

proof of the date on which the certifying agency received the request; or (3) evidence of waiver of water quality certification.

q. Any qualified applicant desiring to file a competing application must submit to the Commission, on or before the specified intervention deadline date, 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 intervention deadline date. Applications for preliminary permits will not be accepted in response to this notice.

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 a development application. A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

Dated: July 28, 2016.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

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[Project No. 14550-001]

**New England Hydropower Company, LLC, Hanover Pond Hydro, LLC; Notice of Transfer of Exemption**

1. By letter filed July 20, 2016, New England Hydropower Company, LLC

informed the Commission that the exemption from licensing for the Hanover Pond Dam Hydroelectric Project No. 14550, originally issued May 19, 2016<sup>1</sup> has been transferred to Hanover Pond Hydro, LLC. The project is located on the Quinnipiac River in New Haven County, Connecticut. The transfer of an exemption does not require Commission approval.

2. Hanover Pond Hydro, LLC is now the exemptee of the Hanover Pond Dam Hydroelectric Project, No. 14550. All correspondence should be forwarded to: Mr. Michael C. Kerr, CEO, Hanover Pond Hydro, LLC, 100 Cummings Center Drive, Suite 428N, Beverly, MA 01915.

Dated: July 28, 2016.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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[Docket No. CD16-16-000]

**Metropolitan District; Notice of Preliminary Determination of a Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility and Soliciting Comments and Motions To Intervene**

On July 22, 2016, the Metropolitan District filed a notice of intent to construct a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, pursuant to section 30 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), as amended by section 4 of the Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act

of 2013 (HREA). The proposed Barkhamsted Transmission Hydro No. 1 Project would have an installed capacity of 250 kilowatts (kW) and would be located at a 48-inch-diameter gravity pressure raw water supply pipe. The project would be located near the City of New Hartford in Litchfield County, Connecticut.

*Applicant Contact:* Scott Jellison, Metropolitan District, 555 Main Street, Hartford, CT 06142, Phone No. (860) 278-7850, Ext 3522.

*FERC Contact:* Robert Bell, Phone No. (202) 502-6062, email: *robert.bell@ferc.gov*.

*Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility Description:* The proposed project would consist of: (1) A proposed 250-kW turbine replacing the existing booster pump (which is unused) in the Puddletown booster pump station and (2) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an estimated annual generating capacity of 1,475 megawatt-hours.

A qualifying conduit hydropower facility is one that is determined or deemed to meet all of the criteria shown in the table below.

TABLE 1—CRITERIA FOR QUALIFYING CONDUIT HYDROPOWER FACILITY

Statutory provision	Description	Satisfies (Y/N)
FPA 30(a)(3)(A), as amended by HREA ..	The conduit is a tunnel, canal, pipeline, aqueduct, flume, ditch, or similar manmade water conveyance that is operated for the distribution of water for agricultural, municipal, or industrial consumption and not primarily for the generation of electricity.	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(i), as amended by HREA	The facility is constructed, operated, or maintained for the generation of electric power and uses for such generation only the hydroelectric potential of a non-federally owned conduit.	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(ii), as amended by HREA.	The facility has an installed capacity that does not exceed 5 megawatts .....	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(iii), as amended by HREA.	On or before August 9, 2013, the facility is not licensed, or exempted from the licensing requirements of Part I of the FPA.	Y

*Preliminary Determination:* Based upon the above criteria, Commission staff has preliminarily determined that

the proposal satisfies the requirements for a qualifying conduit hydropower facility under 16 U.S.C. 823a, and is

exempted from the licensing requirements of the FPA.

<sup>1</sup> Order Granting Exemption From Licensing (10 MW or Less), 155 FERC ¶ 62,132 (2016).