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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application for Transfer of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

December 23, 1999.

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

a. *Application Type:* Transfer of License.

b. *Project No.:* 2362-009.

c. *Date Filed:* December 9, 1999.

d. *Applicants:* Blandin Paper Company (BPC or transferor) and Minnesota Power, Inc. (MPI or transferee).

e. *Name of Project:* Blandin.

f. *Location:* On the Mississippi River, in the City of Grand Rapids, in Itasca County, Minnesota. The project does not utilize federal or tribal lands.

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

h. *Applicant Contacts:* For transferor—Mr. W. John Licke, Secretary and General Counsel, Blandin Paper Company, 115 S.W. First Street, Grand Rapids, MN 55744-3699, (218) 327-6210.

For transferee—Mr. Steve Tyacke, Assistant General Counsel, Minnesota Power, Inc., 30 West Superior Street, Duluth, MN 55802, telephone (218) 723-3963

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Tom Papsidero at (202) 219-2715, or e-mail address: Thomas.Papsidero@ferc.fed.us.

j. *Deadline for filing comments and/or motions:* January 28, 2000.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Please include the project number (2362-009) on any comments or motions filed.

k. *Description of Transfer:* BPC requests approval to transfer its license to MPI. The applicants state that the transfer relates to BPC's planned sale of the project to MPI under an Asset Purchase Agreement between the parties dated November 23, 1999.

l. *Locations of the application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. This filing may be viewed on <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance). Copies are also available for inspection and reproduction at the addresses in item h above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

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 Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other 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—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Adequacy Status of the Santa Barbara County, California Submitted Ozone Attainment Plan for Transportation Conformity Purposes

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of adequacy.

SUMMARY: In this notice, EPA is notifying the public that we have found that the 1999 on-road mobile source emissions budgets specified in the submitted Santa Barbara County, California Ozone Attainment Plan (1998 Clean Air Plan) are adequate for conformity purposes. As a result of our finding, the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments and the Federal Highway Administration are required to use the 1999 motor vehicle emissions budgets specified in the submitted 1998 Ozone Attainment Plan for future conformity determinations.

DATES: This budget finding is effective January 14, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The finding and the response to comments are available at EPA's conformity website: <http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq>, (once there, click on the "Conformity" button, then look for "Adequacy Review of SIP Submissions for Conformity"). You may also contact Sam Agpawa, U.S. EPA, Region IX, Air Division AIR-2, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105; (415) 744-1228 or Agpawa.sam@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Today's notice is simply an announcement of a finding that we have already made. EPA Region IX sent a letter to the California Air Quality Board on December 3, 1999 stating that the 1999 on-road mobile source emissions budgets specified in the submitted 1998 Santa Barbara County Ozone Attainment Plan are adequate for conformity purposes. This finding has also been announced on our conformity website: <http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq>, (once there, click on the "Conformity" button, then look for "Adequacy Review of SIP Submissions for Conformity").

Transportation conformity is required by section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act. Our conformity rule requires that transportation plans, programs, and projects conform to state air quality implementation plans (SIPs) and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they do. Conformity to a SIP means that transportation activities will not