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**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 8321-006]

#### Murray W. Thurston, Inc.; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

August 28, 1997.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Commission's Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed an exemption surrender application for the Thurston Mill Project No. 8321-006. The Thurston Mill Project is located on the Swift River in Oxford County, Maine. The EA finds that approving the application would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the EA are available for review in the Commission's Reference and Information Center, Room 2A, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. For further information, please contact the project manager, Ms. Hillary Berlin, at (202) 219-0038.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 5276-040]

#### Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. and Northern Electric Power Co.; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

August 28, 1997.

An environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review. The EA is for an application to amend the Hudson Falls Hydroelectric Project. The licensee proposes to suspend article 404 which requires the release of a continuous minimum flow of 500 cfs to allow for PCB cleanup. The EA finds that

approval of the application would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The Hudson Falls Hydroelectric Project is located on the Hudson River in Washington County, New York.

The EA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the FEA can be viewed in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

For further information, please contact the project manager, Mr. Sean Murphy, at (202) 219-2964.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 11547-000 Connecticut]

#### Summit Hydropower; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

August 28, 1997.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for minor license for the proposed Hale Hydroelectric Project located on the Quinebaug River in Windham County, near the town of Putnam, Connecticut, and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed project. In the EA, the Commission's staff has analyzed the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project and has concluded that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigative measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the EA are available for review of the Public Reference Branch, Room 2A of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Scoping Meeting

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has determined the need to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Tampa Water Resource Recovery Project. This action is taken pursuant to 40 CFR 1501.7 and section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). EPA intends to prepare this EIS in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District. This effort will be coordinated closely with the ongoing multi-agency ecosystem team permitting now underway for this project.

### Administrative History

Congress provided funds through the FY 95 Appropriations Act for local area water supply related projects. One of these projects involves the granting of funds to the City of Tampa for the Tampa Water Resource Recovery Project (TWRRP). Region 4 awarded grant No. XP994689-95-0 to the City of Tampa on March 1, 1995 in the amount of \$18,712,000.

The TWRRP grant involves investigating, designing and constructing a project for the recovery of between 15 and 50 million gallons of advanced wastewater treated effluent to supplement area water supplies. The water would be recovered from the City of Tampa's Howard F. Curren treatment plant for use as water supplies for the Tampa area. The effluent would be further treated and then transported from the Curren plant to the middle pool of the Tampa Bypass Canal, a flood control project built by the Corps of Engineers and managed by the Southwest Florida Water Management District. Water would then either be pumped from the Harney canal into the Hillsborough River Reservoir, the City's water supply source, or be withdrawn by a series of linear wells adjacent to the Tampa Bypass Canal. The raw water would be treated as needed and used for municipal drinking water for the Tampa area.

The State of Florida with cooperation and participation from the City of Tampa and federal, state, regional and local agencies has initiated a cooperative permitting effort for this project. This "Ecosystem Team Permitting" is designed to result in a more coordinated and efficient

permitting process with a resulting net ecosystem benefit. EPA is a party in this team permitting process. The permitting process is projected to be completed in the winter of 1998.

EPA has identified the need to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for this grant award. The potential for impact and controversy were considered as part of this determination. The intent of the EPA is to assure the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act are fully met. EPA intends to coordinate the preparation on the EIS with the Ecosystem Team Permitting process as much as possible. Available information and materials produced by the applicant and other materials generated by the team permitting process will be used for preparing the EIS.

#### Alternatives

The EIS will address alternatives for the project and their potential impacts. Potential impacts to water quality, public health and area water resources will be given special attention.

#### Role of the Public

Participation in the EIS process is invited from individuals, organizations, and all governmental agencies. EPA will hold a public scoping meeting in concert with an ecosystem permitting team public meeting on September 17, 1997 at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Tampa Convention Center, Room 18. Both oral and written comments will be accepted. Comments and questions are encouraged, and relevant issues identified in the scoping process will be addressed in the EIS. Following the scoping meeting, EPA, State of Florida and City of Tampa officials will be on hand to answer questions the public may have regarding this project, the NEPA process or the team permitting process.

Persons who do not attend the scoping meeting and wish to comment on the issues and scope of the project are invited to respond in writing to this Agency. Comments received will be addressed in the EIS. Comments provided through the ecosystem permitting process will also be considered for the EIS. For more information, or to be placed on the mailing list, write or call Robert B. Howard, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Water Management Division, 61 Forsyth St. SW, Atlanta, GA 30303, (404)562-9370, FAX (404)562 9343.

*Responsible Official:* John H. Hankinson, Jr., Regional Administrator.

Dated: August 28, 1997.

**Richard E. Sanderson,**

*Director, Office of Federal Activities.*

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## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**AGENCY:** Federal Election Commission.

**FEDERAL REGISTER NUMBER:** 97-21733.

**PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED DATE AND TIME:** Thursday, August 21, 1997, 10:00 a.m., Meeting Open to the Public.

The Following Item was Added to the Agenda: Advisory Opinion 1997-14: Mississippi Republican Party by counsel, Robert F. Wood.

**DATE AND TIME:** Tuesday, September 9, 1997 at 10:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, DC.

**STATUS:** This Meeting will be Closed to the Public.

#### ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Compliance matters pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g.

Audits conducted pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g, § 438(b), and Title 26, U.S.C.

Matters concerning participation in civil actions or proceedings or arbitration.

Internal personnel rules and procedures or matters affecting a particular employee.

**DATE AND TIME:** Thursday, September 11, 1997 at 10:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. (Ninth Floor).

**STATUS:** This Meeting will be Open to the Public.

#### ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Correction and Approval of Minutes. Advisory Opinion 1997-15: Kenneth Nickalo by counsel, Jennifer Blum.

Advisory Opinion 1997-16: Nancy DenDooven, Treasurer, on behalf of ONRC Action Federal PAC.

Advisory Opinion 1997-19: Rena Johnson, Counsel, CoreStates Financial Corporation.

Revised Disclosure Forms and Schedules.

Recordkeeping and Reporting Regulations—Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

Administrative Matters.

#### PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:

Mr. Ron Harris, Press Officer, Telephone: (202) 219-4155.

**Marjorie W. Emmons,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act. Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than September 29, 1997.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco** (Pat Marshall, Manager of Analytical Support, Consumer Regulation Group) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105-1579:

1. *California Community Financial Institutions Fund Limited Partnership; Belvedere Capital Partners, Inc.; and Newco*, all of San Francisco, California; to become bank holding companies by acquiring 63.2 percent of the votign shares of Security First Bank, Fullerton, California.

In connection with this application, National Bancorp of Alaska, Inc., Anchorage, Alaska, has applied to acquire 9.9 percent of the voting shares of California Community Financial