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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 459-335]

#### Union Electric Company, dba Ameren Missouri; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

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

- a. *Type of Application:* Shoreline Management Plan Update (SMP update).
- b. *Project No:* 459-335.
- c. *Date Filed:* March 28, 2017.
- d. *Applicant:* Union Electric Company, dba Ameren Missouri (licensee).
- e. *Name of Project:* Osage Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* The project is located on the Osage River in Benton, Camden, Miller, and Morgan counties, Missouri.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r.
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Jeff Green, Supervisor Shoreline Management, Union Electric Company, dba Ameren Missouri, 3000 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63127; phone (573) 365-9214.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Shana High at 202-502-8674, or [shana.high@ferc.gov](mailto:shana.high@ferc.gov).
- j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests: June 15, 2017.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene, protests, and comments using the Commission's eFiling system at <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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The first page of any filing should include docket number P-459-335. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not considered part of the Commission record.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors 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 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.

k. *Description of Request:* The licensee filed an (SMP update) pursuant to ordering paragraph (I) of the July 26, 2011 Order Modifying and Approving Shoreline Management Plan, which required an SMP update no later than March 31, 2017, and every 10 years thereafter. The SMP update details: Revisions to the Non-Conforming Structures sections to reflect the current status of the program; permitting guidance for proposed shoreline development on islands not owned by Ameren Missouri; permitting guidance for limited authorization of walkways, patios, and decks; a description of the current Dock Electrical Safety program; updates to Appendix B—Lake of the Ozarks Permit Requirements to reflect current permitting practices conforming to SMP policies; and removal of the consultation record supporting development of the prior versions of the SMP, and Appendix H that included the project's license.

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 email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 866-208-3676 or email [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto: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. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant.

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, respectively. 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. *Filing and Service of Documents:* Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title COMMENTS; PROTEST, or MOTION TO INTERVENE as applicable; (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 commenting, protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis. Any filing made by an intervenor must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2010.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Merchant Hydro Developers, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On January 18, 2017, Merchant Hydro Developers, 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 Shaffer Mountain Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project to be located in Bedford County, Pennsylvania. 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) A new upper reservoir with a surface area of 100 acres and a storage capacity of 1,500 acre-feet at a surface elevation of approximately 2,960 feet above mean sea level (msl) created through construction of a new roller-compacted concrete or rock-filled dam and/or dike; (2) excavating a new lower reservoir with a surface area of 33 acres and a total storage capacity of 1,800 acre-feet at a surface elevation of 1,800 feet msl; (3) a new 5,920-foot-long, 48-inch-diameter penstock connecting the upper and lower reservoirs; (4) a new 150-foot-long, 50-foot-wide powerhouse containing two turbine-generator units with a total rated capacity of 143 megawatts; (5) a new transmission line connecting the powerhouse to a nearby electric grid interconnection point at the Shaffer Wind Farm; and (6) appurtenant facilities. Possible initial fill water and make-up water would come from the nearby Raystown Branch Juniata River, including groundwater. The proposed project would have an annual generation of 520,671 megawatt-hours.

*Applicant Contact:* Adam Rousselle, Merchant Hydro Developers, LLC, 5710 Oak Crest Drive, Doylestown, PA 18902; phone: 267-254-6107.

*FERC Contact:* Monir Chowdhury; phone: (202) 502-6736.

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.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the Commission's eFiling system at <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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal

Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-14832-000.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-14832) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1892-030; Project No. 1855-050; Project No. 1904-078]

#### Great River Hydro, LLC; Notice of Applications Tendered for Filing With the Commission and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Licensing and Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

Take notice that the following hydroelectric applications have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Applications:* New Major Licenses.

b. *Project Nos.:* 1892-030, 1855-050, and 1904-078.

c. *Date Filed:* May 1, 2017.

d. *Applicant:* Great River Hydro, LLC (Great River Hydro).

e. *Names of Projects:* Wilder, Bellows Falls, and Vernon Hydroelectric Projects.

f. *Location:* The existing projects are located on the Connecticut River in Orange, Windsor, and Windham Counties, Vermont, and Grafton, Cheshire, and Sullivan Counties, New Hampshire. There are no federal lands within the project boundaries.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* John Ragonese, FERC License Manager, Great River Hydro, LLC, One Harbour Place, Suite 330, Portsmouth, NH 03801; Telephone: (603) 559-5513 or [jragonese@greatriverhydro.com](mailto:jragonese@greatriverhydro.com).

i. *FERC Contact:* Brandon Cherry, (202) 502-8328 or [brandon.cherry@ferc.gov](mailto:brandon.cherry@ferc.gov).

j. These applications are not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

#### k. Project Descriptions:

##### Wilder Project

The existing Wilder Project consists of: (1) A 1,546-foot-long, 59-foot-high, concrete dam that includes: (a) A 400-foot-long non-overflow, earthen embankment (north embankment); (b) a 232-foot-long non-overflow, concrete bulkhead; (c) a 208-foot-long concrete forebay; (d) a 526-foot-long concrete, gravity spillway that includes: (i) six 30-foot-high, 36-foot-long tainter gates; (ii) four 17-foot-high, 50-foot-wide stanchion flashboards; (iii) a 15-foot-high, 20-foot-long skimmer gate (north gate); and (iv) a 10-foot-high, 10-foot-long skimmer gate (south gate); and (e) a 180-foot-long non-overflow, earthen embankment (south embankment); (2) a 45-mile-long, 3,100-acre impoundment with a useable storage volume of 13,350 acre-feet between elevations 380 and 385 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 (NGVD 29); (3) four approximately 25-foot-high, 20-foot-wide trashracks with 5-inch clear bar spacing and one approximately 28-foot-high, 20-foot-wide trashrack with 1.625-inch clear bar spacing; (4) a 181-foot-long, 50-foot-wide, 50-foot-high steel frame, brick powerhouse containing two 16.2-megawatt (MW) adjustable-blade Kaplan turbine-generator units and one 3.2-MW vertical Francis turbine-generator unit for a total project capacity of 35.6 MW; (5) three concrete draft tubes ranging from 9.5 to 20.5 feet in diameter; (6) 13.8-kilovolt (kV) generator leads that connect the turbine-generator units to two substation transformers; (7) an approximately 580-foot-long, 6-foot-wide fishway; and (8) appurtenant facilities.

##### Bellows Falls Project

The existing Bellows Falls Project consists of: (1) A 643-foot-long, 30-foot-high concrete dam that includes: (a) two 18-foot-high, 115-foot-wide steel roller gates; (b) two 13-foot-high, 121-foot-wide stanchion flashboards; and (c) a 13-foot-high, 100-foot-wide stanchion flashboard; (2) a 26-mile-long, 2,804-acre impoundment with a useable storage volume of 7,467 acre-feet between elevations 288.63 and 291.63 feet NGVD 29; (3) a 1,700-foot-long, 36-to 100-foot-wide, 29-foot-deep stone-lined power canal; (4) a 130.25-foot-wide concrete forebay that includes trashracks with 4-inch clear bar spacing; (5) a 186-foot-long, 106-foot-wide, 52-foot-high steel frame, brick powerhouse containing three 13.6-MW vertical Francis turbine-generator units for a total project capacity of 40.8 MW; (6) three approximately 20-foot-high, 31-foot-wide concrete draft tubes; (7) a 900-