

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.

k. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. The project includes two developments with a total authorized capacity of 1,755 megawatts (MW) as follows: (a) The Wanapum development consisting of a dam 186.5 feet high and 8,637 feet long with upstream fish passage facilities, a reservoir with an approximate surface area of 14,680 acres, a powerhouse with ten turbine-generator units with a total nameplate capacity of 900 MW, transmission lines, and appurtenant facilities; and (b) the Priest Rapids development consisting of a dam 179.5 feet high and 10,103 feet long with upstream fish passage facilities, a reservoir with an approximate surface area of 7,725 acres, a powerhouse with ten turbine-generator units with a total nameplate capacity of 855 MW, transmission lines, and appurtenant facilities.

m. 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 "eLibrary" 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. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

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n. *Scoping Process:* The Commission staff intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The EIS will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts and reasonable alternatives to the proposed action.

Scoping Meetings: The Commission staff will conduct a site visit, one agency scoping meeting and one public meeting. The agency scoping meeting will focus on resource agency, Indian tribes, and non-governmental organization concerns, while the public

scoping meeting is primarily for public input. All interested individuals, organizations, resource agencies, and Indian tribes are invited to attend one or all of the meetings, and to assist the staff in identifying the scope of the environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EIS. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

Site Visit

When: Tuesday, April 6, 2004, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Meet at Wanapum Dam at 9 a.m. near Beverly, Washington; RSVP to Applicant Contact (item h) by March 22.

Public Scoping Meeting

When: Tuesday, April 6, 2004, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Where: Moses Lake Convention Center, 1475 Nelson Rd, NE, Moses Lake, WA.

Agency Scoping Meeting

When: Wednesday, April 7, 2004, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Where: Moses Lake Convention Center, 1475 Nelson Rd, NE, Moses Lake, WA.

Copies of the Scoping Document (SD1) outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the EIS were distributed to the parties on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of the SD1 will be available at the scoping meeting or may be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link (see item m above).

Objectives: At the scoping meetings, the staff will: (1) Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the EIS; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantifiable data, on the resources at issue; (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EIS, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views; (4) determine the resource issues to be addressed in the EIS; and (5) identify those issues that require a detailed analysis, as well as those issues that do not require a detailed analysis.

Procedures: The meetings are recorded by a stenographer and become part of the formal record of the Commission proceeding on the project.

Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meeting and to assist the staff in

defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the EIS.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2207-009]

Mosinee Paper Corporation; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests and Ready for Environmental Analysis and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions

March 9, 2004.

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.:* 2207-009.

c. *Date Filed:* December 18, 2002.

d. *Applicant:* Mosinee Paper Corporation.

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

f. *Location:* On the Wisconsin River in the town of Mosinee, Marathon County, Wisconsin. The project does not utilize lands of the United States.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Jeff Verdoorn, Mosinee Paper Corporation, 100 Main Street, Mosinee, Wisconsin 54455, (715) 693-2111.

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

j. Pursuant to section 4.34(b) of the Commission's Regulations (see Order No. 533 issued May 8, 1991, 56 FR 23108, May 20, 1991), the deadline for filing comments, interventions, protests, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions is 60 days from the issuance date of this notice. Reply comments are due 105 days from the issuance date of this notice.

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. Comments, motions to intervene, protests, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions 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 "eFiling" link.

k. 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.

l. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—(All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS," "REPLY COMMENTS," "PROTEST," "MOTION TO INTERVENE," "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 protesting or intervening; 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). A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. 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.

The Commission's rules of practice and procedure also 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.

m. Status of Environmental Analysis: This application has been accepted and is ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. Description of Project: The existing Mosinee Project consists of: (1) Three

dam sections spanning bedrock islands described from east to west side as comprised of; (a) a 392-foot-long concrete-capped overflow spillway dam, with flashboards; (b) a middle concrete-capped overflow spillway dam; (c) the western most dam section called a guardhouse with 9 lift gates and 4 stop log sections; (2) a 1,377-acre reservoir at normal pool elevation of 1137.75 feet msl; (3) an 850-foot-long power canal; (4) two powerhouses are at the end of the power canal with a total installed capacity of 3,050-kilowatts; (5) two 18-foot-wide, 9-foot-high Tainter gates; (6) two 2000-foot-long, 5 kilo-volt transmission lines; and (7) appurtenant facilities. The applicant estimates that the average annual generation is 23,680 megawatthours.

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p. Procedures Schedule: The Commission staff proposes to issue one Environmental Assessment (EA) rather than issuing a draft and final EA. The Staff intends to issue a Notice of Availability of EA in June 2004. Staff intends to allow at least 30 days for entities to comment on the EA, and will take into consideration all comments received on the EA before final action is taken on the license application. If any person or organization objects to the staff proposed alternative procedure, they should file comments as stipulated in item j above, briefly explaining the basis for their objection.

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