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Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the form. They also will become a matter of public record.

Statutory Authority: Section 3507(h)(1) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. NJ03-3-000]

Bonneville Power Administration; Notice of Filing

July 15, 2003.

Take notice that on July 7, 2003, the Bonneville Power Administration (Bonneville) filed a Petition for a Declaratory Order Maintaining Reciprocity Approval of Its Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) and an Exemption In Lieu of a Filing Fee with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission). Bonneville states that it has revised sections 13.2, 14.2, 17.1 and 18.1 of its OATT to change its procedure for awarding short-term transmission requests. Bonneville explains that these revisions eliminate the right of first refusal to match competing requests for short-term transmission service and adopt a first-come, first-served approach. Bonneville further explains that it has also revised Attachment K to its OATT in accordance with the 2004 Rate Case Settlement. Additionally, Bonneville states that it has refiled its entire OATT to voluntarily adopt the Order No. 614 pagination standards, as applicable.

Bonneville states that the Commission found its OATT to be an acceptable reciprocity transmission tariff, effective October 1, 2001, by Order Granting Petition for Declaratory Order, 94 FERC 61,317 (March 19, 2001) and Order on Tariff Amendment, 96 FERC 62,337 (September 28, 2001). Bonneville further states that it now seeks a declaratory order finding that its OATT, as revised by this filing, continues to maintain its reciprocity status. Bonneville has also requested an expedited approval process, making the changes effective as of August 15, 2003.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing should file 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). 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. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date, and, to the extent applicable, must be served on the applicant and on any other person designated on the official service list. This filing is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866)208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202)502-8659. Protests and interventions 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 under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

Comment Date: July 28, 2003.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Scoping Meetings and Soliciting Scoping Comments for an Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment Using the Alternative Licensing Process

July 15, 2003.

a. *Type of Application:* New License for Major Project.

b. *Project No.:* 2216-058.

c. *Applicant:* New York Power Authority.

d. *Project Name:* Niagara Power Project.

e. *Location:* The existing project is located in Niagara County, New York, on the Niagara River, a 35-mile-long waterway that connects Lake Erie and Lake Ontario and is boundary water

between the United States and Canada. There are no Federal lands within the project boundary.

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

g. *Applicant Contact:* Keith Silliman, Director, Niagara Relicensing, New York Power Authority, 30 South Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12207-3425, (518) 433-6735.

h. *FERC Contact:* Patti Leppert at (202) 502-6034, or patricia.leppert@ferc.gov.

i. *Deadline for Filing Scoping Comments:* October 14, 2003.

All comments and correspondence (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Correspondence should clearly show the following caption on the first page: Scoping Comments, Niagara Power Project, FERC No. 2216-058.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure require that a copy of all documents filed with the Commission be served on each person on the official service list for the project. Furthermore, if comments or documents filed with the Commission relate to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, a copy of the document also must be served on that resource agency.

Scoping comments may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

j. The existing 2,538-megawatt project consists of: (1) Two 700-foot-long intake structures located on the upper Niagara River about 2.6 miles upstream from the American Falls; (2) two 4.3-mile-long concrete underground water supply conduits, each measuring 46 feet wide by 66.5 feet high; (3) a forebay; (4) the Lewiston Pump-Generating Plant, measuring 975 feet long by 240 feet wide by 160 feet high; (5) the 1,900-acre Lewiston reservoir at a maximum water surface elevation of 658 feet United States Lake Survey Datum; (6) the Robert Moses Niagara Power Plant, including an intake structure, measuring 1,100 feet long by 190 feet wide by 100 feet high; (7) a switch yard; and (8) appurtenant facilities.

k. *Scoping Process:* The New York Power Authority (Power Authority) is utilizing the Commission's Alternative Licensing Process (ALP). Under the ALP, the Power Authority will prepare an Applicant-Prepared Environmental