

Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis

June 14, 1995.

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.:* 2645-029.
- c. *Date Filed:* November 9, 1991.
- d. *Applicant:* Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation.
- e. *Name of Project:* Beaver River Hydro Project.
- f. *Location:* On the Beaver River, tributary to the Black River, in Herkimer and Lewis Counties, New York.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Jerry Sabattis, Hydro Licensing Coordinator, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, 300 Erie Boulevard West, Syracuse, NY 13202, (315) 474-1511.

i. *FERC Contact:* Tom Camp (202) 219-2832.

j. *Deadline Date:* The Director, Office of Hydropower Licensing, waives section 4.34(b) of the regulations (see Order No. 533 issued May 8, 1991, 56 FR 23108 (May 20, 1991)), and states that all comments, recommendations, terms and conditions and prescriptions concerning the application be filed with the Commission within 30 days from the issuance date of this notice. All reply comments must be filed with the Commission within 45 days from the date of this notice.

Anyone may obtain an extension of time for these deadlines from the Commission only upon a showing of good cause or extraordinary circumstances in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2008.

All filings must: (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS," "REPLY COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Any of these documents must be filed by providing the original and the

number of copies required by the Commission's regulations to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. An additional copy must be sent to: Director, Division of Project Review, Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Room 1027, at the above address. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

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 Beaver River Project consists of the following eight developments on the Beaver River in the towns of Webb, Watson, and Croghan. High Falls is 11 river miles above Beaver River's confluence with the Black River.

High Falls Development

The High Falls Development includes: (1) A 1,233-foot-long concrete gravity dam containing a 470-foot-long non-overflow concrete gravity section and a 650-foot-long concrete ogee spillway; (2) an impoundment which, at the normal maximum surface elevation of 915 feet (USGS), has a surface area of 145 acres, a gross storage capacity of 1,058 ac-ft, and a usable capacity of 923 ac-ft; (3) a 64-foot-wide by 29-foot-high concrete intake structure containing four 12-foot-wide by 20.5-foot-high trashracks and four steel slide gates; (4) a 49-foot-wide log sluice that has been sealed; (5) a 605-foot-long by 12-foot-diameter riveted steel penstock; (6) a 34-foot-wide by 99-foot-long concrete/masonry powerhouse containing three vertical Francis turbines connected to direct-drive synchronous generators, each with a rated capacity of 1,600 kW, a hydraulic capacity of 300 cfs, and a design head of 100 feet; (7) a spare turbine bay for future expansion; (8) a 3.7-mile-long, 23 kV transmission line; and (9) appurtenant equipment.

Belfort Development

The Belfort Development includes: (1) A 206-foot-long by 19-foot-high concrete gravity dam consisting of a 161-foot-long by 17-foot-high concrete ogee spillway equipped with 2-foot-high flashboards; (2) an impoundment which, at the normal maximum surface elevation of 966 feet (USGS), has a surface area of 50 acres, a gross storage capacity of 120 ac-ft, and a usable capacity of 47 ac-ft; (3) a 120-foot-long forebay; (4) a 62-foot-wide concrete

intake structure containing one 12-foot-wide by 17-foot-high trashrack, one 12-foot-wide by 23-foot-high trashrack, and two 11-foot by 11-foot timber slide gates; (5) one 52-foot-long by 7-foot-diameter steel penstock and one 52-foot-long by 7.5-foot-diameter steel penstock; (6) a 78-foot-wide by 39-foot-long concrete masonry powerhouse containing three horizontal Francis turbines connected to direct-drive synchronous generators, with a rated capacity of 400 kW (unit 1), 640 kW (unit 2), and 1,000 kW (unit 3), with hydraulic capacities of 200 cfs (units 1 and 2) and 310 cfs (unit 3), each with a design head of 48 feet; (7) a 400-foot-long tailrace channel; (8) an existing 3,540-foot-long, 23 kV transmission line; and (9) appurtenant equipment.

