

Hydroelectric Project (Spruce Run/Round Valley Project). The Spruce Run/Round Valley Project would be located on tributaries of the South Branch Raritan River in the town of Clinton, Hunterdon County, New Jersey.

The Spruce Run development would consist of: (1) The existing 5,950-foot-long, 90-foot-high Spruce Run Dam with a 550-foot-long spillway; (2) the 1,290-acre Spruce Run reservoir with a normal pool elevation of 273 feet mean sea level (msl); (3) an existing outlet tower consisting of 450-foot-long twin 84-inch-diameter penstocks; (4) a new powerhouse with two turbine generating units with a total capacity of 75 kilowatts (kW); and (5) a new 20-foot-long, 34.5 kilovolt (kV) transmission line.

The Round Valley development would consist of: (1) The existing 1,460-foot-long, 135-foot-high North Dam; (2) the existing 1,400-foot-long, 180-foot-high South Dam; (3) an existing 2,340-foot-long, 75-foot-high dike; (4) the 2,350-acre Round Valley reservoir with a normal pool elevation of 385 feet msl; (5) a new powerhouse with a single turbine generating unit with a capacity of 1,128 kW; and (6) a new 20-foot-long, 34.5 kV transmission line.

The Round Valley Reservoir South Branch Hamden Pump Station development would use the 180-foot-high South Dam and would consist of: (1) A new powerhouse with two turbine generating units with a combined capacity of 420 kW; and (2) a new 80-foot-long, 34.5 kV transmission line. The project developments would produce an estimated average annual generation of about 628 megawatt-hours.

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FERC Contact: Patrick Murphy, (202) 502-8755.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and eight copies should be mailed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. For more information on how to submit these types of filings, please go to the

Commission's Web site located at <http://www.ferc.gov/filing-comments.asp>. More information about this project can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-13399) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3372.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13623-000; Project No. 13375-000]

City of Raleigh; Community Hydro, LLC; Notice of Competing Preliminary Permit Applications Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments and Motions To Intervene

March 29, 2010.

The City of Raleigh and Community Hydro, LLC filed preliminary permit applications, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Falls Lake Dam Hydroelectric Project located at the existing Falls Lake Dam and Reservoir on the Neuse River, Wake County, North Carolina, near the City of Raleigh, North Carolina. The projects would occupy federal lands under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed Projects description:

The proposed Falls Lake Dam Hydroelectric Project by the City of Raleigh (Project No. 13623-000, filed on November 6, 2009), would have two alternatives. Alternative 1 would consist of: (1) An approximately 100-foot-long by 17.5-foot-diameter steel penstock extension of the existing tunnel; (2) an approximately 175-foot-long by 10-foot-diameter penstock, branching off the 17.5-foot-diameter penstock extension, which bifurcates into two 7-foot-diameter penstocks leading to the turbines; (3) a 70-foot-long by 50-foot-wide new powerhouse containing two turbine-generator units each with an

installed capacity of 1,600 kW; (4) a 200-foot-long, 13.2 kV transmission line; and (5) appurtenant facilities.

Alternative 1 would have an average annual generation of 8.7 gigawatt-hours. Alternative 2 entails installing two turbine-generators on the intake tower located at the upstream face of the dam. Each turbine-generator would have an installed capacity of 2,450 kW.

Alternative 2 would have an average annual generation of 9.3 gigawatt-hours.

The proposed Falls Lake Dam Hydroelectric Project by Community Hydro, LLC (Project No. 13375-000, filed on February 20, 2009, entails installing six turbine-generators on the intake tower located at the upstream face of the dam. The project would have an installed capacity of 2,500 kW and an average annual generation of 8.3 gigawatt-hours.

Applicants Contact: For the City of Raleigh: Mr. Thomas A. McCormick, Raleigh City Attorney, P.O. Box 590, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601, e-mail tom.mccormick@ci.raleigh.nc.us. For Community Hydro, LLC: Lori Barg, Community Hydro, LLC, 113 Bartlett Rd., Plainfield, Vermont 05667, telephone: (802) 454-1874.

FERC Contact: Sergiu Serban, (202) 502-6211.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36. Comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ferconline.asp>) under the "eFiling" link. For a simpler method of submitting text only comments, click on "Quick Comment." For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov; call toll-free at (866) 208-3676; or, for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and eight copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-13623-000, or 13375-000) in the

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2558-029]

Vermont Marble Power Division of Omya Inc.; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing with the Commission and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Licensing and Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

April 2, 2010.

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.:* 2558-029.

c. *Date Filed:* March 31, 2010.

d. *Applicant:* Vermont Marble Power Division of Omya Inc.

e. *Name of Project:* Otter Creek Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The existing project is located on Otter Creek in Addison and Rutland Counties, Vermont. The project does not affect federal lands.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Todd Allard, Operations Engineer, Vermont Marble Power Division of Omya Inc., 9987 Carver Road, Suite 300, Cincinnati, OH 45242, (513) 387-4344.

i. *FERC Contact:* Aaron Liberty, (202) 502-6862 or aaron.liberty@ferc.gov.

