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Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the form. They also will become a matter of public record.

Statutory Authority: Section 3507(h)(1) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. NJ03-3-000]

Bonneville Power Administration; Notice of Filing

July 15, 2003.

Take notice that on July 7, 2003, the Bonneville Power Administration (Bonneville) filed a Petition for a Declaratory Order Maintaining Reciprocity Approval of Its Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) and an Exemption In Lieu of a Filing Fee with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission). Bonneville states that it has revised sections 13.2, 14.2, 17.1 and 18.1 of its OATT to change its procedure for awarding short-term transmission requests. Bonneville explains that these revisions eliminate the right of first refusal to match competing requests for short-term transmission service and adopt a first-come, first-served approach. Bonneville further explains that it has also revised Attachment K to its OATT in accordance with the 2004 Rate Case Settlement. Additionally, Bonneville states that it has refiled its entire OATT to voluntarily adopt the Order No. 614 pagination standards, as applicable.

Bonneville states that the Commission found its OATT to be an acceptable reciprocity transmission tariff, effective October 1, 2001, by Order Granting Petition for Declaratory Order, 94 FERC 61,317 (March 19, 2001) and Order on Tariff Amendment, 96 FERC 62,337 (September 28, 2001). Bonneville further states that it now seeks a declaratory order finding that its OATT, as revised by this filing, continues to maintain its reciprocity status. Bonneville has also requested an expedited approval process, making the changes effective as of August 15, 2003.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date, and, to the extent applicable, must be served on the applicant and on any other person designated on the official service list. This filing is available for review at the Commission 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 last 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. 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.

Comment Date: July 28, 2003.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Scoping Meetings and Soliciting Scoping Comments for an Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment Using the Alternative Licensing Process

July 15, 2003.

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

b. *Project No.:* 2216-058.

c. *Applicant:* New York Power Authority.

d. *Project Name:* Niagara Power Project.

e. *Location:* The existing project is located in Niagara County, New York, on the Niagara River, a 35-mile-long waterway that connects Lake Erie and Lake Ontario and is boundary water

between the United States and Canada. There are no Federal lands within the project boundary.

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

g. *Applicant Contact:* Keith Silliman, Director, Niagara Relicensing, New York Power Authority, 30 South Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12207-3425, (518) 433-6735.

h. *FERC Contact:* Patti Leppert at (202) 502-6034, or patricia.leppert@ferc.gov.

i. *Deadline for Filing Scoping Comments:* October 14, 2003.

All comments and correspondence (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Correspondence should clearly show the following caption on the first page: Scoping Comments, Niagara Power Project, FERC No. 2216-058.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure require that a copy of all documents filed with the Commission be served on each person on the official service list for the project. Furthermore, if comments or documents filed with the Commission relate to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, a copy of the document also must be served on that resource agency.

Scoping comments may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. 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.

j. The existing 2,538-megawatt project consists of: (1) Two 700-foot-long intake structures located on the upper Niagara River about 2.6 miles upstream from the American Falls; (2) two 4.3-mile-long concrete underground water supply conduits, each measuring 46 feet wide by 66.5 feet high; (3) a forebay; (4) the Lewiston Pump-Generating Plant, measuring 975 feet long by 240 feet wide by 160 feet high; (5) the 1,900-acre Lewiston reservoir at a maximum water surface elevation of 658 feet United States Lake Survey Datum; (6) the Robert Moses Niagara Power Plant, including an intake structure, measuring 1,100 feet long by 190 feet wide by 100 feet high; (7) a switch yard; and (8) appurtenant facilities.

k. *Scoping Process:* The New York Power Authority (Power Authority) is utilizing the Commission's Alternative Licensing Process (ALP). Under the ALP, the Power Authority will prepare an Applicant-Prepared Environmental

Assessment (APEA) and license application for the Niagara Power Project. The Power Authority expects to file, with the Commission, the license application and APEA for the Niagara Power Project by August 31, 2005.

The Commission staff intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). The EA will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental effects and reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. These scoping meetings will satisfy the scoping requirements, pursuant to NEPA, as amended.

