

is not ready for environmental analysis at this time—see attached paragraph D7.

l. *Description of Project:* The existing run-of-river project utilizes flows diverted by the upstream Lawrence Hydro Project and consisting of: (1) A trashrack structure; (2) manually operated headgate and penstock; (3) three generating units of an installed total capacity of 1250-kW; and (4) appurtenant facilities. There is no dam and reservoir associated with the project. The applicant estimates that the total average annual generation would be 7,300 Mwh.

m. *Purpose of Project:* All generated power is used by the applicant for its paper manufacturing processes.

n. *This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs:* A2, A9, B1, and D7.

o. *Available Locations 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 and Maintenance Branch, located at 888 First Street, N.E., Room 2A-1, Washington, D.C. 20426, or by calling (202) 208-2326. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at Merrimac Paper Company, Inc., 9 South Canal St., Lawrence, Massachusetts 30246, (508) 656-0342.

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.

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.

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.

D7. 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," "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION," or "COMPETING APPLICATION;" (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. 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, 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, 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 Application Ready for Environmental Analysis

April 28, 1998.

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

a. *Type of application:* Minor License.  
b. *Project No.:* P-11574-000.  
c. *Date Filed:* February 23, 1996.  
d. *Applicant:* City of Norwich, Department of Public Utilities.  
e. *Name of Project:* Occum Hydro Project.

f. *Location:* On the Shetucket River, near the City of Norwich, New London County, Connecticut.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Peter Polubiatko, Electric Division Manager, City of Norwich Department of Utilities, 16 Golden Street, Norwich, CT 06360, (203) 823-4153.

i. *FERC Contact:* Ed Lee (202) 219-2809.

j. *Deadline for Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions:* See paragraph D9.

k. *Status of Environmental Analysis:* This application is now ready for environmental analysis—see attached paragraph D9.

l. *Description of Project:* The existing project consists of: (1) A 605-foot-long, 28-foot-high dam with masonry and concrete spillway sections, an earth embankment section and intake structure; (2) a reservoir with a 90 acre surface area and a 600 acre-foot gross storage capacity at normal pool elevation 66.1 feet NGVD; (3) a powerhouse containing one generation unit with a capacity of 800 kW and an average annual generation of 3.75 GWh; (4) a 125-foot-long, 4.8-kV transmission line; and (5) appurtenant facilities.

m. *Purpose of Project:* All project power would be used by the applicant.

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

o. *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 888 First Street N.W., Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address shown in Item h.

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.

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. All reply comments must be filed with the Commission within 105 days from the date of this notice.

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, 888 First 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, 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.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)/Sewage Sludge Monitoring Reports

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)/Sewage Sludge Monitoring Reports, EPA ICR No. 229.11, and OMB Control No. 2040-0004, expiring May 31, 1998. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before June 3, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by e-mail at farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov, or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 229.11.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** The Discharge Monitoring Report for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)/Sewage Sludge Monitoring Reports (OMB Control No. 2040-0004; EPA ICR No. 229.11) expiring 5/31/98. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** This ICR estimates the current monitoring, reporting, and record keeping burden and costs associated with submitting and reviewing Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs), sewage sludge monitoring reports, and other monitoring reports under the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) NPDES program. The NPDES program regulations, codified at 40 CFR parts 122 through 125, require permitted municipal and non-municipal point source discharges to collect, analyze, and submit data on their wastewater discharges. Under these regulations, the permittee is required to collect and analyze wastewater samples or have the analysis performed at an outside laboratory and report the results

to the permitting authority (EPA or an authorized NPDES State) using DMRs, a pre-printed form used for reporting pollutant discharge information. Sample monitoring, analysis, and reporting frequencies vary by permit, but must be performed at least annually for all permitted discharges except for certain storm water discharges.

Upon renewal of this ICR, the permitting authority will continue to require NPDES and sewage sludge facilities to report pollutant discharge monitoring data. The permitting authority will use the data from these forms to assess permittee compliance, modify/add new permit requirements, and revise effluent guidelines. The monitoring data required of NPDES and sewage sludge facilities represents the minimum information necessary to achieve the Agency's goals and satisfy regulatory standards.

Due to the re-estimation of burden for this collection, the burden hours associated with this new ICR have been greatly reduced from the hours of the current ICR. This decrease is due to more accurate estimates, which reflect the general practice of using outside laboratory services. The change in burden is reflected in higher operation and maintenance costs, due to the cost associated with using the services of outside laboratories.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR chapter 15. The **Federal Register** document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on 11/24/97 (62 FR 62590); one comment was received.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10.7 hours per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources;