

them to comment on their areas of concern.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- geology and soils
- water resources, fisheries, and wetlands
- vegetation and wildlife
- endangered and threatened species
- public safety
- land use
- cultural resources
- air quality and noise
- hazardous waste

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

#### **Currently Identified Environmental Issues**

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by ANR. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- Proximity of the replacement to 5 residences.
- Impact on cultivated croplands.
- Crossing of the East Fork of San Creek, a state-designated trout stream.

#### **Public Participation**

You can make a difference by sending a letter addressing your specific comments or concerns about the project. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please follow the instructions below to ensure that your comments are received and properly recorded:

- Send *two* copies of your letter to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.W., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;

- Label *one* copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch, PR-11.2;

- Reference Docket No. CP98-2-000; and

- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before January 20, 1998.

If you are interested in obtaining procedural information, please write to the Secretary of the Commission.

#### **Becoming an Intervenor**

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding or become an "intervenor." Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide copies of its filings to all other parties. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 2).

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention.

You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

##### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

##### **Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission**

December 19, 1997.

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

- a. *Type of Application:* Minor License.

- b. *Project No.:* P-2487-006.

- c. *Date Filed:* December 10, 1997.

- d. *Applicant:* John M. Skorupski.

- e. *Name of Project:* Hoosick Falls Water Power Project.

f. *Location:* On the Hoosic River in Rensselaer County, near Hoosick, New York.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* John M. Skorupski, 71 River Road, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090, (518) 686-0062; Douglas C. Clark, PE, Clark Engineering & Surveying, P.C., 658 Route 20, P.O. Box 730, New Lebanon, NY 12125, (518) 794-8613.

i. *FERC Contact:* Richard Takacs (202) 219-2840.

j. *Comment Date:* 60 days from the filing date shown in paragraph (c).

k. *Description of Project:* The proposed project would consist of: (1) An existing 16-foot-high and 149.5-foot-long dam; (2) an existing 16-acre reservoir; (3) a powerhouse containing two generating units for a total installed capacity of 830 kW; (4) a 500-foot-long transmission line; and (5) appurtenant facilities. The applicant estimates that the total average annual generation would be 3,700 MWh, for the project.

l. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the *New York State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)*, as required by § 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR 800.4.

m. Pursuant to 18 CFR 4.32(b)(7), if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the filing date and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

##### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

##### **Notice of Transfer of License**

December 19, 1997.

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

- a. *Type of Application:* Transfer of License.

- b. *Project No.:* 2935-013.

- c. *Date filed:* November 13, 1997.

- d. *Applicants:* GTXL, Inc. and Enterprise Mill, LLC.