

10. New England Power Company

[Docket No. ER95-838-000]

Take notice that on March 31, 1995, New England Power Company tendered for filing a Letter Agreement under which it provides NEPOOL reporting services to the Princeton (Mass.) Electric Light Department.

Comment date: April 28, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraphs

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,*Secretary.*

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[Project No. 7186-026 Vermont]**Missisquoi Associates; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment**

April 17, 1995.

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 a non-capacity related amendment of license for the Sheldon Springs Hydroelectric Project, No. 7186-026. The Sheldon Springs Hydroelectric Project is located on the Missisquoi River in Franklin County, Vermont. The application is to add a spillway gate at the dam and to construct a flow diversion spur in the project's forebay area. The Environmental Assessment (EA) finds that approving the application would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the EA are available for review in the Public Reference Branch, Room 3104, of the Commission's offices at 941 North Capitol Street NE., Washington, D.C. 20426. Copies can also be obtained by calling the project manager, Rebecca Martin at (202) 219-2650.

Lois D. Cashell,*Secretary.*

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[Project Nos. 1494-094, et al.]**Hydroelectric Applications [Grand River Dam Authority, et al.]; Notice of Applications**

Take notice that the following hydroelectric applications have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection:

1 a. Type of Application: Request For Commission Approval To Grant A Permit For Dredging On Project Lands.

b. Project No.: 1494-094.

c. Date filed: February 27, 1995.

d. Applicant: Grand River Dam Authority.

e. Name of Project: Pensacola Project.

f. Location: Grand Lake O' The Cherokees, Delaware County, Afton, Oklahoma.

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

h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Bob Sullivan, Grand River Dam Authority, P.O. Box 409, Drawer G, Vinita, OK 74301, (918) 256-5545.

i. FERC Contact: Joseph C. Adamson, (202) 219-1040.

j. Comment Date: May 17, 1995.

k. Description of Proposed Action: Grand River Dam Authority requested Commission authorization to issue a dredging permit as required by license article 21. The application is to permit Mr. Robert Micco to excavate an area 310 feet long, 80 feet wide, and 10 feet deep, from the lake bottom of Grand Lake O' The Cherokees, for a boat launch. The applicant was granted approval to dredge an area 90 feet long, 90 feet wide, and 10 feet deep in the Order Approving Non-Project Use of Project Lands, 68 FERC ¶ 62,094, issued July 27, 1994. The permit would allow the applicant to increase the length of the area by 310 feet, making the area 400 feet long, 90 feet wide, and 10 feet deep.

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

2 a. Type of Application: Preliminary Permit.

b. Project No.: 11524-000.

c. Date filed: March 2, 1995.

d. Applicant: Mokelumne River Water and Power Authority.

e. Name of Project: Middle Bar.

f. Location: Partially on lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, on the Mokelumne River, in Amador and Calaveras Counties, California. Township 5 N, Range 11 E, and Section 16.

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

h. Applicant Contact: Mr. David B. Ward, Counsel, Flood & Ward, 1000 Potomac St. N.W., Suite 402, Washington DC 20007, (202) 298-6910.

i. FERC Contact: Michael Spencer at (202) 219-2846.

j. Comment Date: June 30, 1995.

k. Description of Project: The project would utilize the upper reach of Pardee Reservoir for the Lower Mokelumne Project No. 2716 and consist of: (1) A 190-foot-high concrete arch dam; (2) a reservoir with a storage capacity of 40,000 acre-feet; (3) a powerhouse containing a generating unit with a capacity of 31 MW and an average annual generation of 80 Gwh; and (4) a 3-mile-long transmission line.

No new access road will be needed to conduct the studies. The applicant estimates that the cost of the studies to be conducted under the preliminary permit would be \$2,484,000.

l. Purpose of Project: Project power would be sold.

m. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: A5, A7, A9, A10, B, C, and D2.

3 a. Type of Application: Conduit Exemption.

b. Project No.: 11529-000.

c. Date filed: March 17, 1995.

d. Applicant: John Forgy.

e. Name of Project: Forgy Project.

f. Location: At Mr. Forgy's end of his 1 1/4-inch-diameter PVC domestic and irrigation water supply pipe that takes water from an unnamed spring, in Adams County, Idaho, at NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 Section 33 Township 22N Range 1E. The spring is within Payette National Forest.