Taylorville Development

The Taylorville Development includes: (1) A 1,003-foot-long by 23-foot-high concrete gravity dam; (2) an impoundment which, at the normal maximum surface elevation of 1,076.6 feet (USGS), has a surface area of 170 acres, a gross storage capacity of 1,091 ac-ft, and a usable capacity of 685 ac-ft; (3) a 33-foot-wide concrete intake structure containing a 25-foot-wide by 20-foot-high trashrack and three 5.5-foot-wide by 13-foot-high timber slide gates; (4) a 2,725-foot-long by 9.5-foot-diameter steel penstock; (5) an 18-foot-diameter surge tank located about 40 feet upstream of the powerhouse; (6) a 93-foot-wide by 62.5-foot-long concrete/masonry powerhouse containing four horizontal Francis turbines connected to direct-drive synchronous generators, with rated capacities of 1,100 kW (units 1 and 2), 1,372 kW (unit 3), and 1,200 kW (unit 4), each with a hydraulic capacity of 180 cfs, and a design head of 96.6 feet; (7) a 400-foot-long, 23 kV transmission line; and (8) appurtenant equipment.

Elmer Development

The Elmer Development includes: (1) A 238-foot-long by 23-foot-high concrete gravity spillway; (2) a 25-foot-wide sluice gate with needle beams; (3) an impoundment which, at the normal maximum surface elevation of 1,108 feet (USGS), has a surface area of 34 acres, a gross storage capacity of 345 ac-ft, and a usable capacity of 207 ac-ft; (4) a forebay; (5) a 39-foot-wide concrete intake structure containing two 16.5-foot-wide by 21.5-foot-high trashracks and four 6-foot-wide by 11-foot-high timber slide gates; (6) a 78-foot-wide by 34-foot-long concrete/masonry powerhouse containing two vertical Francis turbines connected to direct-drive synchronous generators, each with

a rated capacity of 750 kW, a hydraulic capacity of 290 cfs, and a design head of 37 feet; (7) a 2,270-foot-long, 23 kV transmission line; and (8) appurtenant equipment

Effley Development

The Effley Development includes: (1) A 1,647-foot-long by 30-foot-high concrete gravity dam containing a 430-foot-long by 30-foot-high concrete ogee spillway; (2) a gated 29-foot-long log chute; (3) an impoundment which, at the normal maximum surface elevation of 1,163 feet (USGS), has a surface area of 340 acres, a gross storage capacity of 3,140 ac-ft, and a usable capacity of 1,720 ac-ft; (4) a 100-foot-long forebay; (5) a 38.5-foot-wide intake structure containing a 22-foot-wide by 22-foot-high trashrack and three 6-foot-wide by 8-foot-high timber slide gates; (6) a concrete intake structure containing a 20-foot-wide by 27-foot-high trashrack and an 11-foot by 11-foot slide gate; (7) three 87-foot-long by 5-foot-diameter steel penstocks, one 148-foot-long by 8-foot-diameter steel penstock; (8) two concrete/masonry powerhouses, one 58-feet-wide by 53-foot-long containing three horizontal Francis turbines and the other 42.5-feet-wide by 44-feet-long containing a single vertical Francis turbine connected to a direct-drive synchronous generator rated at 1,600 kW, with a hydraulic capacity of 450 cfs and a design head of 52.6 feet; (9) a 2.3-mile-long, 23 kV transmission line; and (10) appurtenant equipment.

Soft Maple Development

The Soft Maple Development includes: (1) Five earth embankment dams; (2) a 910-foot-long by 115-foot-high earth embankment diversion dam; (3) a 720-foot-long by 100-foot-high earth embankment terminal dam; (4) an impoundment which, at the normal maximum surface elevation of 1,289.9 feet (USGS), has a surface area of 400 acres, a gross storage capacity of 2,678 ac-ft, and a usable capacity of 1,528 ac-ft; (5) a 144-foot-long concrete ogee spillway with 1.5-foot-high flashboards; (6) two 10-foot-wide aluminum sluice gates; (7) a 600-foot-long forebay; (8) an 81.5-foot-wide concrete intake structure containing three 26-foot-wide by 33.5-foot-high trashracks; (9) two 530-foot-long by 11.5-foot-diameter steel penstocks; (10) intake facilities for an additional penstock; (11) an 82-foot-wide by 50-foot-long concrete/masonry powerhouse containing two identical vertical Francis turbines connected to direct-drive synchronous generators, each with a rated capacity of 7,500 kW, a hydraulic capacity of 860 cfs, and a design head at 121.5 feet; (12) a 20-foot-

long, 115 kV transmission line; and (13) appurtenant equipment.

