

duplicative of the review conducted by the CPUC and the project has already been approved. However, we will briefly describe their location and status in the EA.

#### Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would require about 101.3 acres of land. Following construction, about 79.1 acres would be maintained as permanent right-of-way, 94 percent of which is Paiute's existing pipeline right-of-way. Only 4.4 acres would be new permanent right-of-way. The remaining 22.2 acres would be restored and allowed to revert to its former use. No land disturbance would be associated with the modification of either the California Check Meter or the Wadsworth Pressure Limiting Station.

#### The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping". The Main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EZ. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils.
- Endangered and threatened species.
- Water resources and fisheries.
- Vegetation and wildlife.
- Public safety.
- Air quality and noise.
- Wetland and riparian habitats.
- Land use and visual resources.
- Cultural resources.

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project, or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. The EA will then be mailed to Federal, state, and

local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for these proceedings. We will consider all comments on the EA before we recommend that the Commission approve or not approve the project.

#### Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Paiute. Keep in mind that this is a preliminary list:

- Construction within or adjacent to roads could affect traffic flow and access to businesses and residences. Construction would occur within or adjacent to U.S. Route 50 for the North Tahoe Loop; U.S. Route 395, State Route 57, State Route 206 for the South Tahoe Loop; and Sugarpine Drive, Knotty Pine Drive, Silvertip Drive, Ponderosa Avenue, and State Route 28 for the Incline Village Loop.
- The North Tahoe loop would cross 3.4 miles of land managed by the BLM, including a 0.7-mile-long crossing of Centennial Park.
- The North Tahoe Loop would cross 1.0 mile of Washoe Lake Nevada State Park.
- The North Tahoe Loop would cross 0.4 mile of land managed by the U.S. Forest Service, Toiyabe National Forest.
- Seven perennial streams would be crossed and a total of 0.2 acre of wetland would be affected.
- About 56 residences would be within 50 feet of the proposed construction rights-of-way.

The list of issues may be added to, subtracted from, or changed based on your comments and our analysis.

#### Public Participation

You can make a difference by sending a letter addressing your specific comments or concerns about the project. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. You do not need to re-submit comments if you have already done so. Please follow the instructions below to ensure that your comments are received and properly recorded:

- Address your letter to: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426;

- Reference Docket Nos. CP94-29-000 *et al.*;

• Send a copy of your letter to: Ms. Lauren O'Donnell, EA Project Manager, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., PR-11.1, Washington, DC 20426; and

- Mail your comments so they will be received in Washington, DC on or before May 2, 1996.

If you wish to receive a copy of the EA, you should request one from Ms. O'Donnell at the above address.

#### Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceedings or an "intervenor". Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide copies of its filings to all other parties. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 2). You do not need intervenor status to have your scoping comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Ms. Lauren O'Donnell, EA Project Manager, at (202) 208-0325.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

*Acting Secretary.*

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#### Notice of Amendment of License

April 1, 1996.

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

*a. Type of Application:* Amendment of License.

*b. Project No.:* 1494-120.

*c. Date Filed:* March 12, 1996.

*d. Applicant:* Grand River Dam Authority.

*e. Name of Project:* Pensacola Project.

*f. Location:* On the Grand (Neosho) River in Craig, Delaware, Mayes, and Ottawa Counties, Oklahoma.

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

*h. Applicant Contact:* Mr. Robert W. Sullivan, Assistant General Manager, Grand River Dam Authority, P.O. Box 409, Vinita, OK 74301-0409, (918) 256-5545.

*i. FERC Contact:* Paul Shannon, (202) 219-2866.

*j. Comment Date:* May 20, 1996.