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

h. Applicant Contact: Mr. John Forgy, 2740 Hillman Basin Road, New Meadows, ID 83654, (208) 628-3136.

i. FERC Contact: Héctor M. Pérez at (202) 219-2843.

j. Status of Environmental Analysis: This application is ready for environmental analysis at this time—see attached paragraph D-4.

k. Comment Date: June 12, 1995.

l. The existing project would consist of: A 180-watt unit at the end of Mr. Forgy's water supply pipeline.

m. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: A2, A9, B1, and D4.

n. Available Locations of Application: A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, located at 941 North Capitol Street, N.E., Room 3104, Washington, D.C. 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address shown in item h above.

4 a. Type of Application: Approval of the Upper Androscoggin River Comprehensive Recreation Plan.

b. Project Nos: 2422-014, 2326-012, 2311-013, 2300-012.

c. Date filed: March 1, 1995.

d. Applicant: James River-New Hampshire Electric, Inc.

e. Name of Projects: Sawmill Hydroelectric Project, Cross Power Hydroelectric Project, Gorham Hydroelectric Project, Shelburne Hydroelectric Project.

f. Location: All five projects are in Coos County, New Hampshire.

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

h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Jon M. Christensen, Project Manager, Kleinschmidt Associates, Consulting Engineers, 75 Main Street, P.O. Box 576, Pittsfield, ME 04967, (207) 487-3328.

i. FERC Contact: Jean Potvin, (202) 219-0022.

j. Comment Date: May 22, 1995.

k. Description of Project: The licensee requests approval for the Upper Androscoggin River Comprehensive Recreation Plan which includes the recreation facility development for the above referenced projects.

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

5 a. Type of Application: New Major License.

b. Project No.: 2474-004.

c. Date filed: December 4, 1991.

d. Applicant: Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation.

e. Name of Project: Oswego River Project.

f. Location: On the Oswego River in Oswego County, New York.

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

h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Jerry Sabattis, Hydro Licensing Coordinator, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, 300 Erie Boulevard West, Syracuse, NY 13202, (315) 474-1511.

i. FERC Contact: John McEachern (202) 219-3056.

j. Deadline Date: See paragraph D9.

k. Status of Environmental Analysis: This application has been accepted for filing and is ready for environmental analysis at this time with one exception. Fish entrainment studies, being conducted as a result of additional information requested by the Commission, have not yet been completed. Nevertheless, we believe the issues with respect of this issue are identifiable at this time. When the draft and final entrainment reports are submitted to the Commission, they will be reviewed for adequacy. In the interim, environmental analysis will proceed on all other issues—see attached paragraph D9. No second REA notice will be issued.

l. Description of Project: The project as licensed consists of the following: The Oswego River Project consists of three generating facilities, beginning with the most upstream: the Fulton Development, the Minetto Development, and the Varick Development. The existing features are described below for each development.

Fulton Development

The development is comprised of the following features: (1) A concrete buttress dam, totaling about 509 feet long, with a maximum height of 15 feet at a crest elevation of 334.0 feet mean sea level (msl), topped with about 6-inch-high flashboards, consisting of a gated concrete intake section, about 35 feet high by 41 feet long by 14 feet wide, having (a) three steel gates, measuring 8 feet high by 6.5 feet wide; (b) a forebay measuring 10 feet long by 40 feet wide; (c) perpendicular trashracks with $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch steel bars at 2½-inch openings for a total gross area of 538 square feet; and (d) an existing bypass reach about 1,850 feet long; (2) a concrete-steel with brick masonry powerhouse, about 55 feet high by 25 feet wide by 43 feet long, equipped with two vertical fixed-propeller turbine and synchronous generator combinations having (a) a total rated capacity of 1,250 kilowatts (Kw); (b) an operating hydraulic capacity of 1,010 cubic feet per second (cfs); (c) a rated head of 17 feet; and (d) an average annual generation of 7,380 Mwh; (3) a switchgear building, about 24 feet by 32 feet, housing the main controls for the units; (4) an impoundment having (a) a surface area of about 33 acres (AC); (b) a 620 acre-foot (AF) gross storage capacity; (c) a useable storage capacity of 30 AF; and (d) a normal pool headwater elevation of 334.5 feet msl; and (5) appurtenant facilities.

