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**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.

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 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, NE, Washington, DC 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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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[CA021-NOA; FRL-6517-6]

### 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](mailto: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

produce new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the national ambient air quality standards.

The criteria by which we determine whether a SIP's motor vehicle emissions budgets are adequate for conformity purposes are outlined in 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4). Please note that an adequacy review is separate from our completeness review which is required by section 110(k)(1) of the Clean Air Act, and it also should not be used to prejudge EPA's ultimate approval of the SIP. Even if we find a budget adequate, the SIP could later be disapproved.

We've described our process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP budgets in guidance (May 14, 1999 memo titled "Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999 Conformity Court Decision"). We followed this guidance in making our adequacy determination.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.

Dated: December 17, 1999.

**Felicia Marcus,**

*Regional Administrator, Region IX.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6249-5]

### Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

**Responsible Agency:** Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 OR [www.epa.gov/oeca/ofa](http://www.epa.gov/oeca/ofa).

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements filed December 20, 1999 through December 23, 1999 pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 990488, Draft EIS, AFS, NC, Croatan National Forest Revised Land and Resource Management Plan (1986), Implementation, Carteret Craven and Jones Counties, NC, Due: February 14, 2000, Contact: John Ramey (828) 257-4268.

EIS No. 990489, Draft EIS, BLM, OR, North Bank Habitat Management Area (NBHMA)/Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), Federally Endangered Columbian White-Tailed Deer (CWTD) and Special Status Species Habitat Enhancements to Ensure Viability Over Time, Implementation, OR, Due: February 14, 2000, Contact: Jim Luse (541) 440-4930.

EIS No. 990490, Final EIS, USA, AZ, Fort Huachuca Real Property Master Planning, Approval of Land Use and

Real Estate Investment Strategies, Cochise County, AZ, Due: January 28, 2000, Contact: Gregory Brewer (703) 692-9220.

EIS No. 990491, Final EIS, USN, GU, Agana Naval Air Station Disposal and Reuse, Implementation, Guam, Due: January 28, 2000, Contact: John Bigay (808) 471-9338.

EIS No. 990492, Draft EIS, AFS, AK, Finger Mountain Timber Sales, Timber Harvesting, Implementation, US Coast Guard, NPDES and COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Tongass National Forest, Sitka Ranger District, AK, Due: February 28, 1999, Contact: Lisa Winn (907) 747-6671.

EIS No. 990493, Draft EIS, AFS, OR, Tower Fire Recovery Project, Restoration and Salvage, Implementation, Umatilla National Forest, North Fork John Day Ranger District, Umatilla and Grant Counties, OR, Due: February 16, 2000, Contact: Janel Lacey (541) 427-5311.

EIS No. 990494, Final EIS, NPS, VA, Booker T. Washington National Monument (BOWA), General Management Plan, Implementation, Franklin County, VA, Due: January 28, 2000, Contact: Fred Herling (215) 597-1702.

EIS No. 990495, Draft Supplement, NOAA, Atlantic Tunas, Swordfish and Sharks, Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan, Updated Information, Reduction of Bycatch and Incidental Catch in the Atlantic Pelagic Longline Fishery, Due: February 14, 2000, Contact: Rebecca J. Lent (301) 713-2347.

### Amendment Notice:

EIS No. 990397, Draft EIS, FAA, OH, Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, To Provide Capacity, Facilities, Highway Improvements and Enhancement to Safety, Funding, Cugahoga County, OH, Due: January 31, 2000, Contact: Ernest P. Guby (734) 487-7280. Revision of FR notice published on 10/29/1999: CEQ Comment Date extended from 12/29/1999 to 01/31/2000.

EIS No. 990413, Draft EIS, AFS, ID, Salmon River Canyon Project, Implementation, Nez Perce, Payette, Bitterroot and Salmon-Challis National Forests, Idaho County, ID, Due: January 19, 2000, Contact: Bill Shields (208) 983-1950. Revision to FR notice published on 11/5/1999: CEQ Comment Date has been extended from 12/20/1999 to 01/19/2000.

EIS No. 990426, Draft EIS, USA, CA, Oakland Army Base Disposal and Reuse Plan, Implementation, City of Oakland, Alameda County, CA, Due:

January 17, 2000, Contact: Theresa Persick Arnold (703) 697-0216. Published FR 11/19/1999: Review Period Extended from 1/03/2000 to 01/17/2000.

Dated: December 27, 1999.

**William D. Dickerson,**

*Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6249-6]

### Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared December 13, 1999 through December 17, 1999 pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167.

An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 09, 1999 (63 FR 17856).

### Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-J65315-UT Rating EC2, Monroe Mountain Ecosystem Restoration Project, Implementation, Fishlake National Forest, Richfield Ranger District, Sevier and Piute Counties, UT.

**Summary:** EPA expressed environmental concerns with the proposed action due to potential significant impacts to water quality, sensitive fish habitat (Utah Bonneville cutthroat trout) and two regionally sensitive bird species. Also, we expressed concerns with the scope of alternatives lack of a detailed monitoring plan to determine if ecosystem restoration will actually be achieved, the analysis of cumulative impacts, and the limited approach to managing livestock and elk grazing on the area where aspen will be harvested.

ERP No. D-BIA-L65330-WA Rating EC2, White River Amphitheater Project, Construction and Operation of a 20,000 Seat Open-Air Amphitheater on the Muckleshoot Indian Reservation, COE Section 404 Permit and NPDES Permit, Seattle-Tacoma, WA.

**Summary:** EPA expressed environmental concerns due to air quality, water quality and noise impacts. EPA recommended that the