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Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission

October 2, 1998.

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.:* P-2721-013.
- c. *Date Filed:* September 28, 1998.
- d. *Applicant:* Bangor Hydro-Electric Company.
- e. *Name of Project:* Howland Hydro Project.
- f. *Location:* On the Piscataquis River in Penobscot County, near Howland, Maine.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791 (a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Robert S. Briggs, Bangor Hydro-Electric Company, 33 State Street, Bangor, ME 04401, (207) 945-5621.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Ed Lee (202) 219-2809.

j. *Comment Date:* 60 days from the filing date of license application.

k. *Description of Project:* The existing Howland Project consists of: (1) a 660-foot-long gravity dam; (2) a 270-acre reservoir; (3) four 9 by 9-foot gates; (4) a 570-foot-long spillway; (5) an abandoned fishway; (6) an operating fishway and log sluice section; (7) a 90-foot-long cutoff wall; (8) a powerhouse with an installed capacity of 1,875-kW; and (9) appurtenant facilities. The applicant estimates that the total average annual generation would be 8,300 MWh. All generated power is utilized within the applicant's electric utility system.

l. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the MAINE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER (SHPO), as required by Section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR 800.4.

m. Pursuant to Section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, 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 of this application and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application for Preliminary Permit

October 2, 1998.

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

- a. *Type of Application:* Preliminary Permit.
- b. *Project No.:* 11619-000.
- c. *Date filed:* August 26, 1998.
- d. *Applicant:* Mokelumne River Water and Power Authority.
- e. *Name of Project:* Middle Bar Project.
- f. *Location:* On Mokelumne River, in Amador and Calaveras Counties, California.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Henry M. Hirata, PE, Mokelumne River Water and Power Authority, P.O. Box 1810, 1810 E. Hazelton Avenue, Stockton, CA 95201, (209) 468-3000.

i. *FERC Contact:* Mr. Robert Bell, (202) 219-2806.

j. *Comment Date:* December 11, 1998.

k. *Description of Project:* The proposed project would consist of: (1) a proposed 190-foot-high, 800-foot-long Concrete Arch dam; (2) a proposed reservoir having a storage capacity of 40,000 acre-feet with normal water surface elevation of 684 feet msl; (3) a proposed intake structure; (4) a proposed 200-foot-long 15-foot-diameter steel penstock; (5) a proposed powerhouse containing one generating unit with an installed capacity of 31-MW; (6) a proposed outlet works; (7) a proposed 3-mile-long, 230-kV transmission line; and (8) appurtenant facilities.

The project would have an annual generation of 80 GWH and would be sold to a local utility.

l. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: A5, A7, A9, A10, B, C and D2.

A5. *Preliminary Permit*—Anyone desiring to file a competing application for preliminary permit for a proposed project must submit the competing application itself, or a notice of intent to file such an application, to the Commission on or before the specified comment date for the particular application (see 18 CFR 4.36). Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing preliminary permit application no later than 30 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing preliminary permit application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

A7. *Preliminary Permit*—Any qualified development applicant desiring to file a competing development application must submit to the Commission, on or before a specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent to file a development application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

A9. *Notice of intent*—A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

A10. *Proposed Scope of Studies Under Permit*—A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

B. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene*—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and