Minetto Development

The development is comprised of the following features: (1) A concrete gravity dam, totaling about 500 feet long, with a maximum height of 22.5 feet at a crest elevation of 307.0 feet msl, topped with proposed 10-inch-high pneumatic flashboards, consisting of a gated concrete intake section, about 40 feet high by 190 feet long, having (a) nine steel gates, measuring 9 feet high by 11 feet wide; and (b) perpendicular trashracks with ½-inch steel bars at 2½ inch openings for a total gross area of 2,891 square feet; (2) a concrete-steel with brick masonry powerhouse, about 77 feet high by 88 feet wide by 230 feet long, equipped with five vertical Francis turbine and General Electric generator combinations having (a) an existing total rated capacity of 8,000 Kw, a total hydraulic capacity of 7,000 cfs, and an average annual generation of 31,800 Mwh; (b) a proposed total rated capacity of 10,500 Kw, a total hydraulic capacity of 8,000 cfs, and an average annual generation of 47,300 Mwh; and (c) a rated head of 17.5 feet; (3) an impoundment having (a) a surface area of about 350 AC; (b) a gross storage capacity of 4,730 AF; (c) a useable storage capacity of 290 AF; and (d) a normal pool headwater elevation of 307.8 msl; and (4) appurtenant facilities.

Varick Development

The development is comprised of the following features: (1) A masonry gravity dam, totaling about 730 feet long with a maximum height of 13 feet, consisting of (a) a curved section, measuring 480 feet long with a crest elevation of 267.5 feet msl, topped with proposed 2.5-foot-high replacing the existing "stepped" flashboards, which varies from the west to each in heights at each quarter of the section: 30 inches, 32 inches, 34 inches and 36 inches; (b) a straight section, measuring 250 feet long with a crest elevation of 268.5 msl, also topped with a proposed 2.5-foot-high rubber dam, replacing the existing "stepped" flashboards, varying in heights of 10 inches; and (c) a gated section, about 189 feet long by 28 feet wide, with (i) 24 steel gates measuring 11 feet high by 6.25 feet wide, (ii) an unused minimum flow gate, (iii) a forebay measuring 950 feet long by 150 feet wide; (iv) perpendicular trashracks with 3/8-inch steel bars at 4-inch openings for a total gross area of 3,083 square feet; and an existing bypass reach about 1,940 feet long; (2) a concrete and brick powerhouse, about 78 feet high by 66 feet wide by 271 feet long, equipped with four vertical fixed-blade turbine and synchronous generator

combinations having (a) an existing total rated capacity of 8,800 Kw, a total hydraulic capacity of 5,600 cfs, and an average annual generation of 35,000 MWH; (b) a proposed total rated capacity of 10,000 kW, a total hydraulic capacity of 6,400 cfs, and an average annual generation of 43,300 mWH; and (c) a rated head of 19.6 feet; (3) an impoundment having (a) a surface area of about 32 AC; (b) a 435 AF of gross storage capacity; (c) a useable storage capacity of 80 AF; and (d) a normal pool headwater elevation of 270.0 msl; and (4) appurtenant facilities.

m. Purpose of Project: Project power would be utilized by the applicant for sale to its customers.

n. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: A4 and D9.

o. Available Location of Application: A copy of the application, as amended and supplemented, is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, located at 941 North Capitol Street, N.E., Room 3104, Washington, D.C., 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, 300 Erie Boulevard West, Syracuse, NY 13202, (315) 474-1511.

p. Scoping Process: In gathering background information for preparation of the Environmental Assessment for the issuance of a Federal hydropower license, staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, is using a scoping process to identify significant environmental issues related to the construction and operation or the continued operation of hydropower projects. The staff will review all issues raised during the scoping process and identify issues deserving of study and also deemphasize insignificant issues, narrowing the scope of the environmental assessment as well. If preliminary analysis indicates that any issues presented in the scoping process would have little potential for causing significant impacts, the issue or issues will be identified and the reasons for not providing a more detailed analysis will be given.

q. Request for Scoping Comments: Federal, state, and local resource agencies; licensees, applicants, and developers; Indian tribes; other interested groups and individuals, are requested to forward to the Commission, any information that they believe will assist the Commission staff in conducting an accurate and thorough analysis of the site-specific and cumulative environmental effects of the proposed licensing activities of the

project(s). Therefore you are requested to provide information related to the following items:

- Information, data, maps, or professional opinion may contribute to defining the geographical and temporal scope of the analysis and identifying significant environmental issues.

