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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Project No. 8321-006]

Murray W. Thurston, Inc.; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

August 28, 1997.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Commission's Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed an exemption surrender application for the Thurston Mill Project No. 8321-006. The Thurston Mill Project is located on the Swift River in Oxford County, Maine. The EA finds that approving the application would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the EA are available for review in the Commission's Reference and Information Center, Room 2A, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. For further information, please contact the project manager, Ms. Hillary Berlin, at (202) 219-0038.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Project No. 5276-040]

Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. and Northern Electric Power Co.; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

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An environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review. The EA is for an application to amend the Hudson Falls Hydroelectric Project. The licensee proposes to suspend article 404 which requires the release of a continuous minimum flow of 500 cfs to allow for PCB cleanup. The EA finds that

approval of the application would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The Hudson Falls Hydroelectric Project is located on the Hudson River in Washington County, New York.

The EA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the FEA can be viewed in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

For further information, please contact the project manager, Mr. Sean Murphy, at (202) 219-2964.

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[Project No. 11547-000 Connecticut]

Summit Hydropower; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

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In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for minor license for the proposed Hale Hydroelectric Project located on the Quinebaug River in Windham County, near the town of Putnam, Connecticut, and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed project. In the EA, the Commission's staff has analyzed the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project and has concluded that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigative measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the EA are available for review of the Public Reference Branch, Room 2A of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Scoping Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has determined the need to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Tampa Water Resource Recovery Project. This action is taken pursuant to 40 CFR 1501.7 and section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). EPA intends to prepare this EIS in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District. This effort will be coordinated closely with the ongoing multi-agency ecosystem team permitting now underway for this project.

Administrative History

Congress provided funds through the FY 95 Appropriations Act for local area water supply related projects. One of these projects involves the granting of funds to the City of Tampa for the Tampa Water Resource Recovery Project (TWRRP). Region 4 awarded grant No. XP994689-95-0 to the City of Tampa on March 1, 1995 in the amount of \$18,712,000.

The TWRRP grant involves investigating, designing and constructing a project for the recovery of between 15 and 50 million gallons of advanced wastewater treated effluent to supplement area water supplies. The water would be recovered from the City of Tampa's Howard F. Curren treatment plant for use as water supplies for the Tampa area. The effluent would be further treated and then transported from the Curren plant to the middle pool of the Tampa Bypass Canal, a flood control project built by the Corps of Engineers and managed by the Southwest Florida Water Management District. Water would then either be pumped from the Harney canal into the Hillsborough River Reservoir, the City's water supply source, or be withdrawn by a series of linear wells adjacent to the Tampa Bypass Canal. The raw water would be treated as needed and used for municipal drinking water for the Tampa area.

The State of Florida with cooperation and participation from the City of Tampa and federal, state, regional and local agencies has initiated a cooperative permitting effort for this project. This "Ecosystem Team Permitting" is designed to result in a more coordinated and efficient