

- About 79.9 miles of 36-inch-diameter (11.8 miles) and 30-inch-diameter (68.1 miles) natural gas pipeline (North Baja pipeline) extending from an interconnection with El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso) in La Paz County, Arizona, through Riverside and Imperial Counties, California to the international border between the United States and Mexico;

- A new compressor station (Ehrenberg Compressor Station) consisting of three 7,200-horsepower (hp) gas-fired centrifugal compressor units for a total of 21,600 hp (with one additional 7,200-hp spare unit) at the El Paso interconnect in La Paz County, Arizona;

- Two meter stations, one at the interconnect with El Paso at the Ehrenberg Compressor Station site (Ehrenberg Meter Station) and one in Imperial County, California near the interconnect at the international border (Ogilby Meter Station);

- A pig launcher at the Ehrenberg Compressor Station site; a pig launcher and receiver at the Ogilby Meter Station site; and a separate pig launcher and receiver facility (Rannells Trap) in Riverside County, California; and

- Seven mainline valves, one each at the Ehrenberg Compressor Station site, Rannells Trap, and Ogilby Meter Station site, and another four spaced as required along the proposed pipeline route.

The final EIS/EIR and proposed plan amendment has been placed in the public files of the FERC and the CSLC and is available for public inspection at: Federal Regulatory Energy Commission Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch

888 First Street, NE., Room 2A
Washington, DC 20426
(202) 208-1371

and
California State Lands Commission
100 Howe Avenue, Suite 100 South
Sacramento, CA 95825-8202
(916) 574-1889

The final EIS/EIR and proposed plan amendment has been mailed to appropriate Federal, state, and local agencies; elected officials; Native American groups; newspapers; public libraries; intervenors to the FERC's proceeding; and other interested parties who provided scoping comments, commented on the draft EIS/EIR and draft plan amendment, or wrote to the FERC, the CSLC, or the BLM asking to receive a copy of the document. A formal notice indicating that the final EIS/EIR and proposed plan amendment is available was sent to the remaining parties on the environmental mailing list.

A limited number of copies of the final EIS/EIR and proposed plan amendment are available from the FERC's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch identified above. Copies may also be obtained from Goodyear K. Walker, CSLC, at the address above. The final EIS/EIR and proposed plan amendment is also available for viewing on the CSLC Web site at the Internet address below.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Goodyear K. Walker at the CSLC at (916) 574-1893, or on the CSLC Web site at <http://www.slc.ca.gov>, or from the FERC's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088, or on the FERC Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance). Access to the text of formal documents issued by the Commission with regard to these dockets, such as orders and notices, is also available on the FERC Web site using the "CIPS" link. For assistance with access to CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2474.

Information concerning the proposed CDCA and Yuma District Plan amendments and the involvement of the BLM in the EIS/EIR and plan amendment process is available from Lynda Kastoll, BLM Project Manager, at (760) 337-4421.

The CSLC is expected to certify the final EIS/EIR and act on NBP's application at a regularly scheduled meeting in early 2002. Interested parties will be notified of the date, time, and place of the meeting. If you have any questions regarding the CSLC hearing, or wish to testify, please contact Goodyear K. Walker at the number above.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Amended Application for the St. Anthony Falls Project and Extension of Time for Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions

January 11, 2002.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been amended by the applicant as identified in the project description below. By notice dated November 11, 2001, the

Commission requested Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions, due within 60 days of the notice. In order to give parties time to comment on the revised Application, the due date for Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions has been extended to 60 days from the date of this notice. Changes proposed by the Applicant include removal of the Lower Development from the Project, revision of proposal for facilities for public access and usage at the new Main Street and Hennepin Island Dams, a new park on Upper Hennepin Island, and a combination of canoe access site, shoreline fishing structure, and observation deck at the Lower Development. The Applicant no longer proposes moving the Pillsbury Substation, diverting flows for a waterfall in the east Bluff area, donation of Hennepin Islands or direct funding to the Minnesota Park and Recreation Board.

a. *Type of Application:* New Major License

b. *Project No.:* P-2056-016

c. *Date filed:* Application filed December 21, 1998; Application amended October 11, 2001, and November 2, 2001.

d. *Applicant:* Northern States Power Company (NSP)

e. *Name of Project:* St. Anthony Falls Project

f. *Location:* On the Mississippi River, near Minneapolis and St. Paul, Hennepin County, Minnesota. There are no federal lands within the project boundary.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mark H. Holmberg, P.E., Northern States Power Company, 414 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401; (612) 330-6568

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Monte TerHaar, E-mail: monte.terhaar@ferc.fed.us, or telephone (202) 219-2768.

j. *Deadline Date:* March 18, 2002.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Linwood A. Watson, Jr., Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Comments, protests and interventions 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 under the "e-Filing" link.

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 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 has been accepted for filing and is ready for environmental analysis at this time. The Commission will prepare a draft and a final Environmental Assessment.

l. *Description of the Project:* The St. Anthony Falls Project currently consists of two developments on the Mississippi River, the Upper Development and the Lower Development.

Upper Main Dam Development

The Upper Main Dam development of the project consists of the Horseshoe dam spillway, main spillway, roll dams, Hennepin Island earthen dam, two abandoned wasteways, the Hennepin Island hydro entrance canal and powerhouse, the Main Street/Hennepin Island dam, and the Main Street plant. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) Upper St. Anthony Lock is on the right (south) bank of the river adjacent to the Upper Dam development. The headrace canal for the Crown Mill Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 11175) is being developed just upstream of the lock.

NSP has completed construction of a replacement, multiple-circular-cell sheetpile dam to replace the existing Main Street/GE Dam and adjacent intake structure. A similar cellular dam structure has been constructed at the Wasteway No. 2 Intake Gates.

Lower Development

The Lower Development consists of an upstream closure dam, a downstream closure dam, and left retaining wall which encompass approximately 3.53 acres of land owned by NSP. There are currently no hydropower facilities at the Lower Development. In November of 1987, the St. Anthony Falls Lower Dam Hydro Plant experienced an undermining failure. On August 19, 1988, the Commission issued an order authorizing complete demolition and removal of the lower facility. Demolition of the powerhouse was completed by the end of 1988. As of August 2001, all necessary remedial work necessary to ensure dam safety at the Lower Development has been completed to the Commission's satisfaction. In their application, and by a letter dated November 2, 2001, NSP

has proposed to remove the lower development from the project.

NSP had proposed a number of recreational enhancements in its original application for license in 1998. These enhancement measures were developed in consultation with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Minnesota Parks and Recreation Board, the City of Minneapolis, and the Mississippi Whitewater Development Corporation. However, NSP states that the consultative process has broken down without an agreement and hence, the NSP has revised its recreational/aesthetic mitigation and enhancement proposal as described below:

(1) Mitigation Measures at the Upper Development

- A straight-line cantilever along the face of the new dams providing an overhang to partially shade or cover the facade of the dam;
- Smooth, broom-swept concrete surface covering for the upstream edge (bridged sections) of the dam excluding the bicycle path;
- Surface covering of dam (excluding concrete slabs and bicycle path) with finely crushed limestone aggregate of compatible color with the concrete slabs;
- Earth fill between the steel sheet pile cells and the old (Main Street) powerhouse limited to reach but not cover the brick of the historic powerhouse; and
- Surface covering for the swale upstream of the powerhouse with finely crushed limestone aggregate of compatible color with the concrete slabs; planting swale areas upstream of the old GE Dam and between the new Hennepin Island Dam and the old wasteway headworks with native vegetation.

NSP has completed the last two items and expects to complete the others shortly.

(2) Other Measures at the Upper Development

- An eight-foot bicycle path of bituminous composition on the powerhouse side of the concrete slabs along the upstream face of the dam;
- A switchback ramp between the old powerhouse and the Main Street to provide bicycle/barrier-free access to the new dam; steps leading straight down the river bank on to the new dam from Main Street;
- Observation areas and benches at four locations on the dams;
- An overlook area on the new dam for interpretive displays;

- An interpretive sign for the Main Street Substation at the trashrack observation area;

- Railings, lights, and interpretive signs to generally match those on the Stone Arch Bridge.

- A pedestrian bridge linking the Main Street Dam to Hennepin Island; and

- New walkways, interpretive nodes, visual overlooks, information shelter, natural areas, landscaping, and other improvements on upper Hennepin Island.

(3) Mitigation Measures at the Lower Development

NSP proposes to provide new facilities for canoe access, shoreline fishing, and public observation at the restored Lower Dam site.

(4) Changes in NSP's Proposed Mitigation Measures

NSP does not propose to move the Pillsbury Substation or diverting water to re-create a waterfall in the East Bluff area from its current location. NSP's revised recreation mitigation plan does not include any funding to the Minnesota Park and Recreation Board for operation and maintenance of the East Bank Park Development, nor donation of Hennepin Island lands to the Minnesota Park and Recreation Board. Instead, NSP proposes to independently develop, operate, and maintain park facilities on the upper part of Hennepin Island and the former Lower Dam site.

Details of the enhancement and mitigation measures were filed with the Commission on October 11, 2001 and are available electronically for review at the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov). Copies may also be requested directly from NSP. The Commission will discuss this alternative in its Environmental Assessment.

m. *Locations of the application:* 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.

Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—The application is ready for environmental analysis at this time, and the Commission is requesting comments, reply comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions.

The Commission directs, pursuant to Section 4.34(b) of the Regulations (see

Order No. 533 issued May 8, 1991, 56 FR 23108, May 20, 1991) that all comments, recommendations, terms and conditions and prescriptions concerning the application be filed with the Commission within 60 days from the issuance date of this notice. All reply comments must be filed with the Commission within 105 days from the date of this notice.

Anyone may obtain an extension of time for these deadlines from the Commission only upon a showing of good cause or extraordinary circumstances in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2008.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS," "REPLY COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS;" (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 submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). 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 Environmental and Engineering Review, Office of Energy Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above address. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

C.B. Spencer,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Electricity Market Design & Structure; Notice of Meetings and Conferences on Electric Market Matters

January 11, 2002.

As announced in a recent Commission Meeting, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is planning a series of discussions on various electric market design issues.

Our Commissioners are especially interested in the views of state Commissioners and in discussing some of these issues with them. The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) has scheduled its winter meetings for February 10th—13th, 2002. NARUC is allowing FERC to have time during its winter meetings to hold two sessions on issues of mutual concern. NARUC is holding its meetings at the Hyatt Regency Washington Hotel, 400 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington DC 20001.

The following two sessions on FERC-related issues are in the Hyatt's Regency A Room:

Date: Sunday, February 10, 2002.

Time: 10 a.m.—12 p.m.

Topic: Whether all wholesale and retail transmission services should be under the same rates, terms and conditions.

Date: Monday, February 11, 2002.

Time: 4 p.m.—5:45 p.m.

Topic: Whether the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission should require RTOs to administer a regional, long-term generation capacity obligation, and if so, the form and mechanism for that obligation.

These two sessions are open to everyone. There will be no charge for those attending these two sessions only.

The Commission is also co-sponsoring a conference with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to raise awareness about the potential role of demand response programs in the evolution of efficient electric market operations. A series of panel discussions will address related topics. Some conference details are as follows:

Date: Thursday, February 14, 2002.

Time: 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.—

Registration; Adjournment at 5:00 p.m.

Location: Washington DC Convention Center, 900 Ninth Street NW., Washington, DC 20001.

This conference is open to everyone, but registration and a fee (\$75 until January 31st, and \$125 thereafter) are required.

More information on the topics and presenters may be issued in a later notice.

The three sessions will be transcribed. The transcripts will be included as part of the record for the referenced proceedings and will be posted in the Commission's Records and Information Management System (RIMS) within 10 days of the events. More prompt copies of transcripts can be obtained sooner for a fee from the court reporter designated to handle the three sessions.

More information on the first two events, and procedures to register for the entire NARUC winter meetings (including information on registration, fees, and lodging) is at the following Web site: www.naruc.org/Meetings/winter/2002/naruc_winter.pdf.

Registration and lodging information on the Demand Response Conference is at the following Web site: www.ferc.gov/Electric/RTO/Mrkt-Strct-comments/rm01-12-comments.htm.

Additional questions about the program, not answered by information at these Web sites, should be directed to: Norma McOmber, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, 202-208-1015, norma.mcomber@ferc.fed.us.

C.B. Spencer,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Request for Comments on Potential Changes to the Upland Erosion Control, Revegetation and Maintenance Plan and the Wetland and Waterbody Construction and Mitigation Procedures

January 11, 2002.

The Office of Energy Projects (OEP) staff is in the process of reviewing the Upland Erosion Control, Revegetation and Maintenance Plan and the Wetland and Waterbody Construction and Mitigation Procedures referred to at 18 CFR 157.206(b)(3)(iv) of the Commission's regulations to see if there are appropriate modifications to be made at this time. As promised in Order 609, the staff is asking for public input on potential modifications.

This process of obtaining public input began at the Post-Certificate Environmental Compliance Seminar conducted in Houston on December 12 and 13, 2001. Additional input will be