- Identification of and information from any other EIS or similar study (previous, on-going, or planned) relevant to the proposed licensing activities in the subject river basin.

- Existing information and any data that would aid in describing the past and present effects of the project(s) and other developmental activities on the physical/chemical, biological, and socioeconomic environments. For example, fish stocking/management histories in the subject river, historic water quality data and the reasons for improvement or degradation of the quality, any wetland habitat loss or proposals to develop land and water resources within the basin.

- Identification of any federal, state, or local resource plans and future project proposals that encompass the subject river or basin. For example, proposals to construct or operate water treatment facilities, recreation areas, or implement fishery management programs.

- Documentation that would support a conclusion that the project(s) does not contribute, or does contribute to adverse and beneficial cumulative effects on resources and therefore should be excluded for further study or excluded from further consideration of cumulative impacts within the river basin. Documentation should include, but not be limited to: How the project(s) interact with other projects within the river basin or other developmental activities; results from studies; resource management policies; and, reports from federal, state, and local agencies.

Comments concerning the scope of the environmental assessment should be filed by the deadline established in paragraph D9.

6 a. Type of Application: New License.

b. Project No.: P-2188-030.

c. Date filed: November 30, 1992.

d. Applicant: Montana Power Company.

e. Name of Project: Missouri-Madison Hydroelectric Project.

f. Location: On the Madison and Missouri Rivers in Gallatin, Madison, Lewis and Clark, and Cascade Counties, Montana.

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

h. Applicant Contact: Ms. Linda McGillan, Montana Power Company, 40

East Broadway, Butte, MT 59701, (406) 723-5454 ext. 73352.

i. FERC Contact: John McEachern (202) 219-3056.

j. Deadline Date: See paragraph D9.

k. Status of Environmental Analysis: This application has been accepted for filing and is ready for environmental analysis at this time—see attached paragraph D9.

l. Description of Project: The existing Missouri-Madison Project consists of nine developments described as follows.

The Hebgen Development which includes: A reservoir that stores and regulates flow from a 905 square mile drainage area and has a surface area of 13,000 acres at normal maximum reservoir water level of 6,534.87 feet. Normal maximum reservoir storage is 386,184 acre-feet, of which 378,845 acre-feet are usable storage between elevations 6,473 feet and 6,534.87 feet. Existing structures consist of a diversion dam, an outlet works, a side-channel spillway, several buildings, and two 15 kW diesel-fueled generators. The dam is an earth-filled structure 721 feet long and 85 feet above the streambed. The outlet works consists of an intake structure, an outlet conduit through the dam, and a terminal structure. The spillway, which is located on the right bank of the river, is 375 feet long and discharges to a discharge chute that varies from 47 feet wide at the inlet to 20 feet wide at the downstream end. The downstream end is equipped with a flip bucket that provides energy dissipation into a riprap-lined plunge pool in the Madison River. The buildings include a residence, garage, recreation residences, and boathouse.

The Madison Development which includes: A reservoir, known as Ennis Lake, that intercepts a drainage area of 2,181 square miles and has a normal maximum surface area of 3,900 acres at elevation 4,841 feet. Normal maximum reservoir storage is 41,917 acre-feet, of which 39,115 acre-feet are usable storage between elevations 4,826 feet and 4,841 feet. Existing structures consist of the diversion dam, intake, a flow line, a surge chamber, penstocks, a powerhouse, and a tailrace. The generating facilities at the powerhouse connect to a 100-kV power line that is part of Montana Power's transmission system. The dam, which is 257 feet long and 38.5 feet high above the streambed, consists of a rock-filled spillway, a concrete intake structure, and two non-overflow abutment sections at each end. The spillway is 140 feet long with roller-equipped side panels for providing control of flow. The intake is at the right end of the spillway and provides flow control to the steel flow

line. The flow line, which is 7,500 feet long and 13 feet in diameter, is located on the right side of the river and leads to the surge chamber and the powerhouse. The concrete surge chamber is 38 feet wide, 117 feet long, and 34 feet high, and has an overflow spillway over which water is discharged in the event of a plant trip. Four penstocks 9 feet in diameter and about 90 feet long convey water from the surge chamber to the powerhouse. The powerhouse is 203 feet long, 67 feet wide, and 36 feet high, and contains four generating units and associated equipment.

