

j. Deadline for filing motions to intervene, protests and additional study requests is 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

k. This application has been accepted, but is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. The project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) A 1,021-foot-long, 14-foot-high timber crib diversion dam; (2) a shallow, 265-acre reservoir located in the Broad River upstream from the diversion dam; (3) an 85-acre, 10-foot-deep, 150-foot-wide, 3.5-mile-long canal; (4) a 210-foot-long, granite-block masonry canal intake structure, containing 12 manually operated vertical lift gates to control the flow of water into the canal; (5) a granite-block masonry canal spillway containing two, 12-foot-wide Taintor gates separated by a 208-foot-long stoplog section; (6) a granite-block and brick masonry powerhouse, containing seven turbine-generator units with a total installed capacity of 10,600 kilowatts, producing about 48 million kilowatthours annually; and (7) other appurtenances.

m. 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. The application may be viewed on <http://www.ferc.fed.us/rims.htm> (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

Protests or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211 and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests 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 protests or motions to intervene and must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time; therefore, the Commission is not now requesting comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions.

When the application is ready for environmental analysis, the Commission will issue a public notice requesting comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST" or "MOTION TO INTERVENE;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Any of these documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies required by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Office of Hydropower, Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above address. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Scoping Meetings and Site Visit and Soliciting Scoping Comments

December 23, 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.:* 2090-003.

c. *Date filed:* August 31, 1999.

d. *Applicant:* Green Mountain Power Corporation.

e. *Name of Project:* Waterbury Project.

f. *Location:* On Little River in Washington County, Vermont. No Federal Lands used in this project.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Craig T. Myotte, Green Mountain Power Corporation, 163 Action Lane, Colchester, VT 05446, (802) 660-5830.

i. *FERC Contact:* Robert Bell, E-mail address, robert.bell@ferc.fed.us, or telephone 202-219-2806.

j. *Deadline for filing scoping comments:* February 12, 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.

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

l. The existing project consists of: (1) 1,845-foot-long, 158-foot-high rolled earth embankment Waterbury Dam; (2) an impounding having a surface area of 1,330-acres, with a storage capacity of 64,700 acre-feet and a normal water surface elevation of 593.00 feet msl; (3) a submerged concrete intake structure; (4) two 205-foot-long, 54-inch diameter steel penstocks which connects to a 79-inch diameter penstock; (4) a powerhouse having one generating unit with an installed capacity of 5,520-kW; (5) a tailrace; (9) four-mile-long, 33-kV transmission line; and (7) appurtenant facilities.

m. 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. The application may be viewed on <http://www.ferc.fed.us/rims.htm> (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

n. **Scoping Process.**

The Commission intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The EA will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts and reasonable alternatives to the proposed action.

Scoping Meetings

The Commission will hold scoping meetings, one in the daytime and one in the evening, to help us identify the scope of issues to be addressed in the EA.

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 scope of the

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