

i. *FERC Contact:* Frankie Green, e-mail address: frankie.green@ferc.fed.us, (202) 501-7704.

j. Parties to this relicensing proceeding recently provided Commission staff with a draft Offer of Settlement for this project. The parties anticipate finalizing the Offer of Settlement by mid-1999. Commission staff and parties to the settlement will host a site visit and two public meetings to discuss the draft Offer of Settlement for the Bond Falls Project. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend the site visit and either of the meetings and discuss any issues or concerns with the draft Offer of Settlement.

The site visit by Commission staff and other interested parties is planned for May 25, 1999, to familiarize staff and other parties with elements included in the draft offer of Settlement. The visit will begin at 9:00 AM, EDT, at the Forest Service's Watersmeet, MI office parking lot. Any one wishing to accompany Commission staff as invited to attend.

Both meetings will be held on Wednesday, May 26, 1999. The first meeting will be held at the Best Western Porcupine Mountain Lodge in Silver City, MI from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, EDT. The second meeting will be held at the Sylvania Visitor Center in Watersmeet, MI from 8:00 PM to 11:00 PM, EDT.

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer, and the transcripts will become part of the Commission's public record of this proceeding. Anyone wishing to receive a copy of the transcript of the meetings may contact Ace Federal Reporting Company by calling (202) 347-3700 or by writing to 1120 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

Any comments on the draft Offer of Settlement or any other concerns with the Bond Falls project should be submitted to the Commission no later than June 18, 1999.

All written comments (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., 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 also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

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 Bond Falls project consists of four developments on the Middle Cisco (South), and West branches of the Ontonagon River. Each project development consists of a storage reservoir or lake, a main dam or dams, and appurtenant facilities. The four project water bodies are Bond Falls flowage, Lake Gogebic (Bergland development), Cisco Chair-of-Lakes, and Victoria reservoir. The Bond Falls, Bergland, and Sisco Developments provide seasonal reservoir storage and diversion of the river flow to the Victoria development, where the flow is used to generate power.

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, N.E., Room 2A, Washington, D.C. 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above and may be viewed on the web at <http://WWW.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (please call (202) 208-2222 for assistance).

**David P. Boergers,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Scoping Meetings and Site Visit and Soliciting Scoping Comments

May 6, 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.:* 2634-007.

c. *Date Filed:* April 28, 1998.

d. *Applicant:* Great Northern Paper, Inc.

e. *Name of Project:* Storage Project.

f. *Location:* The four-reservoir project is located on Ragged Stream, Caucomgomoc Stream, the West Branch, and the South Branch of the Penobscot River in Somerset and Piscataquis Counties, Maine.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Brian R. Stetson, Manager, Environmental

Affairs, Great Northern Paper, Inc., One Katahdin Avenue, Millinocket, ME 04462, (207) 723-2664.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to John Costello, E-Mail address, john.costello@ferc.fed.us, or telephone (202) 219-2914.

j. *Deadline for filing scoping comments:* August 3, 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.

l. *Description of the Project:* The Storage Project consists of four dams and associated storage reservoirs including Canada Falls Lake, Seboomook Lake, Caucomgomoc Lake, and Ragged Lake, located in the West Branch of the Penobscot River drainage basin. There are no hydroelectric generating facilities at the Storage Project developments.

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, DC 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 shown in item h.

h. *Scoping Process:* The Commission intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed relicensing of the Storage Project (FERC No. 2634) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The EA will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts and reasonable alternatives to the proposed actions.

#### Scoping Meetings

The Commission will hold scoping meetings for the Storage Project, one in the daytime and one in the evening, to

help us identify the scope of issues to be addressed in the EA.

The daytime scoping meeting will focus on resource agency concerns, while the evening scoping meeting is primarily for public input. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist the staff in identifying the scope of the environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

#### *Daytime Meeting*

Thursday, June 3, 1999, 1:00 p.m., Trail Side Restaurant at the Leisure Life Resort, Leisure Life Resort Road, Greenville, Maine

#### *Evening Meeting*

Thursday, June 3, 1999, 7:00 p.m., Trail Side Restaurant at the Leisure Life Resort, Leisure Life Resort Road, Greenville, Maine

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 meetings.

#### *Site Visit*

The applicant and Commission staff will conduct a project site visit on Wednesday, June 2, 1999. We will meet at the public boat launch on Route 16 located approximately 2 miles west of Greenville, Maine at 7 a.m. If you would like to attend, please call Ed Speer, Great Northern Paper, Inc. at (207) 723-2698, no later than May 28, 1999.

#### *Objectives*

At the scoping meetings, 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 meetings 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 meetings 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 meetings and to assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the EA.

All questions concerning the scoping process should be directed to John Costello E-mail address, john.costello@ferc.fed.us, or telephone at (202) 219-2914.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-6341-4]

### **Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; National Roster of Environmental Dispute Resolution and Consensus Building Professionals**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: The National Roster of Environmental Dispute Resolution and Consensus Building Professionals, EPA ICR No. 1888.01, new collection. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before June 11, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by email at farmer.sandy@epa.gov, or download a copy of the ICR off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1888.01.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** National Roster of Environmental Dispute Resolution and Consensus Building Professionals (EPA ICR No. 1888.01). This is a new collection.

**Abstract:** This ICR pertains to the application form for listing facilitators, mediators and other similar

professionals on a National Roster for Environmental Dispute Resolution and Consensus-Building Professionals ("roster"). This information will be collected by the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution of the Morris K. Udall Foundation ("Institute"). The EPA is funding the initial development of the roster which will be managed by the Institute. Submittal of an application form is voluntary and not required for ultimate selection by the government as a neutral in any specific case.

The application form will collect information about the experience and education of professionals engaged in assisting disputants in reaching consensus, agreements or settlements of environmental and natural resource conflicts. The information needed to complete the roster application is generally what would be found on a resume or curriculum vita or provided in reply to a request for proposal. The form does not collect any confidential information.

The roster will be used by Federal agencies to identify qualified individuals with whom to contract for neutral consensus building and dispute resolution services. Other parties such as state government agencies, private companies and public interest organizations may use the Roster to identify appropriate qualified individuals for cases.

Collecting the information on a form will standardize the responses received from numerous applicants into a computer database which may then be searched on a number of fields important to potential clients of dispute resolution services. Such searchable fields would include, among other things, geographic location, specialized past experience and skill in languages. We expect that a computerized database of experienced neutrals will reduce the time necessary for Federal agencies to identify and contract with dispute resolution service providers.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15. The **Federal Register** document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on 11/23/98 (63 FR 64699); 6 comments were received.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.9 hours per