The Hauser Development which includes: Two connected reservoirs, Hauser Lake and Lake Helena, that have a surface area of 5,970 acres and intercept a drainage area of 16,876 square miles. Usable storage capacities are 52,893 acre-feet for Hauser Lake and 11,360 acre-feet for Lake Helena. Existing structures consist of a diversion dam, a forebay, six penstocks, a powerhouse, a tailrace, and two 69-kV transmission lines. A roadway embankment with a sluiceway connection to the main reservoir isolates Lake Helena from Hauser Lake. Hauser Dam is 700 feet long and 80 feet high above the streambed. It consists of a spillway, a non-overflow section, a forebay intake section, and two abutment sections. The spillway is 493 feet long with slidegates and removable flashboards for flow control. The intake, which enters the forebay, is located between the non-overflow section and the right abutment section. The forebay is a concrete structure 250 feet long and 39 feet wide, which directs flow to the powerhouse. Six steel penstocks 12 to 14 feet in diameter convey water from the forebay to the six turbines in the powerhouse, which is 236 feet long and 57 feet wide. Each of the two transmission lines is 12 miles long and extends to the East Helena switching station.

The Holter Development which includes: A reservoir that has a surface area of 4,550 acres at an elevation of 3,564 feet and intercepts an area of 17,150 square miles. Normal maximum reservoir storage is 240,000 acre-feet, of which 81,920 acre-feet are usable storage between elevations 3,543 feet and 3,564 feet. Existing structures consist of a diversion dam, a powerhouse, and a tailrace. The dam is 1,364 feet long and 124 feet high above the streambed. It consists of a central overflow spillway section, right and left non-overflow sections, and a powerhouse intake section. The spillway is 682 feet long with slide gates and removable flashboards for flow

control. The powerhouse is constructed integrally with the dam and averages 208 feet long and 81 feet wide.

The Black Eagle Development which includes: A reservoir that intercepts an area of 22,100 square miles and has a surface area of 402 acres at the normal maximum reservoir water level of 3,290 feet elevation. Normal maximum reservoir storage is 1,820 acre-feet, of which 1,710 acre-feet are usable storage between elevations 3,279 feet and 3,290 feet. Existing structures consist of a diversion dam, a forebay, a powerhouse, and a tailrace. The dam is 782 feet long and 34.5 feet high above the streambed. It consists of a 646-foot-long overflow spillway with removable flashboards for flow control, a 105-foot-long wastegate section with slidegates for flow control, and a right abutment section. The forebay, which forms the left abutment of the dam, is 421 feet long and 96 feet wide and directs flow to the powerhouse. The intake and the powerhouse are constructed integrally with the dam. The powerhouse averages 135 feet long and 50 feet wide and contains three generators. The tailrace channel is about 1,500 feet long with concrete sidewalls.

The Rainbow Development which includes: A reservoir that has a surface area of 126 acres at normal reservoir water level of 3,224 feet. Normal maximum reservoir storage is 1,237 acre-feet, of which 1,170 acre-feet are usable storage between elevations 3,212 feet and 3,224 feet. Existing structures include a diversion dam, three flow lines, a surge tank, a surge chamber, 16 penstocks, a powerhouse, and a tailrace. The dam, which is 1,146 feet long and 44 feet high above the streambed, consists of an overflow spillway, a concrete intake section, and a wastegate structure on the right abutment. The spillway is 1,065 feet long with rubber dams and removable flashboards for flow control. Two adjacent structures totaling about 200 feet wide form the intake, which discharges into flow lines that are about 2,400 feet long. Flow lines for units 7 and 8 have a surge tank 40 feet in diameter and 65 feet high. A standpipe 12 feet in diameter and 45 feet high is upstream of the surge tank. Flow lines for units 1 through 6 lead to the surge chamber, which is 182 feet wide and 346 feet long and has a spillway for discharge of water in the event of a plant trip. Sixteen buried penstocks transfer water from the surge tank and surge chamber to the eight turbine generating units in the powerhouse. The powerhouse is 41 feet wide and 415 feet long with smaller extensions. The tailrace below the

powerhouse is about 60 feet wide and 850 feet long.

