

A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

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 at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12608-000]

Alternatives Unlimited, Inc.; Notice Soliciting Scoping Comments

January 25, 2006.

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

- a. Type of Application: Exemption from Licensing.
- b. Project No.: P-12608-000.
- c. Date filed: August 15, 2005.
- d. Applicant: Alternatives Unlimited, Inc.
- e. Name of Project: Alternatives Hydro Power Project.
- f. Location: On the Mumford River, in the Town of Northbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts. The project would not use federal land.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, 16 U.S.C. sections 2705 and 2708.
- h. Applicant Contact: Kathleen D. Hervol. Beals and Thomas, Inc. Reservoir Corporate Center, 144 Turnpike Road (Route 9), Southborough, MA 01772-2104, (508) 366-0560.
- i. FERC Contact: Stefanie Harris, (202) 502-6653 or stefanie.harris@ferc.gov.
- j. Deadline for filing scoping comments: February 24, 2006.

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.

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 "eFiling" link.

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

l. Description of Project: The Alternatives Hydro Power Project would consist of: (1) The existing 127-foot-long by 15.5-foot-high Ring Shop Dam consisting of a concrete 9.5-foot-high spillway topped with 2.5-foot-high flashboards, a waste gate, and two inlet structures located at the north and south ends of the spillway, (2) an existing 1.3-acre reservoir enlarged to 2 acres with a normal full pond elevation of 285.1 feet above mean sea level, (3) a restored 8-foot-wide head gated intake structure, (4) a new 23-foot by 6-foot metal service platform (to be enclosed for a future powerhouse) located at the south side of the dam containing three generating units with a total installed capacity of 45 kilowatts; and (5) appurtenant facilities. The restored project would have an average annual generation of 340 megawatt-hours.

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.

n. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov.esubscribenow.htm> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

o. Scoping Process: The Commission staff intends to prepare a single Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Alternatives Hydro Power Project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The EA will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts and

reasonable alternatives to the proposed action.

Commission staff do not propose to conduct any on-site scoping meetings at this time. Instead, we are soliciting comments, recommendations, and information, on the Scoping Document (SD).

Copies of the SD outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the EA were distributed to the parties on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of the SD may be viewed on the Web 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, call 1-866-208-3676 or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

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, Protests, and Comments

January 25, 2006.

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

- a. *Type of Application:* Preliminary Permit.
- b. *Project No.:* 12626-000.
- c. *Date filed:* November 29, 2005.
- d. *Applicant:* Northern Illinois Hydropower Corporation.
- e. *Name of Project:* Dresden Island Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* On the Illinois River, in Grundy, County, Illinois.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)—825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Damon Zdunich, Northern Illinois Hydropower Corporation, 801 Oakland Avenue, Joliet, IL 60435, (312) 320-1610, dzdunich@gelberggroup.com. The Dresden Island Lock and Dam is owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Patricia W. Gillis at (202) 502-8735.
- j. *Deadline for filing comments, protests, and motions to intervene:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

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