

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****Notice of Application Accepted for Filing With the Commission**

September 8, 1998.

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

- a. *Type of Application:* Major License.
- b. *Project No.:* P-2731-020.
- c. *Date Filed:* May 27, 1998.
- d. *Applicant:* Central Vermont Public Service Corporation.
- e. *Name of Project:* Weybridge Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* On Otter Creek in the towns of Weybridge and New Haven and in the county of Addison, Vermont.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:*

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- i. *FERC Contact:* Jack Duckworth (202) 219-2818.
- j. *Comment Date:* November 10, 1998.
- k. *Status of Environmental Analysis:* This application has been accepted, but it is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. *Description of the Project:* (1) a 30-foot-high, 302.6-foot-long concrete gravity dam consisting of two spillway sections, a 150-foot-long west spillway section, topped with a 6-foot-high hinged steel flashboard, and abutted by a 20-foot-wide and 10-foot-high Taintor gate, and a 116-foot-long east spillway section topped with an automatically inflated rubber weir; (2) a 1.5-mile-long, 62-acre impoundment with a normal water surface elevation of 174.3 feet mean sea level (msl); (3) a powerhouse integral with the dam containing a single turbine generator with an installed capacity of 3.0 megawatts (MW); (4) transmission facilities; and (5) appurtenant facilities.

m. *Purpose of Project:* The power generated by this project is used to assist the Central Vermont Public Service Corporation in meeting electrical load requirements of its power

grid. Continued operation of this project would provide an average annual generation of 14,000 megawatt hours (MWH).

n. *Available Locations of Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference and Files and Maintenance Branch, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A-1, Washington, DC 20426. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at Central Vermont Public Service Corporation, 77 Grove Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701.

Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, protests, or motions to intervene in accordance with the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to be taken, the Commission will consider all protests and comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time; therefore, the Commission is not now requesting comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions.

When the application is ready for environmental analysis, the Commission will issue a public notice requesting comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST" or "MOTION TO INTERVENE"; (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 protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.21001 through 385.2005. 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: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C.

20426. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be specified in the particular application.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****Notice of Intent To File an Application for a New License**

September 8, 1998.

a. *Type of filing:* Notice of Intent to File an Application for a New License.

b. *Project No.:* 346.

c. *Date filed:* August 24, 1998.

d. *Submitted By:* Minnesota Power, Inc., current licensee.

e. *Name of Project:* Blanchard Project.

f. *Location:* On the Mississippi River, in Morrison County, Minnesota.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Section 15 of the Federal Power Act, 18 CFR 16.6 of the Commission's regulations.

h. *Effective date of current license:* May 1, 1980.

i. *Expiration date of current license:* August 24, 2003.

j. *The project consists of:* (1) a 750-foot-long, 45-foot-high concrete gravity dam with an intergral powerhouse, a 190-foot-long non-over-flow section, and a 437-foot-long gated spillway section; (2) 3,540-foot-long earth dikes; (3) a 1,152-acre reservoir at normal pond elevation of 1,081.7 feet msl; (4) three generating units with a total installed capacity of 18,000 kW; and (5) appurtenant facilities.

k. *Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.7, information on the project is available at:* Minnesota Power, Inc., 30 West Superior Street, Duluth, MN 55802, Ms. Ingrid Kane, (218) 720-2534.

l. *FERC contact:* Tom Dean (202) 219-2778.

m. *Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.9 each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by August 24, 2001.*

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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