of Martin's Landing. No property conveyance is proposed.

l. *Locations of the application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or calling (202) 208-1371. The application may be viewed on the web at www.ferc.fed.us. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS" "PROTEST" or "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of

the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Scoping Meetings and Site Visit and Soliciting Scoping Comments

April 7, 2000.

Take notice that the Commission intends to hold scoping meetings for the following hydroelectric application which has been filed with the Commission:

- a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.
- b. *Project No.:* P-2056-016.
- c. *Date filed:* December 21, 1998.
- d. *Applicant:* Northern States Power Company.
- e. *Name of Project:* St. Anthony Falls Project.
- f. *Location:* On the Mississippi River, near Minneapolis and St. Paul, Hennepin County, Minnesota.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791 (a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Mark H. Holmberg, P.E., Northern States Power Company, 414 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401, (612) 330-6568.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Monte TerHaar, E-mail address monte.terhaar@ferc.fed.us, or telephone (202) 219-2768.
- j. *Deadline for filing scoping comments:* 30 days after date of scoping meeting. All documents (original and

eight copies) should be filed with: June 9, 2000.

All documents should be filed with David P. Boergers, Secretary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Please include the project number (P-2056-016) on any comments, motions or protests filed.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. *Status of environmental analysis:* This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time..

l. *Description of Project:* The Project consists of the following existing facilities located across from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Upper Saint Anthony Lock: (1) Horseshoe Dam, 1,952-foot-long concrete, timber, and rock structure topped with 1.6-foot-high wooden flashboards; (2) the main spillway, a concrete, timber and rock structure 425 feet wide and 150 feet-long; (3) a 340-foot-long roll dam; (4) a 358-acre reservoir with a normal pool water surface elevation of 799.2 feet NGVD, and a total storage capacity of 967 acre-feet; (5) a concrete and masonry powerhouse, 133 feet long by 92 feet wide; (6) 5 turbines with a total installed capacity of 12,400 kilowatts, and a maximum hydraulic capacity of 4,025 cfs, producing an average of 79,518 megawatt-hours annually; and (7) four 115-kilovolt primary transmission lines; and other appurtenances..

m. *Locations of the application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The application may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rimns.htm> or call 202-208-2222 for assistance. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above..

n. *Scoping Process:* The Commission intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The EA will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts and

reasonable alternatives to the proposed action.

Scoping Meetings

The Commission will hold scoping meetings, one in the daytime and one in the evening, to help us identify the scope of issues to be addressed in the E.A.

The daytime scoping meeting will focus on resource agency concerns, while the evening scoping meeting is primarily for public input. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist the staff in identifying the scope of the environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

Daytime Meeting: Tuesday, May 9, 2000 at 1 p.m.

Evening Meeting: Tuesday, May 9, 2000 at 7:30 p.m.

Location: Auditorium—St. Anthony Falls Laboratory, Third Ave. SE & Mississippi River, Minneapolis, MN 55414, Phone: 612-647-4010.

To help focus discussions, we will distribute a Scoping Document (SD1) outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the EA to the parties on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of the SD1 also will be available at the scoping meetings.

Site Visit

The applicant and Commission staff will conduct a project site visit on Tuesday, May 9, 2000 starting at 3:00 p.m. We will meet at the parking lot near the project powerhouse which is adjacent to the laboratory. Those who wish to attend the site visit should contact Lloyd Everhart of NSP at 715-839-2692 on or before May 5, 2000.

Objectives

At the scoping meetings, the staff will: (1) Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the EA; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantifiable data, on the resource at issue; (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EA, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views; (4) determine the resource issues to be addressed in the EA; and (5) identify those issues that require a detailed analysis, as well as those issues that do not require a detailed analysis.