

federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the proposed Maritimes Phase IV Project:

New Construction in Maine

- Approximately, 1.7 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipeline in Washington County (Baileyville Loop);
- Baileyville Meter Station in Washington County;
- Woodchopping Ridge Compressor Station (18,085 horsepower [HP]) in Hancock County;
- Brewer Compressor Station (18,085 HP) in Penobscot County;
- Searsmont Compressor Station (18,085 HP) in Waldo County;
- Westbrook Compressor Station (26,666 HP) in Cumberland County;
- Westbrook Meter Station in Cumberland County; and
- Eliot Compressor Station (8,943 HP) in York County.

Modifications in Maine

- Piping at the existing Richmond Compressor Station in Sagadahoc County;
- Piping at the existing Baileyville Compressor Station in Washington County; and
- Piping at the existing Baileyville Meter Station in Washington County.

Modifications in Massachusetts

- At the existing Dracut Meter Station in Middlesex County.

The purpose of the proposed Maritimes Phase IV Project is to provide the necessary infrastructure to transport natural gas from the Canaport LNG terminal currently under construction in New Brunswick, Canada to markets in the Northeastern U.S. The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, State and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before the date specified below. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send an original and two copies of your comments to: Secretary, Federal

Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;

- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Gas Branch 2, PJ11.2.

- Reference Docket No. C06-335-000; and

- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before January 10, 2007.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of any comments or interventions or protests to this proceeding. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link and the link to the User's Guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create a free account which can be created by clicking on "Sign-up."

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentor a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).¹ Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208-FERC or on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission now offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all

¹ Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries and direct links to the documents. Go to <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm>.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2230-034]

City and Borough of Sitka, AK; Notice Soliciting Comments and Final Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions

December 8, 2006.

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.: 2230-034.

c. Date Filed: March 28, 2006.

d. Applicant: City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska.

e. Name of Project: Blue Lake Hydroelectric Project.

f. Location: On Sawmill Creek, 5 miles southeast of the City of Sitka, Alaska. The project occupies lands of the United States; specifically 1628.1 acres of the Tongass National Forest.

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

h. Applicant Contact: Andy Eggen, Acting Utility Director, City and Borough of Sitka, 105 Jarvis Street, Sitka, AK 99835, (907) 747-4000.

i. FERC Contact: Thomas Dean, (202) 502-6041 or thomas.dean@ferc.gov.

j. Deadline for filing comments and final recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions is 60 days from the issuance of this notice; reply comments are due 105 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person that is 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.

Comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "eFiling" link.

k. This application has been accepted for filing and is now ready for environmental analysis.

l. Description of Project: The existing Blue Lake Project consists of the following: (1) A 211-foot-high, 256-foot-long concrete arch dam equipped with a 140-foot-long spillway and a release valve at the base of the dam; (2) a 1,225-acre reservoir with a normal water surface elevation of 342 feet msl; (3) a 7,110-foot-long power conduit consisting of: (a) An 11.5-foot-diameter, 1,500-foot-long penstock; (b) an 84-inch-diameter, 460-foot-long penstock; (c) a 10-inch-diameter, 4,650-foot-long lower penstock; (d) an 84-inch-diameter, 500-foot-long penstock; (e) a 20-inch-diameter water supply tap; (f) an 84-inch-diameter butterfly valve; and (g) a 24-inch conduit drain valve; (4) a powerhouse containing two 3,000 kW generating units; (5) a 150-foot-long tailrace; (6) a 5-mile-long, 69-kV transmission line; and (7) appurtenant facilities.

Two additional generating units are connected to the project power conduit as follows:

The Fish Valve Unit consists of: (1) A 36-inch-diameter wye penstock connected to the power conduit; (2) a powerhouse containing one 670 kW generating unit; (3) a 7,700-foot-long, 12.47-kV transmission line; and (4) appurtenant facilities.

The Pulp Mill Feeder Unit consists of: (1) A 36-inch-diameter tee connected to the power conduit; (2) a 36-inch-diameter, 24-foot-long penstock; (3) a powerhouse containing one 870 kW generating unit; (4) a 470-foot-long 4.16-kV transmission line; and (5) appurtenant facilities.

m. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-

free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. Anyone may submit comments on this application. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all comments filed. Comments must be received on or before the specified deadline date.

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 agency or other individual 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). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. 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.

o. Procedural schedule: The application will be processed according to the following Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate. The Commission staff proposes to issue a single environmental assessment for comment rather than issuing a draft and final EA. Comments, terms and conditions, recommendations, prescriptions, and reply comments, if any, will be addressed in the EA. Staff intend to give at least 30 days for entities to comment on the EA, and will take into consideration all comments received on the EA before final action is taken on the license application.

Notice of the availability of the EA June 2007.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application for Non-Project Use of Project Lands and Waters and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

December 11, 2006.

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

a. *Application Type:* Non-Project Use of Project Lands and Waters.

b. *Project No:* 2210-143.

c. *Date filed:* October 10, 2006.

d. *Applicant:* Appalachian Power Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Smith Mountain Pumped Storage Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the Roanoke River, in Bedford, Pittsylvania, Franklin, and Roanoke Counties, Virginia.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r) and §§ 799 and 801.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Teresa P. Rogers, Hydro Generation Department, Appalachian Power, P.O. Box 2021, Roanoke, VA 24022-2121, (540) 985-2441.

i. *FERC Contact:* Brian Romanek at 202-502-6175, or e-mail: Brian.Romanek@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments and or motions:* January 12, 2007.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please include the project number (P-2210-143) on any comments or motions filed. Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages e-filings.

k. *Description of Application:* The licensee requests a variance be granted to Willard Companies (Willard) for the construction of four floating docks accommodating 17 boats and to maintain an existing boat ramp, all of which would serve a residential community, known as "The Farms at Smith Mountain Lake" (located in Franklin County near Rocky Mount, Virginia). The licensee is requesting the variance because the proposed action is not in conformance with the approved project Shoreline Management Plan