

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 2816-041]

North Hartland, LLC; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests, and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions

July 10, 2009.

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

a. *Application Type*: Amendment of license to install a bypass flow turbine generator unit.

b. *Project No.*: 2816-041.

c. *Date Filed*: January 6, 2009.

d. *Applicant*: North Hartland, LLC (North Hartland)

e. *Name of Project*: North Hartland.

f. *Location*: The North Hartland Project is located at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) North Hartland Dam on the Ottauquechee River in Windsor County, Vermont.

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

h. *Applicant Contact*: Richard Norman, Essex Hydro Associates, L.L.C., 55 Union Street, Boston, MA 02108. Tel: (617) 367-0032.

i. *FERC Contact*: Vedula Sarma, telephone (202) 502-6190, and e-mail address vedula.sarma@ferc.gov.

j. Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests, comments, recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions is 60 days from the issuance of this notice; reply comments are due 105 days from the issuance date of this notice.

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 (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

All documents (original and eight copies) filed by paper should be sent to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please include the project number (P-2816-041) on any comments or motions filed.

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 whose name appears 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. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

k. *Description of Request*: North Hartland proposes to install a bypass flow turbine with a maximum capacity of 137.5 kW to utilize a portion of the minimum flow discharge requirement of 40 cfs that is not currently used for generating purposes. The project's hydraulic capacity would increase from 810 cfs to 835 cfs, and the annual energy production would increase by approximately 600,000 kWh.

l. *Locations of the Application*: 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) 502-8371. This filing may also 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. 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, call 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *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.

o. Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the

Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers.

p. *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.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 6597-012]

Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, Commencement of Licensing Proceeding, Scoping Meetings, Solicitation of Comments on the PAD and Scoping Document, and Identification of Issues and Associated Study Requests

July 10, 2009.

a. *Type of Filing*: Notice of Intent to File License Application for a New License and Commencing Licensing Proceeding.

b. *Project No.*: 6597-012.

c. *Date Filed*: May 11, 2009.

d. *Submitted by*: Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc.

e. *Name of Project*: Monadnock Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location*: Contoocook River in the communities of Peterborough, Greenfield, Hancock, and Bennington in Hillsborough County, New Hampshire. No federal lands are involved.

g. *Filed Pursuant to*: 18 CFR Part 5 of the Commission's Regulations.

h. *Applicant Contact*: Michelle Hamm, Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc., 117 Antrim Road, Bennington, NH 03442. mhamm@mpm.com or (603) 588-3311 ext 255.

i. *FERC Contact*: Kenneth Hogan, Kenneth.Hogan@ferc.gov, (202) 502-8434.

j. We are asking federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with us in the preparation of the environmental document. Agencies who would like to request cooperating status

should follow the instructions for filing comments described in paragraph o below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. *See*, 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

k. *With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with:* (a) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR Part 402; and (b) the State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by Section 106, National Historical Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. With this notice, we are designating Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc. as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation, pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and Section 106 of the National Historical Preservation Act.

m. Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc. filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations. The Commission issued a Scoping Document on July 10, 2009.

n. A copy of the PAD and the scoping document are available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site (<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 paragraph h.

Register online at <http://ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm> to be notified via e-mail of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

o. With this notice, we are soliciting comments on the PAD and the scoping document, as well as study requests. All comments on the PAD and the scoping document, and study requests should be sent to the address above in paragraph h. In addition, all comments on the PAD and the scoping document, study requests, requests for cooperating agency status, and all communications to and from Commission staff related to

the merits of the potential application (original and eight copies) must be filed with the Commission at the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. All filings with the Commission must include on the first page, Monadnock Hydroelectric Project and number (P-6597-012), and bear the heading "Comments on Pre-Application Document," "Study Requests," "Comments on Scoping Document 1," "Request for Cooperating Agency Status," or "Communications to and from Commission Staff." Any individual or entity interested in submitting study requests, commenting on the PAD or the scoping document, and any agency requesting cooperating status must do so by September 8, 2009.