The Cochrane Development which includes: A reservoir that intercepts an area of 23,270 square miles and has a surface area of 249 acres at the normal maximum reservoir water level of 3,115 feet elevation. Normal maximum reservoir storage is 8,464 acre-feet, of which 4,503 acre-feet are usable storage between elevations 3,090 feet and 3,115 feet. Existing structures consist of a diversion dam, a powerhouse, a tailrace, and a 100-kV transmission line. The diversion dam is 856 feet long and 100 feet high above the streambed. It has a spillway section, a powerhouse/intake section, and left and right non-overflow sections. The spillway has radial gates for flow control and a standby generator for emergency gate operation. The intake, penstocks, and powerhouse are constructed integrally with the dam. The left and right non-overflow sections are 190 and 144 feet long, respectively. The transmission line is 2.9 miles long and connects the Cochrane Development to the Rainbow Development switchyard.

The Ryan Development which includes: A reservoir that intercepts a drainage area of 23,080 square miles and has a surface area of 168 acres at normal maximum elevation of 3,037 feet. Normal maximum reservoir storage is 3,653 acre-feet, of which 2,440 acre-feet are usable storage between elevations 3,020 feet and 3,037 feet. Existing structures consist of a diversion dam, penstocks, a powerhouse, a tailrace, and two adjacent 100-kV transmission lines. The diversion dam is 1,465 feet long and 82 feet high above the streambed. It consists of an overflow spillway, a wastegate section, an intake section, and left and right abutment sections. The spillway is 1,000 feet long with removable flashboards for flow control. The wastegate is 129 feet long with gates for flow control and a skimmer gate. The intake section is between the wastegate section and the left abutment and is 135 feet long. The left and right abutments are 150 and 100 feet long, respectively. Eight buried 327-foot-long penstocks convey water from the intake to the powerhouse, which is 253 feet long and 89 feet wide with six main generators and two exciters. The tailrace is about 1,500 feet long and tapers from 220 feet wide at its upstream end to 100 feet wide at the discharge. The two adjacent power lines are 4.6 miles long and terminate at the Rainbow Development switching station.

The Morony Development which includes: A reservoir that intercepts a total drainage area of 23,292 square miles and has a surface area of 304 acres

at normal maximum reservoir water level of 2,887 feet elevation. Normal maximum reservoir storage is 13,598 acre-feet, of which 7,595 acre-feet are usable storage between elevations 2,887 feet and 2,861 feet. Existing structures consist of a diversion dam, a powerhouse integral with the dam, a tailrace, and a 100-kV transmission line. The dam is 842 feet long and 96 feet high above the streambed. It consists of an overflow spillway section, a powerhouse/intake section, and left and right non-overflow sections. The spillway is 390 feet long with nine radial gates for regulating flow and a slide gate for handling trash. The powerhouse/intake section is 195 feet long and contains the penstocks leading to the powerhouse, which is 162 feet long and 58 feet wide. Water is discharged through a short tail race. The left and right non-overflow sections of the dam are 199 and 68 feet long, respectively. The 100-kV transmission line is 8.5 miles long and terminates at the Great Falls switchyard. The original license included a 7.4-mile-long, 100-kV transmission line to the Rainbow Development switchyard.

m. Purpose of Project: Project power would be utilized by the applicant for sale to its customers.

n. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: A4 and D9.

o. Available Location of Application: A copy of the application, as amended and supplemented, is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, located at 941 North Capitol Street, N.E., Room 3104, Washington, D.C., 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at Montana Power Company, 40 East Broadway, Butte, MT 59701 or by calling (406) 723-5454.

p. Scoping Process: In gathering background information for preparation of the environmental impact statement (EIS) for the issuance of a Federal hydropower license, staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission conducted a scoping process to identify significant environmental issues related to the continued operation of the project. A scoping document was issued in December 1993, and comments were invited. Commission staff also conducted four scoping meetings; three meetings were primarily for public input, while one meeting focused on resource agency and non-governmental organization concerns. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies were invited to attend one or more of the meetings and to provide written

scoping comments to assist the staff in identifying the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EIS. The staff has reviewed all issues raised during the scoping process and identified those issues deserving of detailed analysis in the EIS. The staff has also narrowed the scope of the EIS by identifying insignificant issues; the reasons for not providing a more detailed analysis of these issues will be given in the draft EIS.

q. Request for Scoping Comments: Federal, state, and local resource agencies and other interested groups or individuals were requested to forward to the Commission any information that they believed would assist the Commission staff in conducting an accurate and thorough analysis of the site-specific and cumulative environmental effects of the proposed licensing of the project. The types of information requested included:

- Existing information, data, reports or resource plans that would aid in characterizing baseline physical, biological, and social environments in the project's vicinity.
- Information, data, or professional judgement that may help identify or evaluate significant environmental issues, and other environmental issues that are determined not significant.

