

would be \$650,000. Project energy would be sold to utility companies, corporations, municipalities, aggregators, or similar entities.

1. *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, Washington, D.C. 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www/ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

Preliminary Permit—Anyone desiring to file a competing application for a proposed project must submit the competing application itself, or a notice of intent to file such an application, to the Commission on or before the specified comment date for the particular application (see 18 CFR 4.36). Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing preliminary permit application no later than 30 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing preliminary permit application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

Preliminary Permit—Any qualified development applicant desiring to file a competing development application must submit to the Commission, on or before a specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent to file a development application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

Notice of intent—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, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit—A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit

would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

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.

Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION", "COMPETING APPLICATION", "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project COMPETING APPLICATION", 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. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Scoping Meeting and Site Visit and Soliciting Scoping Comments

April 16, 1999.

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.:* 2060-005.
- c. *Date filed:* January 28, 1999.
- d. *Applicant:* Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation.
- e. *Name of Project:* Carry Falls Project.
- f. *Location:* On the Raquette River, at river mile 68 from the confluence with the St. Lawrence River, in the town of Colton, St. Lawrence County, New York. The project would not utilize federal lands.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 USC §§ 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Jerry L. Sabattis, P.E., Licensing Coordinator, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, 300 Erie Boulevard West, Syracuse, New York 13202, (315) 428-5561.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Charles T. Raabe, charles.raabe@ferc.fed.us, 202-219-2811.
- j. *Deadline for filing scoping comments:* June 11, 1999.

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

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. *Status of environmental analysis:* This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

1. *Description of the Project:* The project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) an 826-foot-long dam consisting of: (a) a 568-foot-long and 76-foot-high concrete gravity spillway with a crest elevation of 1,386 feet; and (b) a 258-foot-long and 63-foot-high concrete gated non-overflow spillway with two 14.5-foot by 27-foot Taintor regulating gates, two 10-foot-square low-level

sluice gates, and an intake structure with two 15-foot-square openings for future power installation; (2) five earth dikes totaling 2,500 feet in length, with lengths varying from 320 feet to 1,015 feet, maximum heights varying from 12 feet to 31 feet, each with a crest width of 12 feet at elevation 1,392 feet; (3) a 7-mile-long reservoir having a 3,000-acre surface area and a 107,478-acre-foot usable storage capacity at normal pool elevation 1,385 feet USGS; and (4) appurtenant facilities. The project has no installed generating capacity.

m. 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, D.C. 20246, or by calling (202) 208-1371. This application may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

n. Scoping Process: The Commission intends to prepare a multiple project Environment Assessment (EA) for the proposed relicensing of the Carry Falls Project, Upper Raquette River Project (FERC No. 2084), Middle Raquette River Project (FERC No. 2320), and Lower Raquette River Project (FERC No. 2330), in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The EA will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts and reasonable alternatives to the proposed actions.

Scoping Meetings

The Commission will hold one combined agency and public scoping meeting to help us identify the scope of issues to be addressed in the EA. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend the meeting, and to assist the staff in identifying the scope of the environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 11, 1999, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Barben Room B, Cheel Center, Clarkson University, in the town of Potsdam, New York.

To help focus discussions, we will distribute a Scoping Document (SD1) outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the EA to parties on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of the SD1 also will be available at the scoping meeting.

Site Visit

The applicant and the Commission staff will conduct a project site visit on

Tuesday, May 11, 1999. We will meet in the parking lot to the tailrace fishing platform at the South Colton development of the Upper Raquette River Project at 9:30 a.m. If you would like to attend, please call Jack Kuhn, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, at (315) 428-5042, no later than May 4, 1999.

Objectives

At the scoping meeting, the staff will: (1) Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the EA; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantifiable data, on the resources at issue; (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EA, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views; (4) determine the resource issues to be addressed in the EA; and (5) identify those issues that require a detailed analysis, as well as those issues that do not require a detailed analysis.

The meeting will be recorded by a stenographer and will become part of the formal record of the Commission's proceeding on the project. Individuals presenting statements at the meeting will be asked to sign in before the meeting starts and to identify themselves clearly for the record.

Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meeting and to assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the EA.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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- c. *Date filed:* January 28, 1999.
- d. *Applicant:* Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation.
- e. *Name of Project:* Upper Raquette River Project.

f. *Location:* On the Raquette River, between river miles 52 and 68 from the confluence with the St. Lawrence River, in the towns of Colton and Parishville, St. Lawrence County, New York. The project would not utilize federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 USC §§ 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Jerry L. Sabattis, P.E., Licensing Coordinator, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, 300 Erie Boulevard West, Syracuse, New York 13202, (315) 428-5561.

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k. *Status of environmental analysis:* This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. *Description of the Project:* The project consists of five developments: Stark Falls Development comprising: (a) a 35-foot-high concrete gravity-type dam with a concrete overflow section and a control gate section flanked by earth dikes; (b) six earth saddle dikes; (c) a 1.5-mile-long reservoir at normal pool elevation 1,355.0 feet USGS; (d) an intake; (e) a penstock; (f) a powerhouse containing a 23,872-kW generating unit; and (g) appurtenant facilities;

Blake Falls Development comprising: (a) a 75-foot-high concrete gravity-type dam with a concrete overflow section; (b) an earth dike; (c) a 5.5-mile-long reservoir at normal pool elevation 1,250.5 feet USGS; (d) an intake; (e) a penstock; (f) a powerhouse containing a 13,913-kW generating unit; and (g) appurtenant facilities;

Rainbow Falls Development comprising: (a) a 75-foot-high concrete gravity-type dam with a concrete overflow section flanked by a 1,600-foot-long earth dike; (b) an earth saddle dike; (c) a 3.5-mile-long reservoir at normal pool elevation 1,181.5 feet USGS; (d) an intake; (e) a penstock; (f) a