

- Land use.
- Cultural resources.
- Air quality and noise.
- Hazardous waste.

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section on page 4 of this notice.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Columbia. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- The project would cross two perennial streams classified as warm water fisheries which contain wild trout.
- Four federally listed endangered or threatened species may occur in the proposed project area.
- Prehistoric and historic archeological sites and landscape with historic structures may be affected.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentor, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative locations/routes, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact). The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send two copies of your letter to: David P. Boergers, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;

- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch, PR-11.2.

- Reference Docket No. CP98-637-000; and

- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before August 31, 1998.

If you do not want to send comments at this time but still want to remain on our mailing list, please return the Information Request (appendix 4). If you do not return the Information Request, you will be taken off the mailing list.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor". Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 3). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision. You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Mr. Paul McKee of the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Amendment of License

July 30, 1998.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Amendment of License.

b. *Project No:* 346-033.

c. *Date Filed:* July 20, 1998.

d. *Applicant:* Minnesota Power, Incorporated.

e. *Name of Project:* Minnesota Blanchard Project.

f. *Location:* Morrison County, Royalton, Minnesota.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. John A. Niemela P.E., Minnesota Power, Incorporated, 30 West Superior Street, Duluth, Minnesota 55802 (218) 722-5642, extension 3329.

i. *FERC Contact:* Doan Pham, (202) 219-2851.

j. *Comment Date:* September 18, 1998.

k. *Description of the Filing:* The licensee filed an application to amend the license to remove from the project boundary, about 1, 831.59 acres of private property and 103.27 acres of fee-owned property, located along the Mississippi River, about 8.5 river miles upstream and 0.8 river mile downstream of the Blanchard Dam. The licensee indicates these properties are not necessary for project operation and maintenance, do not have any value with regard to environmental resources enhancement, and are subject to adequate local zoning and land use regulation by the local government agencies.

l. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, and D2.

B. 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.

C1. 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.

D2. 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. Boegers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulation Commission

Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission

July 30, 1998.

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

- a. *Type of Application:* Exemption of Small Conduit Hydroelectric Facility.
- b. *Project No.:* P-11531-001.
- c. *Date filed:* July 21, 1998.

d. *Applicant:* The City of Boulder, Colorado.

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

f. *Location:* At the terminus of the applicant's existing Silver Lake Raw Water Pipeline, near the City of Boulder, in Boulder County, Colorado.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Eva June Busse, P.E., Hydroelectric Projects Manager, City of Boulder, P.O. Box 791, Boulder, CO 80306-0791, (303) 441-4271.

i. *FERC Contact:* Bob Easton (202) 219-2782.

j. *Comment Date:* 60 days from the filing date in paragraph c.

k. *Description of Project:* The proposed project would consist of: (1) the existing reinforced concrete Silver Lake Diversion intake structure; (2) the existing 18,820-foot-long, 27-inch-diameter welded steel Silver Lake Pipeline; (3) a proposed powerhouse containing one generating unit having an installed capacity of 3.2 megawatts; (4) discharge facilities into Lakewood Reservoir; (5) a proposed transmission line; (6) a proposed switchyard; and (7) appurtenant facilities.

1. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the *Colorado 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 800.4

m. Under 18 CFR 4.32 (b)(7) of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that the applicant should

conduct an additional scientific study to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merits, they must file a request for the study with the Commission, not later than 60 days after the date the application is filed, and must serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

David P. Boegers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Hearings and Appeals

Notice of Cases Filed With the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Week of June 22 Through June 26, 1998

During the Week of June 22 through June 26, 1998, the appeals, applications, petitions or other requests listed in this Notice were filed with the Office of Hearings and Appeals of the Department of Energy.

Any person who will be aggrieved by the DOE action sought in any of these cases may file written comments on the application within ten days of publication of this Notice or the date of receipt of actual notice, whichever occurs first. All such comments shall be filed with the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. 20585-0107.

Dated: July 22, 1998.

George B. Breznay,

Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals.

LIST OF CASES RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS

[Week of June 22 through June 29, 1998]

Date	Name and location of applicant	Case No.	Type of submission
6/22/98	Personnel Security Hearing	VSO-0215	Request for Hearing Under 10 CFR Part 710. If granted: An individual employed by a contractor of the Department of Energy would receive a hearing under 10 CFR Part 710.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Hearings and Appeals

Notice of Cases Filed; Week of June 29 Through July 3, 1998

During the Week of June 29 through July 3, 1998, the appeals, applications,

petitions or other requests listed in this Notice were filed with the Office of Hearings and Appeals of the Department of Energy.

Any person who will be aggrieved by the DOE action sought in any of these cases may file written comments on the application within ten days of publication of this Notice or the date of receipt of actual notice, whichever occurs first. All such comments shall be filed with the Office of Hearings and

Appeals, Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. 20585-0107.

Date: July 22, 1998

George B. Breznay,

Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals.