

“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, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Hydropower Administration and Compliance, 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.

s. 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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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

August 22, 2001.

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.:* 12097–000.

c. *Date filed:* July 30, 2001.

d. *Applicant:* Green River 3 Associates.

e. *Name of Project:* Green River Dam 3.

f. *Location:* On the Green River in Ohio County, Kentucky at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ Green River Lock and Dam 3. All lands of the proposed project are federal lands.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* David Brown Kinloch, Soft Energy Associates, 414 S. Wenzel Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40204, (502) 589–0975.

i. *FERC Contact:* Elizabeth Jones (202) 208–0246.

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, N.E. Washington, D.C. 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 under the “e-Filing” link.

Please include the Project Number (12097–000) on any comments, protests, or motions filed.

The Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure require all interveners filing a document 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. *Description of the Project:* The proposed project would place turbines in the existing lock chamber of the dam that was deactivated in 1981. The proposed project would consist of: (1) An existing 353-foot-long, 23.5-foot-high timber crib and rock-filled dam; (2) an existing 137.5-foot-long, 35.8-foot-wide, lock chamber; (3) a proposed series of axial flow propeller turbines with a total installed capacity of 1.2 MW; (4) proposed three-phase line running approximately 500 feet across the river to connect with an existing three-phase distribution line; and (5) appurtenant facilities.

The project would have an estimated annual generation of 4 GWH.

l. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the “RIMS” link, select “Docket#” and follow the instructions (call 202–208–2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item ‘h’ above.

m. *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.

n. *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.

o. *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.

p. *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.

q. *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.

r. **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, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Hydropower Administration and Compliance, 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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Scoping Meetings and Site Visits and Soliciting Scoping Comments

August 21, 2001.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Original Minor License.

b. *Project No.:* P–11797–000.

c. *Date Filed:* July 29, 1999.

d. *Applicant:* Grande Pointe Power Corporation.

e. *Name of Project:* Three Rivers Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the St. Joseph River in the City of Three Rivers, St. Joseph County, Michigan. The project does not utilize federal lands.

g. *File Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791 (a)–825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Monroe E. Learn, Grande Pointe Power Corporation, 503 West Michigan Avenue, Three Rivers, MI 54601, (616) 273–8828.

i. *FERC Contact:* Mr. Charles T. Raabe, E-mail Charles.Raabe@FERC.FED.US or telephone (202) 219–2811.

j. *Deadline for filing scoping comments:* 60 days from the issuance 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, DC 20426. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. 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 under the “e-Filing” link.

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.

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

l. *Description of the Project:* The project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) a right earthen embankment 750 feet-long and a left earthen embankment 200 feet-long, separated by a 283 foot-long gated spillway section with a crest elevation of 792.40 feet NGVD; (2) a 601-acre reservoir with a normal water surface elevation of 797.0 feet NGVD; (3) a powerhouse containing 3 vertical Francis turbines each connected to a generator unit for a total installed capacity of 900 kW; and (4) appurtenant facilities. The average annual energy generation is 3,844,920 kWh. Power generated by the project is sold to the city of Sturgis.

m. *Location 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.

n. *Scoping Process:* The Commission intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed licensing of the Three Rivers Project (FERC No. 11797–000) 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 actions.

Scoping Meetings

The Commission will hold two 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 meeting will focus on public concerns, while the daytime scoping meeting will focus on resource agency concerns. All interested agencies, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), Native American tribes, and individuals to attend either of the meetings and to assist the staff in identifying the scope of environmental issues to be analyzed in the EA. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

Evening Scoping Meeting

Tuesday, September 11, 2001, 7 to 9 p.m.

Three Rivers Community Library, St. Joseph Room, 103 South Douglas Avenue, Three Rivers, MI 49093

Morning Scoping Meeting

Thursday, September 13, 2001, 9 to 11 a.m.

2651 Coolidge Road, East Lansing, MI 48823

To help focus discussions, we will distribute to parties on the Commission’s mailing list a Scoping Document (SD1) outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the EA. Copies of the SD1 will also be available at the scoping meetings.

Objectives

At the scoping meetings, the staff will: (1) Summarize the environmental issues that the Commission staff tentatively has identified for analysis in the EA; (2) take statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EA, including viewpoints in