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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2558-029]

#### Vermont Marble Power Division of Omya Inc.; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing with the Commission and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Licensing and Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

April 2, 2010.

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.:* 2558-029.

c. *Date Filed:* March 31, 2010.

d. *Applicant:* Vermont Marble Power Division of Omya Inc.

e. *Name of Project:* Otter Creek Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The existing project is located on Otter Creek in Addison and Rutland Counties, Vermont. The project does not affect federal lands.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Todd Allard, Operations Engineer, Vermont Marble Power Division of Omya Inc., 9987 Carver Road, Suite 300, Cincinnati, OH 45242, (513) 387-4344.

i. *FERC Contact:* Aaron Liberty, (202) 502-6862 or [aaron.liberty@ferc.gov](mailto:aaron.liberty@ferc.gov).

j. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

k. *The Project Description:* The existing Otter Creek Hydroelectric Project consists of three developments with a combined installed capacity of 18.1 megawatts (MW). The project produces an average annual generation of 67,258 megawatt-hours. Vermont Marble Power uses the energy from the Project to serve its retail customers in the towns of Proctor and Pittsford, Vermont and to serve its affiliated industrial operations within Omya Inc.

The Proctor development, located at river mile 64.2, includes the following constructed facilities: (1) A 13-foot-high, 128-foot-long, masonry, concrete-capped dam with a 3-foot-high

inflatable flashboard system; (2) a 92-acre reservoir with a usable storage capacity of 275.48 acre-feet at a normal maximum water surface elevation of 469.5 feet; (3) a gated forebay-intake structure approximately 14 feet deep by 115 feet long with a maximum width of 48 feet; (4) two intakes with two penstocks: A 9-foot-in-diameter, 460-foot-long, riveted steel penstock that decreases to 8 feet in diameter; and a 7-foot-in-diameter, 500-foot-long, spiral welded steel penstock; (5) an original concrete and brick masonry powerhouse measuring 100 by 33 feet containing four vertical shaft turbines: Three 750 kW units and one 1,680 kW unit with a combined maximum hydraulic capacity of 565 cubic feet per second; (6) an additional steel structure measuring 28 by 48 feet attached to the original powerhouse containing one 3,000 kW vertical shaft unit with a maximum hydraulic capacity of 325 cfs; (7) generator leads; (8) a 0.48/4.16 kV single phase transformer; (9) a 0.48/46 kV step-up transformer; (10) three winding transformer banks; and (11) appurtenant facilities.

The Beldens development, located at river mile 23, includes the following constructed facilities: (1) Two concrete dams on either side of a ledge/bedrock island with 2.5-foot-high wooden flashboards: A 15-foot-high, 56-foot-long dam (west) and a 24-foot-high, 57-foot-long dam (east); (2) a 22-acre reservoir with a usable storage capacity of 252.52 acre-feet at a normal maximum water surface elevation of 283 feet; (3) two intakes equipped with trash racks: A 79-foot-long intake and a 35-foot-long intake with a 95-foot-long sluiceway; (4) a 12-foot-in-diameter, 30-foot-long steel penstock that bifurcates into two 10-foot-in-diameter sections, each leading to an original powerhouse; (5) a 12-foot-in-diameter, 45-foot-long concrete penstock that leads to a newer powerhouse; (6) an original concrete and masonry powerhouse measuring 40 by 44 feet containing a 800 kW vertical shaft unit and 949 kW vertical shaft unit with a combined maximum hydraulic capacity of 650 cfs; (7) a second, newer concrete powerhouse measuring 40 by 75 feet containing a 4,100 kW vertical shaft unit with a maximum hydraulic capacity of 1,350 cfs; (8) generator leads; (9) a 2.4/46 kV step-up transformer bank; and (10) appurtenant facilities.

The Huntington Falls development, located at river mile 21, includes the following constructed facilities: (1) A 31-foot-high, 187-foot-long concrete dam with a 2.5-foot-high inflatable flashboard system; (2) a 23-acre reservoir with a usable storage capacity of 234.16 acre-feet at a normal

maximum water surface elevation of 218.1 feet; (3) two intakes equipped with trash racks: A 40-foot-long intake and a 24-foot-long intake; (4) three penstocks: Two 10-foot-in-diameter, 30-foot-long steel penstocks leading to an original powerhouse, and a 12-foot-in-diameter, 75-foot-long concrete penstock leading to a newer powerhouse; (5) an original brick masonry powerhouse measuring 42 by 60 feet containing a 600 kW vertical shaft unit and a 800 kW vertical shaft unit with a combined maximum hydraulic capacity of 660 cfs; (6) a second, newer powerhouse measuring 40 by 75 feet containing a 4,100 kW vertical shaft unit with a maximum hydraulic capacity of 1,350 cfs; (7) generator leads; (8) a 2.4/46 kV step-up transformer bank; and (9) appurtenant facilities.

