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p. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the Georgia State Historic Preservation Officer as required by § 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR, part 800.

q. *Procedural schedule:* At this time we do not anticipate the need for preparing a draft EA. We intend to prepare one, multi-project environmental document which will include the Augusta Canal Project (P-11810), the Enterprise Project (P-2935), and the Sibley Mill Project (P-5044). The EA will include our recommendations for operating procedures and environmental enhancement measures that should be part of any license issued by the Commission. Recipients will have 60 days to provide the Commission with any written comments on the EA. All comments filed with the Commission will be considered in the Order taking final action on the license applications. However, should substantive comments requiring re-analysis be received on the NEPA document, we would consider preparing a subsequent NEPA document.

The application will be processed according to the following Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Scoping Document 1—March 2003.

Comments on Scoping Document 1—May 2003.

Issue acceptance letter/request additional information—May 2003.

Additional Information Due—July 2003.

Notice of ready for environmental analysis/Notice soliciting final terms and conditions—July 2003.

Deadline for Agency Recommendations—September 2003.

Notice of the availability of the EA—November 2003.

Public Comments on EA due—January 2003.

Ready for Commission's decision on the application—March 2004

r. Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from

the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

Magalie R Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions to Intervene and Protests and Establishing Procedures for Relicensing

February 13, 2003.

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.:* 1979-012.

c. *Date Filed:* June 21, 2002.

d. *Applicant:* Wisconsin Public Service Corporation.

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

f. *Location:* On the Wisconsin River near the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. The project occupies 3.59 acres of public land administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. David W. Harpole, Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, 700 N. Adams Street, PO Box 19002, Green Bay, Wisconsin. 54307 (920) 433-1264.

i. *FERC Contact:* Michael Spencer, michael.spencer@FERC.fed.us, (202) 502-6093.

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: Magalie Salas, 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 under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

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 Project:* The existing project consists of: (1) A dam, described from east to west side as comprised of a gated spillway controlled by 11 Taintor gates each measuring 26-foot-wide and 15-foot-high, the powerhouse, a 385-foot-long concrete wall with earth backfill, and a 515-foot-long, 20-foot-high earthen embankment dam; (2) a reservoir with a surface area of 803 acres and, a 7,000 acre-foot storage volume at normal pond elevation; (3) the powerhouse contains three generating units with an total installed capacity of 4,200-kilowatts (4) a transmission substation; and (5) appurtenant facilities. The applicant estimates that the average annual generation is 23,550 megawatt-hours.

m. *Locations of the application:* A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866)208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202)502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

n. *Procedural schedule:* The application will be processed according to the following Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made if the Commission determines it necessary to do so.

Issue Scoping Document 1 for comments—March 2003.

Request Additional Information—May 2003.

Issue Scoping Document 2—August 2003.

Notice of application is ready for environmental analysis—August 2003.

Notice of the availability of the draft EA—December 2003.

Notice of the availability of the final EA—April 2004.

Ready for Commission's decision on the application—April 2004.

o. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs:

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—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. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

Magalie R. Salas,

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 Procedural Schedule for Relicensing and a Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

February 13, 2003.

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

a. *Type of Application:* New License for a Major Water Power Project.

b. *Project No.:* P-2181-014.

c. *Date filed:* February 10, 2003.

d. *Applicant:* Northern States Power Company (d/b/a Xcel Energy).

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

f. *Location:* On the Red Cedar River, City of Menomonie, Dunn County, Wisconsin. This project would not use federal lands and there are no federal lands within the project's boundary.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. William Zawacki, Director, Hydro Plants, or Ms. Kristina Bourget, Esq., Northern States Power Company (d/b/a Xcel Energy), 1414 West Hamilton Avenue, PO Box 8, Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54702-0008, 715-836-1136 or 715-839-1305, respectively, or Mr. William J. Madden, Jr., Esq., Winston and Strawn, 1400 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005-3502, 202-371-5715.

i. *FERC Contact:* John Ramer, john.ramer@ferc.gov (202) 502-8969.

j. *Cooperating Agencies:* We are asking Federal, state, and local agencies and Indian tribes 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. Pursuant to Section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an factual basis for complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days after the application filing (*i.e.*, by April 10, 2003.) and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

l. *Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status:* April 10, 2003.

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 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.

Additional study requests may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. 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. After logging into the e-Filing system, select "Comment on Filing" from the Filing Type Selection screen and continue with the filing process."

m. The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. *Project Description:* The Menomonie Hydroelectric Project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) A 624-foot-long by about 40-foot-high dam, topped with five, 40-foot-wide by 19-foot-high and one, 9-foot-high by 25-foot-wide, steel Tainter gates and with a total dam discharge capacity of 62,000 cubic feet per second(cfs); (2) a 1,405-acre reservoir (Lake Menomin) with a gross storage capacity of about 15,000-acre feet; (3) a 72-foot-long by about 50-foot-wide by 40-foot-high powerhouse containing two, vertical-shaft Kaplan turbine-generators with a combined total maximum hydraulic capacity of 2,700 cfs and with a total installed generating capacity of about 5.4 megawatts (MW) and producing a total of 23,358,292 kilowatt-hours (kWh) annually; (4) a substation containing a 69 kilovolt (kV) bus from which power flows to serve the applicant's interconnected electrical system or to a 12.5 kv local distribution system; along with (5) appurtenant facilities, such as, governors and electric switchgear. The dam and existing project facilities are owned by Northern States Power Company (d/b/a Xcel Energy).

o. 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 "FERRIS" link—select "Docket #" and follow the instructions. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676 or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

p. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the Wisconsin 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.

q. *Procedural schedule and final amendments:* The application will be processed according to the following Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate. The Commission staff proposes to issue one environmental assessment rather than issue a draft and final EA. Comments, terms and conditions, recommendations, prescriptions, and reply comments, if any, will be addressed in an EA issued in the spring of 2004.

Issue Acceptance or Deficiency Letter—June 2003.

Issue Scoping Document—July 2003.