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Magalie R. Salas,  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2416-009, South Carolina]

#### Aquenergy Systems, Inc.; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

April 5, 2002.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for license for the Ware Shoals Hydroelectric Project and has prepared a Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) for the project. The project is located on the Saluda River, in the Town of Ware Shoals, within the counties of Laurens, Greenwood, and Abbeville, South Carolina. No federal lands or facilities are occupied or used by the project.

The FEA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the FEA is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. The FEA 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).

For further information, contact Timothy Looney at (202) 219-2852.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,  
Deputy Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission, Soliciting Additional Study Requests, and Establishing Procedures for Relicensing and a Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

April 5, 2002.

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.:* 2984-042.

c. *Date Filed:* March 29, 2002.

d. *Applicant:* S.D. Warren Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Eel Weir Project.

f. *Location:* On the Presumpscot River at Sebago Lake, in Cumberland County, Maine. The project does not affect federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791 (a)-825<sup>®</sup>

h. *Applicant Contact:* Thomas P. Howard, S.D. Warren Company, 89 Cumberland Street, P.O. Box 5000, Westbrook, ME 04098-1597, (207) 856-4286.

i. *FERC Contact:* Allan Creamer at (202) 219-0365, or [allan.creamer@ferc.gov](mailto:allan.creamer@ferc.gov).

j. *Cooperating Agencies:* We are asking federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with us in the preparation of the environmental document. Agencies who would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing comments described in item k below.

k. *Deadline for Filing Additional Study Requests and Requests for Cooperating Agency Status:* 60 days from the filing date shown in paragraph (c), or May 28, 2002.

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

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all interveners 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 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.

Additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status 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 (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

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

m. *Description of Project:* The existing Eel Weir Project operates in a store-and-release mode. The Eel Weir Project consists of the following features: (1) a 115-foot-long, 23-foot-high stone masonry spillway dam; (2) a 150-foot-long, 10-foot-high stone and earth-fill east abutment section; (3) a 90-foot-long, 5-foot-high stone and earth-fill west abutment section; (4) five 6.5-foot-high by 4.75-foot-wide discharge gates; (5) four 8.8-foot-high by 7-foot-wide canal intake gates; (6) a 12-mile-long, 28,771-acre, reservoir, Sebago Lake, at elevation 266.65 msl; (7) a 90-foot-long fish screen located upstream of the canal gates; (8) a 4,826-foot-long, 15-foot-deep earthen power canal; (9) a 90-foot-long timber-sheathed canal overflow weir; (10) a powerhouse containing three Hercules turbines and generating units, having an installed capacity of 1,800 kW; (11) a 3.5-mile-long, 11-kV transmission line; and (12) appurtenant facilities.

The applicant estimates that the average annual generation would be about 12,300 MWh. All generated power is utilized by the applicant's paper mill in Westbrook, Maine.

n. A copy of the application is on file with the Commission and is 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.

o. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the *MAINE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER (SHPO)*, as required by § 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR 800.4.

p. *Procedural schedule and final amendments:* The application will be processed according to the following milestones, some of which may be combined to expedite processing:

Notice of application has been accepted for filing

Notice of NEPA Scoping

Notice of application is ready for environmental analysis

Notice of the availability of the draft NEPA document

Notice of the availability of the final NEPA document