Comments on the PAD and the scoping document, study requests, requests for cooperating agency status, and other permissible forms of communications with the Commission may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-filing" link.

p. Our current intent is to prepare a single environmental assessment (EA). These meetings will satisfy the NEPA scoping requirements, irrespective of whether an EA or an Environmental Impact Statement is issued by the Commission.

Scoping Meetings

Commission staff will hold two scoping meetings in the vicinity of the project at the time and place noted below. The evening meeting is primarily for receiving input from the public and the daytime meeting will focus on resource agency, Indian tribes, and non-governmental organization concerns. We invite all interested individuals, organizations, and agencies to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist staff in identifying particular study needs, as well as the scope of environmental issues to be addressed in the environmental document. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

Evening Scoping Meeting

Date: Tuesday August 4, 2009.

Time: 7 p.m. (EST).

Location: Veterans for Foreign Wars Hall, 9 Hancock Street, Bennington, NH 03442.

Contact person: Michelle Hamm at (603) 588-3311 ext. 255.

Daytime Scoping Meeting

Date: Wednesday August 5, 2009.

Time: 9 a.m. (EST).

Location: Veterans for Foreign Wars Hall, 9 Hancock Street, Bennington, NH 03442.

Contact person: Michelle Hamm at (603) 588-3311 ext. 255.

The scoping document, which outlines the subject areas to be addressed in the environmental document, was mailed to the individuals and entities on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of the scoping document will be available at the scoping meetings, or may be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link. Follow the directions for accessing information in paragraph n. Depending on the extent of comments received, Scoping Document 2 may or may not be issued.

Site Visit

Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc. will conduct a site visit of the project at 1 p.m. on Tuesday August 4, 2009. All participants should meet at the location of the offices for Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc. at 117 Antrim Road, Bennington, NH 03442. All participants are responsible for their own transportation. Anyone with questions about the site visit should contact Michelle Hamm at (603) 588-3311 ext. 255.

Scoping Meeting Objectives

At the scoping meetings, staff will: (1) Initiate scoping of the issues; (2) review and discuss existing conditions and resource management objectives; (3) review and discuss existing information and identify preliminary information and study needs; (4) review and discuss the process plan and schedule for pre-filing activity that incorporates the time frames provided for in Part 5 of the Commission's regulations and, to the extent possible, maximizes coordination of federal, state, and tribal permitting and certification processes; and (5) discuss the appropriateness of any federal or state agency or Indian tribe acting as a cooperating agency for development of an environmental document.

Meeting participants should come prepared to discuss their issues and/or concerns. Please review the PAD in preparation for the scoping meetings. Directions on how to obtain a copy of the PAD and the scoping document are included in paragraph n.

Meeting Procedures

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will become part of

the formal record of the Commission proceeding on the project.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Bonneville Power Administration

Klickitat Hatchery Program

AGENCY: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and a floodplain and wetland assessment.

SUMMARY: BPA intends to prepare an EIS in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) on funding proposed changes to the existing salmon and steelhead hatchery program in the Klickitat subbasin in Klickitat and Yakima counties, Washington. As mitigation under the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act, BPA proposes to upgrade and improve the Klickitat Hatchery, a Mitchell Act artificial production facility built and funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries (NOAA Fisheries), located seven miles east of Glenwood, Washington, at river mile 42 of the Klickitat River. The proposed changes would also involve construction of a new Wahkiacus Hatchery and Acclimation Facility located at river mile 17 on the Klickitat River in Wahkiacus, Washington, and a steelhead acclimation facility at McCreedy Creek at river mile 70. With this Notice of Intent, BPA is initiating the public scoping process for the EIS. BPA is requesting comments about potential environmental impacts that it should consider as it prepares the EIS for the proposed changes to the program, as well as comments on alternatives that meet fish production objectives for the Klickitat Hatchery Program. Further details are provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

In accordance with DOE regulations for compliance with floodplain and wetlands environmental review requirements, BPA will prepare a floodplain and wetlands assessment to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within any affected floodplains and wetlands. The assessment will be included in the EIS.

