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i. *FERC Contact*: Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Doan Pham at (202) 219-2851 or e-mail address doan.pham@ferc.fed.us.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, or protests*: 45 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 Numbers (1869-037, 2188-037, and 2301-015) on any comments, protests, or motions filed.

k. *Description of Amendment*: MPC, present licensee of the above captioned hydroelectric projects, and PPLM, prospective licensee of these same projects, have filed an application requesting: (1) Commission authorization to amend the license for project No. 2188 in order to (a) remove certain transmission facilities from the project and (b) to specify new Generation Point of Receipt (GPOR), as points of interconnection between developments in the project that will be conveyed to PPLM transmission facilities of MPC; (2) Commission authorization to amend the license for Project No. 2301 in order to specify a new GPOR similar to that being proposed for Project No. 2188; (3) for Project Nos. 2188, 2301 and 1869, Commission approval of and, as necessary, waivers for exercise of land use provisions in the respective project licenses to permit MPC to reserve certain land uses for itself. All of these changes in project licenses are being requested prior to the transfer of the project licenses and associated assets to PPLM, a transaction that has already received approval by Commission Order 88 FERC ¶ 62,018.

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 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 representative.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Scoping Meetings and Site Visits and Soliciting Scoping Comments

September 20, 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.*: 2566-010.

c. *Date Filed*: March 30, 1999.

d. *Applicant*: Consumers Energy Company.

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

f. *Location*: On the Grand River, in Ionia County, near the City of Portland, Michigan. 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*: David Battige, Consumers Energy Company, Hydro Operations, 330 Chestnut Street, Cadillac, MI 49601, (616) 779-5506.

i. *FERC Contact*: Tom Dean, thomas.dean@ferc.fed.us, (202) 219-2778.

j. *Deadline for filing scoping comments*: November 22, 1999.

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The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor 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. *Status of environmental analysis*: This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. *Description of the Project*: The project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) a 32-foot-high, 1,200-foot-long dam comprising: (a) a 157-foot-long concrete powerhouse section, (b) a 313-foot-long concrete spillway with 10 Taintor gates and one hydraulic flap gate, and (c) two earth embankment sections having a combined total length of 730 feet; (2) a 7-mile-long reservoir having a 660-acre surface area at a normal pool elevation of 684.4 feet USGS; (3) a powerhouse containing two generating units with a total installed capacity of 3,250 kW; and (4) other appurtenances.

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The Commission intends to prepare a Multiple Project Environmental Assessment (MPEA) for the relicensing of the Webber Project and the licensing of the Portland Municipal Project No. 11616, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The MPEA will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental effects, if any, of the proposed action and reasonable alternatives, and will include an economic, financial, and engineering analysis.

Scoping Meetings

The Commission will hold two scoping meetings, one in the daytime and one in the evening, to help us identify the scope of issues to be addressed in the MPEA. 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 environmental issues that should be addressed in the MPEA.

The evening meeting will be on Wednesday, October 20, 1999, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Portland High School auditorium, located at 1100 Ionia Road, Portland, Michigan. The morning meeting will be held on Thursday, October 21, 1999 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Lansing Center, Room 202, located at 333 East Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan.

To help focus discussions, we will distribute a Scoping Document (SD1) outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the MPEA to parties on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of the SD1 also will be available at the scoping meetings.

Site Visit

The applicant and the Commission staff will conduct project site visits on Wednesday, October 20, 1999, starting at 10:00 a.m. We will meet at the parking lot next to the Portland Dam powerhouse and fish ladder off Lyons Road. If you plan to attend the site visit, please call David Battige, Consumers Energy Company, at (616) 779-5506, no later than October 13, 1999.

Objectives

At the scoping meetings, the staff will: (1) Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the MPEA; (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 MPEA, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views; (4) determine the resource issues to be addressed in the MPEA; and (5) identify those issues that require a detailed analysis, as well as those issues that do not require a detailed analysis.

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will become part of the formal record of the Commission's proceeding on the project. Individuals presenting statements at the meetings will be asked to sign in before the meeting starts and to clearly identify themselves for the record.

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 MPEA.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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a. *Type of Application:* Original Minor License.

b. *Project No.:* 11616-000.

c. *Date Filed:* June 1, 1998.

d. *Applicant:* City of Portland, Michigan.

e. *Name of Project:* Portland Municipal Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Grand River, near the City of Portland, in Ionia County, Michigan. The project would not utilize federal lands.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Glen Hendrix, Earth Tech, Inc., 555 Glenwood Hills Pkwy., Grand Rapids, MI 49588, (616) 940-4406.

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k. *Status of environmental analysis:* This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

1. *Description of the Project:* The project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) a 13-foot-high, 325-foot-long dam with a concrete spillway; (2) a reservoir with a surface area of 90 acres, and a storage area of 140 acre-feet; (3) a powerhouse with a forebay containing two generating units with a total installed capacity of 375 kW; and (4) other appurtenances.

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