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Procedures

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

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Scoping Meeting and Soliciting Scoping Comments for an Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment Using the Alternative Licensing Process.

February 22, 1999.

a. *Type of Application:* Alternative Licensing Process.

b. *Project No.:* 469.

c. *Applicant:* Minnesota Power, Inc.

d. *Name of Project:* Winton Hydroelectric Project.

e. *Location:* On the Kawishiwi River, in Lake and St. Louis Counties, Minnesota. The project is located within the Superior National Forest administered by the U.S. Forest Service.

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

g. *Applicant Contact:* John Paulson, Minnesota Power, Inc., Land and Water Section, 30 West Superior Street, Duluth, MN 55802, (218) 722-5642 (ext. 3569).

h. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Tom

Dean, E-mail address thomas.dean@ferc.fed.us, or telephone (202) 219-2778.

i. *Deadline for filing scoping comments:* April 23, 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.

j. *Description of the Project:* The project consists of the following two developments:

The Winton Development consists of the following existing facilities: (1) a concrete dam comprising: (a) a 176-foot-long spillway section; (b) a 84-foot-long Taintor gate section; (c) a 80-foot-long stop-log gate section; (d) a 111-foot-long and 120-foot-long non-over-flow section; and (e) a 161-foot-long intake section; (2) approximately 1,500-foot-long earth dikes; (3) a 2,982-acre reservoir comprising the Garden, Farm, South Farm, and Friday Lakes at normal water surface elevation of 1,388.0 feet msl; (4) two 250-foot-long, 9-foot-diameter penstocks extending to; (5) a powerhouse containing two generating units with a total installed capacity of 4,000 kW; and (6) other appurtenances.

The Birch Lake Reservoir Development consists of: (1) a 227-foot-long rock-filled timber crib dam comprising: (a) a 72-foot-long Taintor gate section; and (b) a 85-foot-long sluice gate section; and (2) the 7,624-acre Birch Lake reservoir at normal water surface elevation of 1,418.0 feet msl. This development provides water storage for the Winton Development.

k. *Scoping Process:*

Minnesota Power, Inc. (Minnesota Power) intends to utilize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) alternative licensing process (ALP). Under the ALP, Minnesota Power will prepare an Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment (APEA) and license application for the Winton Hydroelectric Project.

On March 30, 1998, Minnesota Power requested, and on May 7, 1998, obtained

the Commission's approval to use the ALP.

Minnesota Power expects to file with the Commission, the APEA and the license application for the Winton Hydroelectric Project by October 2001.

The purpose of this notice is to inform you of the opportunity to participate in the upcoming scoping meetings identified below, and to solicit your scoping comments.

Scoping Meetings

Minnesota Power and the Commission staff will hold two scoping meetings, one in the daytime and one in the evening, to help us identify the scope of issues to be addressed in the APEA.

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 environmental issues that should be analyzed in the APEA. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

Daytime Meeting

Tuesday, March 23, 1999, 10:00 a.m., Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort, Sunset Room, 400 North Pioneer Road, Sunset Room, Ely, Minnesota 55731.

Evening Meeting

Tuesday, March 23, 1999, 7:00 p.m., Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort, Sunset Room, 400 North Pioneer Road, Sunset Room, Ely, Minnesota 55731.

To help focus discussions, Minnesota Power will mail SDI outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the APEA to the parties on the Minnesota Power's mailing list. Copies of the SDI also will be available at the scoping meetings.

Based on all written comments received, a Scoping Document II (SDII) may be issued. SDII will include a revised list of issues, based on the scoping sessions.

Objectives

At the scoping meetings, the staff will: (1) summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the APEA; (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 APEA, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views; (4) determine the resource issues to be addressed in

the APEA; and (5) identify those issues that require a detailed analysis, as well as those issues that do not require a detailed analysis.

Procedures

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

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Tendered for Filing with the Commission and Soliciting Additional Study Requests

February 22, 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.:* 2009-018.
 - c. *Date filed:* January 28, 1999.
 - d. *Applicant:* Virginia Electric and Power Company.
 - e. *Name of Project:* Roanoke Rapids and Gaston Hydropower Project.
 - f. *Location:* On the Roanoke River, near the town of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, Northampton and Warren Counties North Carolina.
 - g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791(a)-825(r).
 - h. *Applicant Contact*
Mr. Ken Baker, Virginia Power Company, 5000 Dominion Boulevard, Glenn Allen, VA 23060, (804) 273-3257.
 - i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Monte TerHaar, E-mail address monte.terhaar@ferc.fed.us, or telephone 202-219-2768.
 - j. *Deadline for filing additional study requests:* 60 days from the date of this notice.
- 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. Also, the Commission is *not* requesting motions to intervene at this time. The Commission will publish a separate notice requesting motions to intervene after it is determined all relevant studies are completed.

l. *Description of the Project:* The Project consists of the Gaston Development and Roanoke Rapids Development located on the Roanoke River, immediately downstream from the John H. Kerr Dam and Reservoir operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The Gaston Development is located 34 miles downstream of Kerr Dam at river mile 145.5, and consists of: (1) a 3,600-foot-long and 105-foot-high concrete and earth dam; (2) a 550-foot-long concrete ogee spillway with 11 steel radial gates 40 feet wide by 38 feet high; (3) a 20,300-acre reservoir, 34 miles long which maintains a water surface elevation between 200 and 203 feet msl, a total volume of 450,000 acre-feet, and flood storage capacity of 63,000 acre-feet; (4) a concrete and masonry powerhouse, service bay, and unloading bay, about 425 foot long; (5) 4 turbines (3 vertical shaft fixed blade and 1 vertical shaft Kaplan turbine) with a total installed capacity of 225 megawatts, and a maximum hydraulic capacity of 44,000 cfs, producing an average of 336,362 megawatt hours annually, and a maximum dependable capacity of 225 MWH; and (6) four 14.4-kV generators connected to two 230-kilovolt transformers; and other appurtenances.

The Roanoke Rapids Development is located 42 miles downstream of Kerr Dam at river mile 138, and consists of: (1) a 3,050-foot-long and 72-foot-high concrete gravity dam; (2) a 1,133-foot-long concrete ogee spillway with 24 spillway bays each 44 feet wide with steel gates 38 feet wide, and one skimmer bay 25 feet wide; (3) a 4,600-

acre reservoir, 8 miles long which has a maximum drawdown of 5 feet for generation storage, a total volume of 77,140 acre-feet, and storage capacity of 20,640 acre-feet; (4) a concrete and masonry powerhouse and service bay about 406 feet long; (5) 4 Kaplan turbines with a total installed capacity of 104 megawatts, and a maximum hydraulic capacity of 20,000 cfs, producing an average of 336,408 megawatt hours annually, and a maximum dependable capacity of 99 MWH; and (6) four 14.4-kV generators connected to two 110-kilovolt transformers; and other appurtenances.

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. The application may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

n. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer as required by § 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR at § 800.4.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Retrofit/Rebuild Requirements for 1993 and Earlier Model Year Urban Buses; Approval of a Certification of Equipment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of certification of equipment.

SUMMARY: The Agency received an application with cover letter dated December 8, 1997 from the Detroit Diesel Corporation (DDC) with principal place of business at 13400 Outer Drive, West, Detroit, MI 48239-4001 for certification of urban bus retrofit/rebuild equipment pursuant to 40 CFR 85.1404-85.1415. The equipment is applicable to 1985 through 1993 model year federal and California certified 6V92TA DDEC engines originally