*k. Description of Amendment:* Grand River Dam Authority requests authorization to replace the project's six turbines that are over 50 years old and refurbish the project's generator equipment. The maximum hydraulic capacity of each turbine would increase from 2,020 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 2,317 cfs (+14.7%). The turbine nameplate capacity for each unit would increase from 14,390 kW to 17,446 kW (+21.2%). The generator nameplate capacity for each unit would increase from 14,400 kW to 22,500 kW (+56.3%). The larger hydraulic capacity of the turbines will allow the units to generate more power using flows that presently pass through the spillway gates.

1. *This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs:* B, C1, and D2.

B. 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.

C1. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

D2. 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

*Acting Secretary.*

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#### [Project Nos. 11475-000, et al.]

#### Hydroelectric Applications [Central Vermont Public Service Corporation, et al.]; Notice of Application

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

1 a. Type of Application: Original License.

b. Project No.: 11475-000.

c. Date Filed: April 25, 1994.

d. Applicant: Central Vermont Public Service Corporation.

e. Name of Project: Carver Falls Project.

f. Location: On the Poultney River in Washington County, New York and Rutland County, Vermont.

g. Filed pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a).

h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Bruce Peacock, Central Vermont Public Service Corporation, 77 Grove Street, Rutland, Vt. 05701, (802) 747-5463.

i. FERC Contact: Jim Haimes (202) 219-2780.

j. Deadline Date: See standard paragraph D10.

k. Status of Environmental Analysis: This application has been accepted for filing and is ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. Description of Project: The existing, operating project consists of: (1) a concrete and stone masonry dam, 514 feet long, with a 325-foot-long spillway, including (a) a 110-foot-long stone masonry, concrete capped section with 6 foot-high flashboards; (b) a 135-foot-long, concrete section with 1.5-foot-high flashboards; and (c) an 80-foot-long concrete section; (2) a reservoir extending 2,400 feet upstream with a 10 acre surface area at the normal impoundment surface elevation of 233.3 feet United States Geological Survey datum; (3) a 200-foot-long, 7-foot-diameter, steel penstock that bifurcates into two 132-foot-long steel penstocks, 4-feet and 5-feet in diameter, each with its own surge tank; (4) a concrete and stone powerhouse, 88 feet long by 40 feet wide, containing two horizontal turbines with hydraulic capacities of 162 cubic feet per second (cfs) and 92 cfs, operating with a net head of 112 feet; (5) two horizontal shaft generators with nameplate capacities of 1,150

kilowatts (kW) and 480 kW; and (6) appurtenant facilities. The project currently produces and average annual generation of 7,249,000 kilowatt-hours.

m. Purpose of Project: Power produced by the project would continue to be distributed to Central Vermont Public Service Corporation customers.

n. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: A4 and D10.

o. Available Location of Application: A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the Central Vermont Public Service Corporation, 77 Grove Street, Rutland, Vt. 05701, or by calling (802) 747-5463.

2 a. Type of Application: Minor License.

b. Project No.: P-11566-000.

c. Date Filed: December 12, 1995.

d. Applicant: Consolidated Hydro Maine, Inc.

e. Name of Project: Damariscotta Mills Hydro Project.

f. Location: On the Damariscotta River in Lincoln County, near Newcastle, Nobleboro, and Jefferson, Maine.

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

h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Wayne E. Nelson, Consolidated Hydro Maine, Inc., Director of Environmental Affairs, Andover Business Park, 200 Bulfinch Drive, Andover, MA 01810, (508) 681-1900.

i. FERC Contact: Ed Lee (202) 219-2809.

j. Comment Date: May 20, 1996.

k. Description of Project:

The existing project would consist of: (1) an existing concrete dam and intake structure; (2) an existing 4625-acre reservoir; (3) a powerhouse containing a single generating unit having an installed capacity of 460 kW; (4) a 100-foot-long and 12.47-kV underground transmission line; and (5) appurtenant facilities. The applicant estimates that the total average annual generation would be 1,830 MWh for the project. All lands and project works are owned by the applicant.

l. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the MAINE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER (SHPO), as required by § 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR 800.4.

m. Pursuant to Section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's Regulations, if