

the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm>. Please call (202) 208-2222 for assistance. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Tom Dean at (202) 219-2778.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

May 2, 2001.

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

a. *Application Type:* Amendment of license.

b. *Project No.:* 176-025.

c. *Date Filed:* March 27, 2001.

d. *Applicant:* City of Escondido.

e. *Name of Project:* Escondido Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* Partially along the San Luis Rey River and Escondido Creek, northeast of the City of Escondido, in northern San Diego County, California. The project area does utilize federal lands administered by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and tribal lands (including the Rincon, San Pasqual, and La Jolla Indian Reservations).

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 4.200.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Jack Hoagland, City of Escondido, 201 N. Broadway, Escondido, California 92025. (760) 839-4546.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to: (a) CarLisa Linton at (202) 219-2802 or e-mail address carlisa.lintonpeters@ferc.fed.us; or (b) Anum Purchiaroni at (202) 219-3297 or e-mail address anumzzziata.purchiaroni@ferc.fed.us.

j. *Deadline for filing comments and/or motions:* May 29, 2001.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., 20426. Please include the Project Number (P-176-025) on any comments or motions filed. Motions to intervene, protests and comments may also be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at: <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

k. *Description of Proposed Project:* The City of Escondido, filed a proposal to replace the Rincon and Wohlford penstocks, two structurally degraded pipelines in northern San Diego County, California. The existing Rincon penstock would be removed and disposed of then replaced within the same alignment with an approximately 1,940-foot (0.36-mile) long below-grade, welded-steel penstock. The new Wohlford penstock would be approximately 4,070 feet (0.77-mile) long and would deviate from the original alignment to avoid geologically unstable areas and impacts to biological resources. Approximately 2,600 feet of the proposed penstock would be located within rights-of-way for Oakvale and Lake Wohlford Roads. The proposed Wohlford penstock would be installed below-grade with the exception of one section. Both new penstocks would be designed to maintain, as closely as possible, the original hydraulic conditions, including flow rates, power generating capacity, and headloss.

l. *Locations of the Application:* A copy of the application, filed March 27, 2001, 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. This application may be viewed on the internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance). A copy is available for inspection and reproduction at the address listed 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.

n. *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.

o. *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 as specified in the particular application.

p. *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.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Draft License Application and Preliminary Draft Environmental Assessment and Request for Preliminary Recommendations, Prescriptions, and Terms and Conditions

May 2, 2001.

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.:* 346.

c. *Date Filed:* April 30, 2001.

d. *Applicant:* Minnesota Power Inc.

e. *Name of Project:* Blanchard Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Mississippi River near the City of Royalton, in Morrison County, MN. The project does not occupy any federal lands.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Bob Bohm, Minnesota Power, Inc., P.O. Box 60, Little Falls, MN 56345, rbohmn@mnpower.com 320-632-2318, ext. 5042.

i. *FERC Contact:* Tom Dean, thomas.dean@ferc.fed.us. 202-219-2778.

j. *Status of Project:* With this notice the Commission is soliciting: (1) Preliminary recommendations,

prescriptions, and terms and conditions on the Preliminary Draft Environmental Assessment (PDEA); and (2) preliminary comments on the Draft License Application.

k. *Deadline for filing preliminary comments, recommendations, prescriptions, and terms and conditions:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All comments on the PDEA and Draft License Application should be sent to the addresses noted above in Item (h), with one copy filed with FERC at the following address: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. All comments must include the project name and number and bear the heading Preliminary Comments, Preliminary Recommendations, Preliminary Prescriptions, or Preliminary Terms and Conditions.

Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

l. A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, located at 888 First Street, N.E., Room 2-A, Washington, D.C. 20426, or by calling (202) 219-1371. A copy of the application may also be viewed or printed by accessing the Commission's website on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm>, or call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

Minnesota Power Inc. has mailed notification to members of the collaborative team and interested parties of the filed PDEA and Draft License Application. Copies of these documents are also available by calling the applicant contact identified in Item (h) above.

m. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the Minnesota 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.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Scoping Meetings and Soliciting Scoping Comments

May 2, 2001.

Take notice 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-2142-031.

c. *Date filed:* December 28, 1999.

d. *Applicant:* FPL Energy Maine Hydro, LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Indian Pond Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Kennebec River, near the town of The Forks, Somerset and Piscataquis counties, Maine. The project would not utilize federal lands.

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

h. *Applicant Contacts:* Kenneth P. Hoffman, Vice President; FPL Energy Maine Hydro, LLC; 700 Universe Boulevard Juno Beach, FL 33408; (561) 694-4000 and Robert C. Richter III; Senior Environmental Coordinator; FPL Energy Maine Hydro, LLC; 100 Middle Street; Portland, ME 04101; (207) 771-3536.

i. *FERC Contact:* Kevin Whalen (202) 219-2790; email: kevin.whelen@ferc.fed.us.

j. *Deadline for filing scoping comments:* July 9, 2001.

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.

Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

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 whose name appears 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.

Protests, comments on filings, comments on environmental assessments and environmental impact statements, and reply comments may be

filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

k. *Status of environmental analysis:* This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. *Description of the Project:* The proposed peaking project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) A 2,000-foot-long dam, consisting of (a) a 270-foot-long, 175-foot-high concrete section, (b) a 200-foot-long attached powerhouse section, and (c) an earthen section in excess of 1,500 feet in length; (2) four steel penstocks ranging from 6 feet to 24 feet in diameter; (3) a concrete powerhouse containing four generating units, having a total rated hydraulic capacity of 7,140 cubic feet per second and installed generation capacity of 76.4 megawatts (4) a 3,746-acre impoundment varying in width from 0.9 to 1.5 miles, extending about 9 miles upstream, that has a usable storage capacity of 850 million cubic feet; and (5) appurtenant facilities. The applicant estimates the total average annual generation would be approximately 202 million kilowatt hours.

m. *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. The application 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.

n. Scoping Process

The Commission intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The EA will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts and reasonable alternatives to the proposed action.

Scoping Meetings

The Commission will hold scoping meetings, one in the evening and one in the daytime, to help us identify the scope of issues to be addressed in the EA.

The evening scoping meeting is primarily for public input and the daytime scoping meeting will focus on resource agency concerns. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist the staff in identifying the scope of the