The purpose of this notice is to inform you of the opportunity to participate in the scoping meetings, identified below.

i. *Scoping Meetings:* Information presented at the scoping meetings will: (1) Provide a brief overview of the Niagara Power Project; (2) provide a brief overview of the ALP for relicensing the project; (3) provide a discussion of the issues identified for analysis in the APEA and those not requiring analysis; and (4) solicit comments from the public on Scoping Document 1.

The staff from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation will provide an overview of the State's regulatory process and its role in the relicensing of the Niagara Power Project.

The Commission staff will conduct one agency scoping meeting and one public meeting. The agency scoping meeting will focus on resource agency, Indian Tribes, and non-governmental organizations concerns, while the public scoping meeting is primarily for public input. All interested agencies, Indian Tribes, organizations, and individuals are invited to attend one or both meetings, and assist the staff in identifying the scope of the environmental issues that should and should not be analyzed in the APEA. The location and times of these meetings are as follows:

Agency Scoping Meeting

Date: Wednesday, August 13, 2003.

Time: 2 p.m.

Address: Niagara Falls High School Amphitheater, 4455 Porter Road, Niagara Falls, New York.

Public Scoping Meeting

Date: Wednesday, August 13, 2003.

Time: 7 p.m.

Address: Same as agency scoping meeting.

To help focus the discussions, Scoping Document 1 will be issued in late July 2003, and will be on the Niagara Power Project's relicensing Web

site at <http://niagara.nypa.gov>. Scoping Document 1 will also be available in the Public Information File, located at the Niagara Power Project Power Vista, and at the following public libraries: Lewiston Public Library; Niagara Falls Public Library; Lockport Public Library; Buffalo & Erie County Public Library; North Tonawanda Public Library; and Grand Island Public Library.

A copy of Scoping Document 1 will be 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 last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY (202) 502-8659.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov.esubscribenow.htm> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to the Niagara Power Project or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support. ii. *Meeting Procedures:* The scoping meetings will be conducted according to the procedures used at Commission scoping meetings. The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will become a part of the formal record of the proceedings on the project.

Interested agencies, Indian Tribes, organizations, and individuals are invited and encouraged to attend and assist in identifying and clarifying the scope of issues that should and should not be analyzed in the APEA. Speaking time allowed for individuals will be determined before each meeting, based on the number of persons wishing to speak and the approximate amount of time available for the meeting. Persons choosing not to speak, but wishing to express an opinion, as well as speakers unable to summarize their positions within the allotted time, may submit written statements for inclusion in the public record.

Written scoping comments may also be mailed to Keith Silliman, Director, Niagara Relicensing, New York Power Authority, 30 South Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12207-3425, by October 14, 2003. For further information, please contact Keith Silliman of NYPA at (518) 433-6735; Patti Leppert of Commission staff, at

(202) 502-6034; or Steve Kartalia of Commission staff, at (202) 502-6131.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

National Nuclear Security Administration

Los Alamos Site Office Notice of Floodplain and Wetlands Involvement for Two Monitoring Wells at Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, NM

AGENCY: National Nuclear Security Administration, Los Alamos Site Office, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of floodplains and wetlands involvement.

SUMMARY: The Los Alamos Site office of the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), United States Department of Energy (DOE) plans to install and operate two groundwater monitoring wells within two separate canyon floodplain locations. Monitoring well CdV-16-1 (i) would be located within Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) in Canyon del Valle (see Figure 1), and monitoring well R-2 would be located near the LANL boundary within the Incorporated County of Los Alamos in Pueblo Canyon (see Figure 2). The installation process for the wells will include the placement of small cement pads around the wells, along with a gravel-covered area, and road improvements, culverts and erosion control materials and mechanisms as needed. The wells would be operated and monitored periodically after installation was completed. In accordance with 10 CFR Part 1022, DOE has prepared a floodplain/wetland assessment and will perform this proposed action in a manner so as to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within the affected floodplains.

DATES: Comments are due to the address below no later than August 5, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to: Elizabeth Withers, Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Los Alamos Site Office, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544, or submit them to the Mail Room at the above address between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Written comments may also be sent electronically to: ewithers@doeal.gov or by facsimile to (505) 667-9998.