Currently, the Proctor development operates in a modified run-of-river mode, with infrequent diversions at the direction of Independent System Operator-New England (ISO-NE), while the Beldens and Huntington Falls developments operate in a run-of-river mode. The Proctor development has a continuous downstream minimum flow requirement of 100 cfs or inflow to the development, whichever is less, with minimum flows from April through mid-June required to be equal to at least 50 percent of project inflows. A bypassed reach minimum flow requirement of 5 cfs is released at the Beldens development through an opening in the flashboards along the west dam. A bypassed reach minimum flow requirement of 15 cfs is released at the Huntington Falls development via a minimum flow gate at the right abutment of the dam.

Vermont Marble Power does not propose any changes to project facilities or operations. Vermont Marble Power proposes to implement measures to enhance recreation facilities in the project area.

l. *Locations of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may 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. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at

[FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

m. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/>

*esubscription.asp* to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects.

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n. *Procedural Schedule:*

The application will be processed according to the following Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Tendering Notice .....	April 2, 2010.
Notice of Acceptance/Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis (when FERC approved studies are complete).	November 5, 2010.
Filing of recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and fishway prescriptions.	January 4, 2011.
Commission issues EA .....	May 4, 2011.
Comments on EA .....	June 3, 2011.
Modified Terms and Conditions .....	August 2, 2011.

o. Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13654-000]

#### **Riverbank Minnesota, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications**

April 2, 2010.

On January 12, 2010, Riverbank Minnesota, LLC filed an application, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Chippewa County Pumped Storage Project No. 13654, to be located north of the City of Granite Falls and the Minnesota River in Chippewa County, Minnesota.

The proposed pumped storage project would consist of: (1) A new approximately 135-acre, 30-foot-deep upper reservoir constructed of enclosed earth embankments; (2) a new lower reservoir excavated in granite bedrock at a depth of approximately 1,800 feet below the surface, consisting of six approximately 150-foot-high, 90-foot-wide underground galleries; (3) a new approximately 20 to 100-foot-diameter intake structure; (4) a new approximately 1,800-foot-long, 20-foot-diameter penstock from the intake structure to an underground powerhouse; (5) a new approximately 380-foot-long, 83-foot-wide, and 400-foot-high underground powerhouse; (6) four new reversible pump-turbines with

a total combined capacity of 1,000 megawatts; (7) a new 330-foot-long, 55-foot-wide, and 400-foot-high transformer gallery; (8) a new 200 to 1,000-foot-long, 230-kilovolt transmission line; and (9) appurtenant facilities. The project would have an estimated annual generation of 2,190 gigawatt-hours.

*Applicant Contact:* Douglas Spaulding, Nelson Energy, 8441 Wayzata Boulevard, Suite 101, Golden Valley, MN 55426, (952) 544-8133.

*FERC Contact:* Brandon Cherry, (202) 502-8328.

*Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing application:* 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications may be filed electronically via the Internet. *See* 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "eFiling" link. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and eight copies should be mailed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. For more information on how to submit these types of filings please go to the Commission's Web site located at <http://www.ferc.gov/filing-comments.asp>.

More information about this project can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-13654) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3372.

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*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12626-002]

#### **Northern Illinois Hydropower, LLC; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests**

April 2, 2010.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Original Major License.

b. *Project No.:* 12626-002.

c. *Date filed:* March 31, 2009.

d. *Applicant:* Northern Illinois Hydropower, LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Dresden Island Project.

f. *Location:* U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Dresden Island Dam on the Illinois River, in the Town of Morris, Grundy County, Illinois.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Damon Zdunich, Northern Illinois Hydropower, LLC, 801 Oakland Avenue, Joliet, IL 60435, (312) 320-1610.

i. *FERC Contact:* Dr. Nicholas Palso, (202) 502-8854 or [nicholas.palso@ferc.gov](mailto:nicholas.palso@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents may be filed electronically via the Internet. *See* 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ferconline.asp>) under the "eFiling" link. For a simpler method of submitting text only comments, click on "Quick Comment." For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov); call toll-free at (866) 208-3676; or, for TTY,