Comments concerning the scope of the environmental assessment should be filed by the deadline established in paragraph D9.

7 a. Type of Application: Preliminary Permit.

b. Project No.: 11528-000.

c. Date filed: March 20, 1995.

d. Applicant: Alaska Business and Industrial Development Corporation.

e. Name of Project: Grant Lake Water Power Project.

f. Location: On Falls Creek and Grant Creek, near the town of Seward, in the Third Judicial District of the state of Alaska. All project lands are owned by the state.

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

h. Applicant Contact: Fred G. Brown, President, Alaska Business and Industrial Development Corporation, 1469 Holy Cross Drive, Fairbanks, AK 99701, (907) 451-2898.

i. FERC Contact: Mr. Michael Strzelecki, (202) 219-2827.

j. Comment Date: June 26, 1995.

k. Description of Project: The proposed run-of-river project would involve dredging a 1,200-foot-long, 40-foot-deep channel in the state's existing Grant Lake, and would consist of: (1) A lake tap at the outlet of Grant Lake; (2) a 9-foot-diameter, 3,200-foot-long tunnel; (3) a powerhouse containing an

unspecified number of generating units with a total installed capacity of 7,000 kW; (4) a 1.2-mile-long transmission line interconnecting with an existing Daves Creek-Seward transmission line; (5) a 2.6-mile-long access road; and (6) appurtenant facilities.

The applicant is also exploring the option of diverting water from nearby Falls Creek into Grant Lake to supplement the flow available for the project. This option would consist of: (1) An intake on Falls Creek; and (2) a 2-mile-long pipeline leading to Grant Lake.

No new roads will be constructed to conduct the studies.

1. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: A5, A7, A9, A10, B, C, and D2.

8 a. Type of Application: Amendment of License.

b. Project No.: P-6901-026.

c. Date filed: June 18, 1993, and supplemented on February 14, 1994, and March 17, 1995.

d. Applicant: City of New Martinsville.

e. Name of Project: New Cumberland Project.

f. Location: At the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' New Cumberland Locks and Dam on the Ohio River, in Hancock County, West Virginia and Jefferson County, Ohio.

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

h. Applicant Contact: David F. Pritchard, Burgess and Niple, Limited, 5085 Reed Road, Columbus, OH 43220, (614) 459-2050.

i. FERC Contact: Monica Maynard, (202) 219-2652

j. Comment date: June 2, 1995

k. Description of Amendment: Article 402 of the project license requires a continuous mitigative spillflow release of 15,000 cubic feet per second from the project during the period from July through October, to ensure maintenance of 6.5 milligrams per liter of dissolved oxygen (DO) throughout the downstream pool. The City of New Martinsville requests to substitute real-time monitoring and project operation adjustments to detect and alleviate low DO concentrations in the Ohio River downstream from the project for the continuous spillflow requirement.

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

Standard Paragraphs

A2. Development Application—Any qualified applicant desiring to file a competing application must submit to the Commission, on or before the specified deadline date for the

particular application, a competing development application, or a notice of intent to file such an application.

Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing development application no later than 120 days after the specified deadline date for the particular application. Applications for preliminary permits will not be accepted in response to this notice.

A4. Development Application—Public notice of the filing of the initial development application, which has already been given, established the due date for filing competing applications or notices of intent. Under the Commission's regulations, any competing development application must be filed in response to and in compliance with public notice of the initial development application. No competing applications or notices of intent may be filed in response to this notice.

A5. Preliminary Permit—Anyone desiring to file a competing application for preliminary permit for a proposed project must submit the competing application itself, or a notice of intent to file such an application, to the Commission on or before the specified comment date for the particular application (see 18 CFR 4.36). Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing preliminary permit application no later than 30 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing preliminary permit application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) (1) and (9) and 4.36.

A7. Preliminary Permit—Any qualified development applicant desiring to file a competing development application must submit to the Commission, on or before a specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent to file a development application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) (1) and (9) and 4.36.

