

environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

Daytime Meeting: Wednesday, January 12, 2000, 2:00 PM, Chapel Conference Room, Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, 103 South Main Street, Waterbury, Vermont.

Evening Meeting: Wednesday, January 12, 2000, 7:30 PM, Chapel Conference Room, Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, 103 South Main Street, Waterbury, Vermont.

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 DS1 also will be available at the scoping meetings.

Site Visit

The applicant and Commission staff will conduct a project site visit on Wednesday, January 13, 2000. We will meet at 8 AM at the project site.

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 resources 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.

Procedures

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will become part of the formal record of the Commission proceeding on the project.

Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meetings and to assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the EA.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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

December 23, 1999.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Amendment of license for the non-project use of project lands and waters.

b. *Project No.* 2230-028.

c. *Date Filed:* November 1, 1999.

d. *Applicant:* City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska.

e. *Name of Project:* Blue Lake Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* Sitka, Alaska.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Brian Omann, Sitka Electric Department, 1306 Halibut Point Road, Sitka, AK 99835, (907) 747-6633.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Jim Haimes at (202) 219-2780, or e-mail address: james.haimes@ferc.fed.us.

j. *Deadline for filing comments and or motions:* 20 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.

Please include the project number (P-2230-028) on any comments or motions filed.

k. *Description of Project:* to permit the construction of: a new valve system to be located in the existing pulp mill diffusion chamber, a non-project facility within the Commission-approved project boundary; and a 20-inch-diameter, buried pipeline across approximately 200 feet of project land owned by the City. The new pipeline would then be buried in a trench with four feet of cover within non-project lands adjacent to Pioneer and Sawmill Creek roads. The pipeline would emerge at a new mooring facility for tankers to be constructed at Silver Bay. The Anchorage District Corps of Engineers, on November 24, 1999, issued a permit to the City and Borough of Sitka for the construction of the proposed moorage facility.

After completion, the pipeline would be used to transport water from the project's Blue Lake reservoir to tankers for shipment. The proposed project is

expected to withdraw approximately 14,000 acre-feet per year from the Blue Lake watershed. The maximum rate of water withdrawal from the project would be 10.6 million gallons per day.

l. *Locations of the application:* Copies of the application are 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 also may be viewed on the Web at www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance. Copies of the application also are available for inspection and reproduction at the addresses in item h above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list for the proposed amendment of license 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, 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 for Transfer of License 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. *Application Type:* Transfer of License.

b. *Project No.:* 2362-009.

c. *Date Filed:* December 9, 1999.

d. *Applicants:* Blandin Paper Company (BPC or transferor) and Minnesota Power, Inc. (MPI or transferee).

e. *Name of Project:* Blandin.

f. *Location:* On the Mississippi River, in the City of Grand Rapids, in Itasca County, Minnesota. The 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 Contacts:* For transferor—Mr. W. John Licke, Secretary and General Counsel, Blandin Paper Company, 115 S.W. First Street, Grand Rapids, MN 55744-3699, (218) 327-6210.

For transferee—Mr. Steve Tyacke, Assistant General Counsel, Minnesota Power, Inc., 30 West Superior Street, Duluth, MN 55802, telephone (218) 723-3963

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Tom Papsidero at (202) 219-2715, or e-mail address: Thomas.Papsidero@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 number (2362-009) on any comments or motions filed.

k. *Description of Transfer:* BPC requests approval to transfer its license to MPI. The applicants state that the transfer relates to BPC's planned sale of the project to MPI under an Asset Purchase Agreement between the parties dated November 23, 1999.

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). Copies are also available for inspection and reproduction at the addresses in item h above.

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Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Adequacy Status of the Santa Barbara County, California Submitted Ozone Attainment Plan for Transportation Conformity Purposes

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of adequacy.

SUMMARY: In this notice, EPA is notifying the public that we have found that the 1999 on-road mobile source emissions budgets specified in the submitted Santa Barbara County, California Ozone Attainment Plan (1998 Clean Air Plan) are adequate for conformity purposes. As a result of our finding, the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments and the Federal Highway Administration are required to use the 1999 motor vehicle emissions budgets specified in the submitted 1998 Ozone Attainment Plan for future conformity determinations.

DATES: This budget finding is effective January 14, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The finding and the response to comments are available at EPA's conformity website: <http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq>, (once there, click on the "Conformity" button, then look for "Adequacy Review of SIP Submissions for Conformity"). You may also contact Sam Agpawa, U.S. EPA, Region IX, Air Division AIR-2, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105; (415) 744-1228 or Agpawa.sam@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Today's notice is simply an announcement of a finding that we have already made. EPA Region IX sent a letter to the California Air Quality Board on December 3, 1999 stating that the 1999 on-road mobile source emissions budgets specified in the submitted 1998 Santa Barbara County Ozone Attainment Plan are adequate for conformity purposes. This finding has also been announced on our conformity website: <http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq>, (once there, click on the "Conformity" button, then look for "Adequacy Review of SIP Submissions for Conformity").

Transportation conformity is required by section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act. Our conformity rule requires that transportation plans, programs, and projects conform to state air quality implementation plans (SIPs) and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they do. Conformity to a SIP means that transportation activities will not