with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. Types of Application: Amendment to License
b. Project No.: 2100–175.
c. Date Filed: January 12, 2011.
d. Applicant: California Department of Water Resources (DWR).
e. Name of Project: Feather River Hydroelectric Project.
f. Location: The project is located on the Feather River in Butte County near Oroville, California.
g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a–825r.
h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Bill Cochran, Chief of DWR’s License Coordination Branch, 1416 Ninth Street, P.O. Box 942836, Sacramento, California; 530–534–2376.
i. FERC Contact: Mr. Lorance Yates, 678–245–3084, lorance.yates@ferc.gov.

j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests, is 30 days from the issuance date of this notice. All documents may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission’s Web site at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and seven copies must be mailed to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. Please include the project number (P–2100–175) on any comments, motions, or recommendations filed.
j. Description of Request: The California Department of Water Resources, licensee for the Feather River Hydroelectric Project, has filed a request for authorization to temporarily close the Lime Saddle Campground. Due to low seasonal usage by the public, the licensee proposes to close the Lime Saddle Campground from January 1, 2011 to April 30, 2011 in order to perform maintenance at the site. The Lime Saddle Campground contains 44 individual sites and 6 group campsites. During this closure, the public will be directed to the licensee’s other two campgrounds at the project. The Bidwell Canyon Campground contains 75 individual sites and the Loafer Creek Campground contains 137 individual sites and 6 group campsites.
l. Location of the Application: A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission’s Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling 202–502–8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission’s Web site at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ersubscription.asp to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 866–208–3676 or e-mail FERCONlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call 202–502–8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.
m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission’s mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene: Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments 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 comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

2. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents: Any filing must (1) Bear in all capital letters the title “COMMENTS”, “PROTEST”, or “MOTION TO INTERVENE” as applicable; (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, motions to intervene, or protests must be served on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

Take notice that on February 1, 2011, Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC), 2665 145th Street West, Rosemount, MN 55068, filed an abbreviated application pursuant to Section 7(f) of the Natural Gas Act for amendment to its service area determination issued in an order dated July 14, 2006, Docket No. CP06–370–000. MERC also requests: (i) a finding that MERC continues to qualify as a local distribution company (LDC) for purposes of section 311 of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA); and (ii) a waiver of the Commission’s accounting and reporting requirements and other regulatory requirements ordinarily applicable to natural gas companies under the NGA and NGPA. The filing may also 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, contact FERC at FERCONlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (886) 208–3676 or TTY, (202) 502–8659.

MERC requests to own facilities located in South Dakota. The request arises from a service agreement between MERC and NorthWestern Corporation doing business as NorthWestern Energy. MERC proposes to take service from NorthWestern Energy near the South Dakota/Minnesota border, and receives gas on the South Dakota side near Big Stone City. MERC will transport the gas,
on its own facilities, to Minnesota near Ortonville. MERC will own less than 100 feet of pipeline in South Dakota. MERC will serve no customers in South Dakota. The purpose of owning facilities in South Dakota is to bring gas to Minnesota to serve MERC’s customers in Minnesota.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Mary Klyasheff, Integrys Energy Group, Inc., Legal Services Department, 130 East Randolph Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601; phone number (312) 240–4470; or e-mail: MPRyashhef@integrysgroup.com.

Any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the listed comment date, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Act (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit original and 7 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

Motions to intervene, protests and comments 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: February 18, 2011.

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.

First Light Hydro Generating Company: Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

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

a. Types of Application: Non-Project Use and Occupancy of Project Lands.

b. Project No.: 2485–059.

c. Date Filed: January 14, 2011.

d. Applicant: First Light Hydro Generating Company.

e. Name of Project: Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project.

f. Location: East side of the Connecticut River, Towns of Erving and Northfield, Franklin County, Massachusetts.


h. Applicant Contact: Mr. John Howard, Plant Manager, Northfield Mountain Station, 99 Millers Falls Road, Northfield, MA 01360, (413) 659–4489, John.Howard@gdseuzenacom.

i. FERC Contact: Dr. Mark Ivy, (202) 502–6156, Mark.Ivy@ferc.gov.

j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests, is 30 days from the issuance date of this notice. All documents may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission’s Web site at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To file a copy of an original and seven copies should be mailed to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments.

Please include the project number (P–2485–059) on any comments, motions, or recommendations filed.

k. Description of Request: First Light Hydro Generating Company proposes to add a solar array (encompassing approximately 10 acres of land) as a non-project use of project lands at the Northfield Pump Storage Project (P–2485–059). The applicant states that the proposed 2MW utility grade photovoltaic solar array will provide power to Northfield Mountain Visitor’s Center. The solar array would be located between Millers Falls Road on the east and Central Vermont Railroad tracks (on the west) across from the entrance to the Northfield Mountain Visitor’s Center.

l. Locations of the Application: A copy of the application is available for inspection. If an intervention file is filed, comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an