A9. Notice of intent—A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development

application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

A10. Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit—A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

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.

B1. 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 must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

C. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION", "COMPETING APPLICATION", "PROTEST", "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, 825 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review,

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Room 1027, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in 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, 825 North Capitol 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.

D4. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—The application is ready for environmental analysis at this time, and the Commission is requesting comments, reply comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions.

The Commission directs, pursuant to section 4.34(b) of the regulations (see Order No. 533 issued May 8, 1991, 56 FR 23108, May 20, 1991) that all comments, recommendations, terms and conditions and prescriptions concerning the application be filed with the Commission within 60 days from the issuance date of this notice (June 12, 1995 for Project No. 11529-000). All reply comments must be filed with the Commission within 105 days from the date of this notice (July 26, 1995 for Project No. 11529-000).

Anyone may obtain an extension of time for these deadlines from the Commission only upon a showing of good cause or extraordinary circumstances in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2008.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", "NOTICE OF

INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION," "COMPETING APPLICATION," "COMMENTS," "REPLY COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS;" (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. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). 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, 825 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Room 1027, 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. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

D9. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—The application is ready for environmental analysis at this time, and the Commission is requesting comments, reply comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions.

The Commission directs, pursuant to section 4.34(b) of the regulations (see Order No. 533 issued May 8, 1991, 56 FR 23108, May 20, 1991) that all comments, recommendations, terms and conditions and prescriptions concerning the application be filed with the Commission within 60 days from the issuance date of this notice (June 2, 1995 for Project No. 2474-004; June 5, 1995 for Project No. 2188-030). All reply comments must be filed with the Commission within 105 days from the date of this notice (July 17, 1995 for Project No. 2474-004; July 20, 1995 for Project No. 2188-030).

Anyone may obtain an extension of time for these deadlines from the

Commission only upon a showing of good cause or extraordinary circumstances in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2008.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "REPLY COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS;" (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 submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). 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, 825 North Capitol Street NE., Washington, D.C. 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Room 1027, at the above address. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b), and 385.2010.

Dated: April 17, 1995, Washington, D. C.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP71-319-000, et al.]

**Colorado Interstate Gas Co., et al.;
Natural Gas Certificate Filings**

April 12, 1995.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. Colorado Interstate Gas Company

[Docket No. CP71-319-000]

Take notice that on April 4, 1995, Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG), P.O. Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944, filed in Docket No. CP71-319-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act for authorization to amend the order of November 18, 1971 to allow CIG to increase the maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) of its Oregon Basin Lateral (Lateral), all as more fully set forth in the application

on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

It is stated that by order of November 18, 1971, at Docket No. CP71-319, CIG was authorized, in part, to construct and operate the Lateral, a 19.7 mile six-inch diameter lateral in Park and Big Horn Counties, Wyoming. Because of negotiations with a shipper, CIG now needs to increase the capacity of the Lateral by installing compression under its blanket certificate. This additional compression will result in the need to increase the MAOP of the Lateral. CIG avers that the increase in the MAOP would be consistent with Part 192 of 49 CFR.

Comment date: May 3, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

**2. Washington Natural Gas Company,
as Project Operator**

[Docket No. CP95-300-000]

Take notice that on April 5, 1995, Washington Natural Gas Company (Washington Natural), as Project Operator of the Jackson Prairie Storage Project, 815 Mercer Street, Seattle, Washington 98109 filed an abbreviated application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Washington Natural to construct facilities and to inject additional cushion gas to increase the maximum daily deliverability of the Jackson Prairie Storage Project (Storage Project) located in Lewis County, Washington from 450 Mmcf/d to 550 Mmcf/d, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

To increase the deliverability of the Storage Project, Washington Natural requests Commission authority to:

- Increase the cushion gas of Zone 2 of the Storage Project from 16.8 Bcf to 17.2 Bcf;
- Construct four injection/withdrawal wells with appurtenant facilities in Zone 2 of the Storage Project;
- Upgrade existing compressors C6 and C7 by a total of 2,000 horsepower;
- Install an additional dehydration unit;
- Add two air-cooled heat exchangers; and
- Make miscellaneous station piping modifications.

Washington Natural says the estimated cost of the new facilities and the cushion gas will be \$5,375,000 which will be shared equally among the three partners in the Storage Project: Washington Natural, Washington Water Power Company (Water Power), and