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[Project No. 2662-012-CT; Project No. 12968-001-CT]

FirstLight Hydro Generating Company, City of Norwich Dept. of Public Utilities; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed competing applications for a new license for the Scotland Hydroelectric Project (Commission Project Nos. 2662-012 and 12968-001). The Scotland Hydroelectric Project is located on the Shetucket River, in Windham County, Connecticut. The existing licensee for the project is FirstLight Hydro Generating Company (FirstLight). The competitor applicant for the Scotland Hydroelectric Project No. 12968 is the City of Norwich Department of Public Utilities (Norwich Public Utilities).

Staff has prepared a final environmental assessment (EA) that analyzes the potential environmental effects of relicensing the project as proposed by FirstLight and Norwich Public Utilities, and concludes that licensing the project with either proposal, with appropriate environmental protection measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the final EA is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at www.ferc.gov using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number for either project, excluding the last three digits, in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov; toll-free at 1-866-208-3676; or for TTY, 202-502-8659.

You may also register online at www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to these or other pending

projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

For further information, contact Janet Hutzel at (202) 502-8675 or by email at janet.hutzel@ferc.gov.

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[LLC Project No. 14360-000]

Hydro Development; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On February 3, 2012, Hydro Development, LLC filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the Cascade Creek Hydroelectric Project (Cascade Creek Project or project) to be located on Swan Lake and Cascade Creek, near Petersburg, Alaska. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed project would consist of the following: (1) The existing Swan Lake with surface area of 574 acres and useable storage capacity of 22,500 acre-feet; (2) an outlet control structure consisting of a low-head weir and a 3-foot-high, 50-foot-wide crest gate; (3) a submerged siphon inlet with screens; (4) a tunnel and penstock system conveying flows from the lake siphon to the powerhouse including: (i) A 26-foot-long, 26-foot-wide, 98-foot-deep concrete lined vertical shaft containing 10-foot-diameter siphon piping and a siphon shutoff valve; (ii) a 12-foot-diameter, 12,700-foot-long unlined low pressure tunnel; (iii) a 14-foot-diameter, 1,320-foot-long unlined vertical shaft/vent; (iv) a 14-foot-diameter, 1,980-foot-long tunnel containing a 9-foot-diameter, 1,980-foot-long steel penstock; and (v) a 9-foot-diameter, 780-foot-long buried steel penstock; (5) a 140-foot-long, 80-foot-wide concrete and metal powerhouse with three 23.3-megawatt (MW), vertical-shaft Pelton turbine units

having a total installed capacity of 70 MW; (6) a 450-foot-long, 40-foot-wide riprap-armored trapezoidal open-channel tailrace; (7) a new marine access facility, including a dock and barge landing ramp; (8) a 18.7-mile-long, 138-kilovolt transmission line consisting of buried, submarine, and overhead segments, with interconnection to the existing Scow Bay substation; and (9) appurtenant facilities. The estimated annual generation of the Cascade Creek Project would be 200 gigawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: Mr. Corky Smith, Hydro Development, LLC, 928 Thomas Road, Bellingham, Washington 98226; phone: (360) 733-3332.

FERC Contact: Kim Nguyen; phone: (202) 502-6105.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR § 4.36. Comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR § 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and seven copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-14360) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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