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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests

February 18, 2000.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been accepted for filing and the Commission has established a deadline for interventions and protests:

- a. *Type of Application:* New Major License
- b. *Project No.:* 2090-003.
- c. *Date filed:* August 31, 1999.
- d. *Applicant:* Green Mountain Power Corporation.
- e. *Name of Project:* Waterbury Project.
- f. *Location:* On Little River in Washington County, Vermont. No Federal Lands used in this project.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Craig T. Myotte, Green Mountain Power Corporation, 163 Action Lane, Colchester, VT 05446, (802) 660-5830.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Robert Bell, E-mail address, Robert.bell@ferc.fed.us, or telephone 202-219-2806.
- j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

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

The Commission's rules of practice and procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. *Status of Environmental Analysis:* This application has been accepted for filing but is not ready for environmental analysis at this time—see attachment paragraph E1.

l. The existing project utilizing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waterbury Dam and reservoir consists of: (1) A submerged concrete intake structure; (2) two 205-foot-long, 54-inch diameter steel penstocks which connect to a 79-inch-diameter penstock; (3) a powerhouse having one generating unit with an installed capacity of 5,520 kW; (4) a tailrace; (5) 50-foot-long, 33kV transmission line; and (6) appurtenant facilities.

The applicant does not propose any modifications to the project features or operation.

The project would have an annual generation of 16,223 MWh and would be used to provide energy to its customers.

n. *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 the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

m. 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. The application may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/rims.htm>. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

Protests or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests 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 protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline 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 385.2001 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, at the above address. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions To Intervene, Protests, and Comments

February 18, 2000.

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.:* 11833-000.
- c. *Date filed:* January 3, 2000.
- d. *Applicant:* City of Wrangell.
- e. *Name of Project:* Sunrise Lake Project.

f. *Location:* Within Tongass National Forest, on Woronkofski Island, near the city of Wrangell, Alaska. Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 16, 17, 20, and 21 in T63S, R83E.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Dave Sousak, City Manager, City of Wrangell, P.O. Box 531, Wrangell, AL 99929, (907) 874-2381.

i. FERC Contact: Robert Bell, robert.bell@ferc.fed.us, 202-219-2806.

j. Deadline for filing motions to intervene, protests and comments: 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

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

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all interveners filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person in the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervener files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. The proposed project would consist of: (1) A 10-foot-high concrete faced rockfill dam; (2) A siphon intake located in Sunrise Lake; (3) A 20-inch-diameter 5,500-foot-long steel penstock; (4) A powerhouse containing two generating units having a total installed capacity of 4 MW; (5) A screened tailrace; (6) A 500-foot-long, 69 kV transmission line; and (7) Appurtenant facilities.

The project would have an annual generation of 12,208 MWh and project power would be sold to a local utility.

l. 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, D.C. 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The application may be viewed on <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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, NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION, COMPETING APPLICATION, PROTEST, 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. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or 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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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 OR www.epa.gov/oeca/ofa.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements filed February 14, 2000 through February 18, 2000 pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 000045, FINAL EIS, FHW, AZ, AZ-260 Transportation Improvements, between Payson and Heber, Funding, NPDES and COE Section 404 Permits, Gila, Coconino and Navajo Counties, AZ, Due: March 27, 2000, Contact: Nathan M. Banks (602) 379-3646.

EIS No. 000046, FINAL EIS, FHW, ND, Interstate 29 Reconstruction Project, Improvements from Rose Coulee to Cass County Road No. 20, Funding, City of Fargo, ND, Due: March 27, 2000, Contact: J. Michael Brown (701) 250-4204.

EIS No. 000047, DRAFT EIS, NPS, KY, TN, Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, General Management Plan, Implementation, McCreary, KY and Fentress, Morgan, Pickett, Scott Counties, TN, Due: April 10, 2000, Contact: Reed Detring (423) 569-9778.

EIS No. 000048, FINAL EIS, BLM, CO, North Fork Coal Program, Approval of