

must filed 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).

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Transfer of Licenses and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protests

December 23, 1999.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Transfer of Licenses.

b. *Project Nos.:* 487-022 and 1881-028.

c. *Date Filed:* December 7, 1999.

d. *Applicants:* PP&L, Inc. (PP&L) and PPL Holtwood, LLC (PPL Holtwood).

e. *Name of Projects:* Wallenpaupack and Holtwood.

f. *Locations:* Wallenpaupack: on the Wallenpaupack Creek and Lackawaxen River in Wayne and Pike Counties, Pennsylvania; Holtwood: on the Susquehanna River in Lancaster and York Counties, Pennsylvania. The projects do not utilize federal or tribal lands.

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

h. *Applicants' Contacts:* Paul E. Russell, Esq., PP&L, Inc., Two North Ninth Street, Allentown, PA 18101-1179, (610) 774-4254 and Donald A. Kaplan, Esq., Adam W. Gravley, Esq., Lisa H. Tucker, Esq., Preston Gates Ellis & Rouvelas Meeds LLP, 1735 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20006, (202) 628-1700.

i. *FERC Contact:* Regina Saizan, (202) 219-2673, or e-mail address: [regina.saizan@ferc.fed.us](mailto:regina.saizan@ferc.fed.us).

j. *Deadline for filing comments and or motions:* January 28, 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 Numbers (487-022 and 1881-028) on any comments or motions filed.

k. *Description of Transfer:* Transfer of the licenses for these projects to PPL

Holtwood is being sought in connection with a proposed corporate realignment under which PP&L will separate its generation and power marketing businesses from its transmission and distribution businesses. PP&L intends to retain certain existing non-project transmission and distribution facilities and easements relating to such transmission and distribution facilities located within the project boundaries.

The transfer application was filed within five years of the expiration of the license for Project No. 487. PP&L has filed a Notice of Intent to relicense Project No. 487 and has been approved by the Commission to use the alternative licensing process pursuant to 18 CFR Section 4.34(i). In Hydroelectric Relicensing Regulations Under the Federal Power Act (54 FR 23,756; FERC Stats. and Regs., Regs. Preambles 1986-1990 30,854 at p. 31,437), the Commission declined to forbid all license transfers during the last five years of an existing license, and instead indicated that it would scrutinize all such transfer requests to determine if the transfer's primary purpose was to give the transferee an advantage in relicensing (*id.*, at p. 31,438 n.318).

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 by calling (202) 208-1371. This filing 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.

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 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, N.E., Washington, D.C. 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.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Motions To Intervene, Protests, and Additional Study Requests

December 23, 1999.

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

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

b. *Project No.:* 1895-007.

c. *Date filed:* June 30, 1998.

d. *Applicant:* South Carolina Electric & Gas Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Columbia Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Broad and Congaree Rivers in Richland County and the City of Columbia, South Carolina. The project would not utilize federal lands.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Neville O. Lorick, Vice President, Fossil & Hydro Operations, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, 111 Research Drive Columbia, SC 29203, (803) 748-3000.

i. *FERC Contact:* Charles R. Hall at (202) 219-2853, [charles.hall@ferc.fed.us](mailto:charles.hall@ferc.fed.us).

j. Deadline for filing motions to intervene, protests and additional study requests is 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

k. This application has been accepted, but is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. The project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) A 1,021-foot-long, 14-foot-high timber crib diversion dam; (2) a shallow, 265-acre reservoir located in the Broad River upstream from the diversion dam; (3) an 85-acre, 10-foot-deep, 150-foot-wide, 3.5-mile-long canal; (4) a 210-foot-long, granite-block masonry canal intake structure, containing 12 manually operated vertical lift gates to control the flow of water into the canal; (5) a granite-block masonry canal spillway containing two, 12-foot-wide Taintor gates separated by a 208-foot-long stoplog section; (6) a granite-block and brick masonry powerhouse, containing seven turbine-generator units with a total installed capacity of 10,600 kilowatts, producing about 48 million kilowatthours annually; and (7) other appurtenances.

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, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The application may be viewed on <http://www.ferc.fed.us/rims.htm> (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

**Protests or Motions to Intervene—**Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211 and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests 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 protests or motions to intervene and must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

**Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—**The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time; therefore, the Commission is not now requesting comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions.

When the application is ready for environmental analysis, the Commission will issue a public notice requesting comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST" or "MOTION TO INTERVENE;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Any of these documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies required 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 Project Review, Office of Hydropower, Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above address. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

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*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Scoping Meetings and Site Visit and Soliciting Scoping Comments

December 23, 1999.

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

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

b. *Project No.:* 2090-003.

c. *Date filed:* August 31, 1999.

d. *Applicant:* Green Mountain Power Corporation.

e. *Name of Project:* Waterbury Project.

f. *Location:* On Little River in Washington County, Vermont. No Federal Lands used in this project.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Craig T. Myotte, Green Mountain Power Corporation, 163 Action Lane, Colchester, VT 05446, (802) 660-5830.

i. *FERC Contact:* Robert Bell, E-mail address, [robert.bell@ferc.fed.us](mailto:robert.bell@ferc.fed.us), or telephone 202-219-2806.

j. *Deadline for filing scoping comments:* February 12, 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.

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

l. The existing project consists of: (1) 1,845-foot-long, 158-foot-high rolled earth embankment Waterbury Dam; (2) an impounding having a surface area of 1,330-acres, with a storage capacity of 64,700 acre-feet and a normal water surface elevation of 593.00 feet msl; (3) a submerged concrete intake structure; (4) two 205-foot-long, 54-inch diameter steel penstocks which connects to a 79-inch diameter penstock; (4) a powerhouse having one generating unit with an installed capacity of 5,520-kW; (5) a tailrace; (9) four-mile-long, 33-kV transmission line; and (7) appurtenant facilities.

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, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The application may be viewed on <http://www.ferc.fed.us/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. **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 EA.

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