

facilities: (1) two 80-foot-long, 72-inch-diameter penstocks; (2) a powerhouse on the downstream side of the dam housing two turbine generating units with a total installed capacity of 2.7 MW; (3) a 700-foot-long, 14.7 kV transmission line; and (4) other appurtenances.

Applicant estimates that the average annual generation would be 17,000 MWh and that the cost of the studies under the permit would be \$1,000,000.

1. 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, D.C. 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. This filing may be viewed on the web at <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 4.32(a) and (b)(1).

Preliminary Permit—Any qualified development applicant 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 (see 18 CFR 4.36). 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 4.32(a), (b), and (c).

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 and .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 Representative 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 and an additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, 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 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 Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission and Soliciting Additional Study Requests

April 30, 1999.

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

a. *Type of Application*: Minor License.

b. *Project No.*: P-11727-000.

c. *Date Filed*: April 6, 1999.

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

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

f. *Location*: On the Minnesota River in Chippewa and Yellow Medicine Counties, near Granite Falls, Minnesota.

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

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

i. *FERC Contact*: Ed Lee (202) 219-2809 or E-mail address at Ed.Lee@FERC.fed.us

j. *Deadline for filing additional study requests*: 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

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.

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. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. *Description of Project*: The proposed run-of-river Minnesota Falls Project consists of: (1) an 18-foot-high and 500-foot-long embankment and

gravity dam; (2) a 150-acre reservoir at normal pool elevation of 883.9 feet msl; (3) a conduit intake structure; (4) a powerhouse housing two 580-kW generating units for an installed capacity of 1,160 kW; (5) a proposed substation; and (6) appurtenant facilities. The applicant estimates that the total average annual generation would be 3,300 MWh. All generated power is utilized within the applicant's electric utility system.

m. 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, D.C. 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.

n. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the MINNESOTA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER (SHPO), as required by § 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR at § 800.4.

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

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Availability of Funds for Source Water Protection

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is soliciting proposals to fund projects that support local ground water and source water protection efforts for small, rural or economically disadvantaged communities in priority watersheds.

DATES: All project proposals must be received by the respective EPA Regional or Headquarters office no later than June 7, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Project proposals should be sent to the appropriate address listed below based on the location of the project:

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: EPA Headquarters or Regional contacts listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In keeping with the objectives of the Safe Drinking Water Act, EPA is soliciting partners through a competitive solicitation to assist Agency efforts to protect the drinking water sources (both ground water and surface water sources) of small, rural or economically disadvantaged communities in priority watersheds. Priority watersheds are those river basins and water bodies identified by the States in their Unified Watershed Assessments, developed under the Clean Water Action Plan.

Proposals under this solicitation may support source water assessment and protection activities at the community level as well as activities related to stormwater, non-point source or wet weather related management activities, that: assist in the integration of ground water concerns into watershed assessment and restoration plans; support the implementation of local wellhead protection programs; and /or, provide technical support to communities considering new ground or surface water protection or contaminant source management plans or ordinances targeted at high risk watersheds. All project proposals must address one or more of these activities to support ground water and source water protection efforts of small communities, economically disadvantaged communities, and/or rural areas in priority watersheds. These projects must also serve as useful prototypes with results that can be transferred to other community-based drinking water protection efforts. Priority consideration will be given to proposals that directly involve and demonstrate community level implementation actions or activities that clearly lead to such results.

Available Funding

Regional Support

A total of \$1,625,000 is available from EPA to fund one or more projects in each EPA Region according to the Region-by-Region allocation formula shown below. Individual project proposals may be budgeted at no less than \$10,000, and no more than any specific Region's allocation. Each Region will determine how many projects to fund and at what level to fund them. Those interested in applying for funding should submit their proposal to the appropriate Regional

contacts as listed below. Collaborative submissions are also encouraged. Project submissions must be made in accordance with the criteria contained in this notice.

Nation-wide Support

An additional \$375,000 is available from EPA Headquarters for projects that are targeted to similar objectives but focus on activities that are either national, multi-State or multi-Region in scope. These proposals are to be submitted to the EPA Headquarters contact listed below. National projects should be budgeted at no less than \$50,000 and no more than \$100,000.

Funding Eligibility

State, local and Tribal governments, not-for-profit community water systems that meet the definition of a public water supply (40 CFR 142.2), and not-for-profit organizations that have demonstrated a field-based capacity to provide technical assistance on drinking water and source water protection issues to small, rural or economically disadvantaged communities are eligible to compete for these funds. While preference may be given to projects located in priority watersheds, projects outside of those watershed areas will be eligible for funding consideration, especially if they have a creative approach to implementing the objectives previously outlined.

Evaluation Criteria

In keeping with the aforementioned objectives of this solicitation, the following other criteria will be used in the evaluation of all proposals submitted by offerors in response to this proposal.

- Well written and organized presentation. *5 points*
 - Project objectives, deliverables/ milestones, and measures of success are viable and clearly stated. *15 points*
 - Project clearly identifies the need for the activity and the expected environmental and public health benefits that are readily transferable to other communities. *30 points*
 - Project uses the collaboration of relevant partners (multi-organization/ community focused) to achieve the project goals. *25 points*
 - Project builds the capacity of local communities and organizations to protect public health through drinking water protection by identifying needed institutional arrangements and management responsibilities to carry out project objectives. *25 points*
- Total: 100 points*