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

k. *The Project Description:* The existing Otter Creek Hydroelectric Project consists of three developments with a combined installed capacity of 18.1 megawatts (MW). The project produces an average annual generation of 67,258 megawatt-hours. Vermont Marble Power uses the energy from the Project to serve its retail customers in the towns of Proctor and Pittsford, Vermont and to serve its affiliated industrial operations within Omya Inc.

The Proctor development, located at river mile 64.2, includes the following constructed facilities: (1) A 13-foot-high, 128-foot-long, masonry, concrete-capped dam with a 3-foot-high

inflatable flashboard system; (2) a 92-acre reservoir with a usable storage capacity of 275.48 acre-feet at a normal maximum water surface elevation of 469.5 feet; (3) a gated forebay-intake structure approximately 14 feet deep by 115 feet long with a maximum width of 48 feet; (4) two intakes with two penstocks: A 9-foot-in-diameter, 460-foot-long, riveted steel penstock that decreases to 8 feet in diameter; and a 7-foot-in-diameter, 500-foot-long, spiral welded steel penstock; (5) an original concrete and brick masonry powerhouse measuring 100 by 33 feet containing four vertical shaft turbines: Three 750 kW units and one 1,680 kW unit with a combined maximum hydraulic capacity of 565 cubic feet per second; (6) an additional steel structure measuring 28 by 48 feet attached to the original powerhouse containing one 3,000 kW vertical shaft unit with a maximum hydraulic capacity of 325 cfs; (7) generator leads; (8) a 0.48/4.16 kV single phase transformer; (9) a 0.48/46 kV step-up transformer; (10) three winding transformer banks; and (11) appurtenant facilities.

The Beldens development, located at river mile 23, includes the following constructed facilities: (1) Two concrete dams on either side of a ledge/bedrock island with 2.5-foot-high wooden flashboards: A 15-foot-high, 56-foot-long dam (west) and a 24-foot-high, 57-foot-long dam (east); (2) a 22-acre reservoir with a usable storage capacity of 252.52 acre-feet at a normal maximum water surface elevation of 283 feet; (3) two intakes equipped with trash racks: A 79-foot-long intake and a 35-foot-long intake with a 95-foot-long sluiceway; (4) a 12-foot-in-diameter, 30-foot-long steel penstock that bifurcates into two 10-foot-in-diameter sections, each leading to an original powerhouse; (5) a 12-foot-in-diameter, 45-foot-long concrete penstock that leads to a newer powerhouse; (6) an original concrete and masonry powerhouse measuring 40 by 44 feet containing a 800 kW vertical shaft unit and 949 kW vertical shaft unit with a combined maximum hydraulic capacity of 650 cfs; (7) a second, newer concrete powerhouse measuring 40 by 75 feet containing a 4,100 kW vertical shaft unit with a maximum hydraulic capacity of 1,350 cfs; (8) generator leads; (9) a 2.4/46 kV step-up transformer bank; and (10) appurtenant facilities.

The Huntington Falls development, located at river mile 21, includes the following constructed facilities: (1) A 31-foot-high, 187-foot-long concrete dam with a 2.5-foot-high inflatable flashboard system; (2) a 23-acre reservoir with a usable storage capacity of 234.16 acre-feet at a normal

maximum water surface elevation of 218.1 feet; (3) two intakes equipped with trash racks: A 40-foot-long intake and a 24-foot-long intake; (4) three penstocks: Two 10-foot-in-diameter, 30-foot-long steel penstocks leading to an original powerhouse, and a 12-foot-in-diameter, 75-foot-long concrete penstock leading to a newer powerhouse; (5) an original brick masonry powerhouse measuring 42 by 60 feet containing a 600 kW vertical shaft unit and a 800 kW vertical shaft unit with a combined maximum hydraulic capacity of 660 cfs; (6) a second, newer powerhouse measuring 40 by 75 feet containing a 4,100 kW vertical shaft unit with a maximum hydraulic capacity of 1,350 cfs; (7) generator leads; (8) a 2.4/46 kV step-up transformer bank; and (9) appurtenant facilities.

Currently, the Proctor development operates in a modified run-of-river mode, with infrequent diversions at the direction of Independent System Operator-New England (ISO-NE), while the Beldens and Huntington Falls developments operate in a run-of-river mode. The Proctor development has a continuous downstream minimum flow requirement of 100 cfs or inflow to the development, whichever is less, with minimum flows from April through mid-June required to be equal to at least 50 percent of project inflows. A bypassed reach minimum flow requirement of 5 cfs is released at the Beldens development through an opening in the flashboards along the west dam. A bypassed reach minimum flow requirement of 15 cfs is released at the Huntington Falls development via a minimum flow gate at the right abutment of the dam.

Vermont Marble Power does not propose any changes to project facilities or operations. Vermont Marble Power proposes to implement measures to enhance recreation facilities in the project area.

l. *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 "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.

m. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/>