DATES: Written scoping comments are due to the address below no later than August 18th, 2009. Comments may also be made at the EIS scoping meeting to be held on August 4th, 2009, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Lyle Community Center.

ADDRESSES: Send letters with comments and suggestions on the proposed scope of the Draft EIS, and requests to be placed on the project mailing list, to Bonneville Power Administration, Public Affairs Office—DKE-7, P.O. Box 14428, Portland, OR 97293-4428, or by fax to 503 230-3285. You also may call BPA's toll free comment line at 800 622-4519 and leave a message (please include the name of this project); or submit comments online at <http://www.bpa.gov/comment>. BPA will post all comment letters in their entirety on BPA's Web site at <http://www.bpa.gov/comment>.

On Tuesday August 4th, 2009, an open-house scoping meeting will be held from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Lyle Community Center, Lyle, Washington. At this informal meeting, we will provide maps and other information about the project and have members of the project team available to answer questions and accept oral and written comments. You may stop by anytime during the open house.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rosy Mazaika, Environmental Coordinator, Bonneville Power Administration—KEC-4, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon 97208-3621; toll-free telephone 1-800-282-3713; direct telephone 503-230-5869; or e-mail rxmazaika@bpa.gov. You may also contact Patricia Smith, Project Manager, Bonneville Power Administration—KEWL-4, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon 97208-3621; toll-free telephone 1-800-282-3713; direct telephone 503-230-7349; or e-mail prsmith@bpa.gov. Additional information can be found at BPA's Web site: <http://www.efw.bpa.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Fisheries programs in the Klickitat River subbasin are co-managed by the Yakama Nation and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), and include the Yakima/Klickitat Fisheries Project (YKFP) funded by BPA. The YKFP uses state-of-the-art artificial propagation methods designed to re-establish, supplement, or increase natural production and harvest opportunities of anadromous salmonids while maintaining the long-term fitness of target species and minimizing ecological and genetic impacts on non-target species. The YKFP has been developed to:

- Enhance existing stocks of anadromous fish in the Yakima and Klickitat river basins, while maintaining genetic and ecological resources; and
- Apply the knowledge gained through supplementation throughout the Columbia River Basin.

The YKFP also pursues the protection and restoration of habitat important to health and restoration of anadromous fish stocks.

Under the YKFP, in 2008, the Yakama Nation revised the Klickitat River Anadromous Fisheries Master Plan¹ in response to comments from the Northwest Power and Conservation Council (NPCC) and its Independent Scientific Review Panel.² Master plans are submitted as step one of the NPCC's three-step process³ for the review of artificial propagation project proposals for funding by the BPA. Included in the plan are details and the scientific basis for proposed production goals, facilities, monitoring and evaluation, and habitat improvements necessary to manage endemic spring Chinook and steelhead and hatchery coho and fall Chinook in the Klickitat subbasin. Because

1. The facilities and habitat work are proposed to benefit more than one target species,

2. Artificial production work will require BPA and NOAA Fisheries to coordinate efforts at the proposed various facilities, and

3. Proposed changes to production practices for single species could affect other target species,

the Yakama Nation developed the Klickitat Subbasin Anadromous Fishery Hatchery Plan ("Master Plan") to address all species, as well as Pacific lamprey.

According to the master plan prepared by the Yakama Nation and WDFW, the existing Klickitat Hatchery facilities, completed in 1954, need repair to meet current building codes and up-to-date artificial production guidelines. The Tribe operates the Klickitat Hatchery and NOAA Fisheries provides annual operation and maintenance funding using appropriations to the Mitchell Act program. Under the 2008 Columbia Basin Fish Accords Memorandum of Agreement between the three Treaty Tribes and Federal Columbia River Power System Action Agencies (The

¹ http://www.nwcouncil.org/dropbox/YKFP_03-31-08%20Draft%20Master%20Plan.pdf.

² <http://www.nwppc.org/library/isrp/isrp2008-6.pdf>.

³ Northwest Power and Conservation Council, Three-Step Review Process (Nov. 2006) <http://www.nwcouncil.org/Library/2006/2006-21.pdf>.