

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions To Intervene, Protests, and Comments**

November 24, 2000.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Preliminary Permit.

b. *Project No.:* 11864-000.

c. *Date filed:* November 13, 2000.

d. *Applicant:* City of Granite Falls, Minnesota.

e. *Name of Project:* Minnesota Falls Project.

f. *Location:* On Minnesota River, in Chippewa and Yellow Medicine Counties, Minnesota. No federal land or facilities would be utilized.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 USC §§ 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. William P. Lavin, City of Granite Falls, 885 Prentice Street, Granite Falls, Minnesota 56241-1598, (320) 564-3011.

i. *FERC Contact:* Robert Bell, (202) 219-2806.

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene, protests and comments:* January 29, 2001.

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. Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all interveners filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person in the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervener 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. *Description of Project:* The proposed project would consist of (1) an existing 600-foot-long, 18-foot-high granite masonry gravity dam; (2) an existing reservoir with a surface area of 150 acres having a storage capacity of 735 acre-feet and normal water surface elevation of 883.9 feet msl; (3) a proposed intake structure; (4) a

proposed 200-foot-long, 9-foot-diameter steel conduit; (5) a proposed powerhouse containing two generating units having a total installed capacity of 1,160 kW; (6) a proposed 2-mile-long, 12.47 kV transmission line; and (7) appurtenant facilities.

The project would have an annual generation of 3.6 GWh that would be sold to a local utility.

l. 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 <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

Preliminary Permit—Anyone desiring to file a competing application for preliminary permit for a proposed project must submit the competing application itself, or a notice of intent to file such an application, to the Commission on or before the specified comment date for the particular application (see 18 CFR 4.36). Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing preliminary permit application no later than 30 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing preliminary permit application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

Preliminary Permit—Any qualified development application desiring to file a competing development application must submit to the Commission, on or before a specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent to file a development application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

Notice of intent—A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit—A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

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", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION", "COMPETING APPLICATION", "PROTEST", "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. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Hydropower Administration and Compliance, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or 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 to 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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c. *Date filed:* October 31, 2000.

d. *Applicant:* Union Park Water Authority.

e. *Name of Project:* Union Park Project.

f. *Location:* On Lottis Creek, Willow Creek, Spring Creek, East River, Antero Reservoir, Dead Man Gulch, Brush Creek, Cement Creek, Texas Creek, Taylor River, Taylor Park Reservoir, and Union Park Reservoir (not yet existent), in Gunnison, Chaffe, and Park Counties, Colorado. Project would utilize U.S. Bureau of Reclamation dam and land.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Peter Kissel, 1500 K Street NW., Suite 330, Washington, DC 20005, (202) 408-5400.

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k. *Description of Project:* The proposed project would consist of: (1) A proposed 10,052-foot-long, 450-foot-high Union Park Dam; (2) the proposed Union Park Reservoir (upper) having a surface area of 4,340 acres with a storage capacity of 900,000 acre-feet and a normal water surface elevation of 10,052 feet msl; (3) an existing 675-foot-long, 167-foot-high Taylor Park Dam; (4) the existing Taylor Park Reservoir (lower) having a surface area of 2,040 acres with a storage capacity of 106,230 acre-feet and a normal water surface elevation of 9337 feet msl; (5) a proposed 8,000-foot-long, 11-foot-diameter power tunnel; (6) a proposed powerhouse containing one generating unit with an installed capacity of 60 MW; (7) a proposed 2,000-foot-long, 11-foot-diameter tailrace tunnel; (8) a proposed transmission line; and (9) appurtenant facilities.

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