Eagle Development

The Eagle Development includes: (1) A 365-foot-long by 21-foot-high concrete gravity dam containing a 185-foot-long ogee spillway topped with 1-foot flashboards and an 85-foot-long, non-overflow concrete abutment; (2) an impoundment which, at the normal maximum surface elevation of 1,426.2 feet (USGS), has a surface area of 138 acres, a gross storage capacity of 668 ac-ft, and a usable capacity of 545 ac-ft; (3) a 20-foot-wide gated log sluice; (4) a 50-foot-long headgate with four 9.5-foot-wide stop log slots and four 9.5-foot by 9.5-foot trashracks; (5) an 18-foot-wide by 16-foot-deep by 540-foot-long forebay canal; (6) a concrete intake structure containing three 10-foot-wide by 7-foot-high timber slide gates; (7) a 2,725-foot-long by 9-foot-diameter steel penstock; (8) a 63-foot-wide by 87-foot-long concrete masonry powerhouse containing four horizontal Francis turbines connected to direct-drive synchronous generators, with rated capacities of 1,350 kW (units 1 through 3) and 2,000 kW (unit 4), hydraulic capacities of 150 cfs (units 1 through 3) and 200 cfs (unit 4), and design heads of 135 feet (units 1 through 3) and 125 feet (unit 4); (9) a 5-foot-wide aluminum slide gate that currently supplies minimum flow to the bypass; (10) a 160-foot-long, 115 KV transmission line; and (11) appurtenant equipment.

Moshier Development

The Moshier Development includes: (1) A 920-foot-long by 93-foot-long earth embankment dam consisting of a 200-foot-long concrete spillway topped with 2-foot-high flashboards; (2) an impoundment which, at the normal maximum surface elevation of 1,641 feet (USGS), has a surface area of 340 acres, a gross storage capacity of 7,339 acre-feet (ac-ft), and a usable capacity of 2,876 ac-ft; (3) a 28-foot-wide by 51-foot-high concrete intake structure containing two 11-foot-wide by 51.5-foot-high trashracks and two 10-foot-wide by 12-foot-high steel slide gates; (4) a 3,740-foot-long by 10-foot-diameter steel penstock connected to a 5,620-foot-long by 10-foot-diameter fiberglass reinforced plastic penstock for a total penstock length of 9,360 feet; (5) an excavated tailrace channel; (6) a 30-foot-diameter steel surge tank; (7) a bifurcation downstream of the penstock into two 70-foot-long by 7-foot-diameter steel surge tank; (7) a bifurcation downstream of the penstock into two 70-foot-long by 7-foot-diameter steel penstocks; (8) a 34-foot-wide by 70-foot-

long concrete/masonry powerhouse containing two vertical Francis turbines connected to direct-drive synchronous generators, each with a rated capacity of 4,000 kW, a hydraulic capacity of 330 cfs, and a design head of 196 feet; (9) an 11-mile-long, 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line; and (10) appurtenant equipment.

On May 30, 1995, the applicant filed a settlement offer executed by parties to this proceeding.

m. Purpose of Project: Project power would be utilized by the applicant for sale to its customers.

n. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraph: A4.

o. Available Location of Application: A copy of the application, as amended and supplemented, is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, located at 941 North Capitol Street, NE., Room 3104, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, 300 Erie Boulevard West, Syracuse, NY 13202 or by calling (315) 474-1511.

A4. Development Application— Public notice of the filing of the initial development application, which has already been given, established the due date for filing competing applications or notices of intent. Under the Commission's regulations, any competing development application must be filed in response to and in compliance with the public notice of the initial development application. In relicensing cases, competing applications shall be filed with the Commission at least 24 months before the expiration of the term of the existing license. No competing applications or notices of intent may be filed in response to this notice.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP95-524-000, et al.]

Williams Natural Gas Company, et al.; Natural Gas Certificate Filings

June 13, 1995.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. Williams Natural Gas Company

[Docket No. CP95-524-000]

Take notice that on May 25, 1995, Williams Natural Gas Company (WNG), P.O. Box 3288, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101,