Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P–14832–000.

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–14832) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.


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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1892–030; Project No. 1855–050; Project No. 1904–078]

Great River Hydro, LLC; Notice of Applications Tendered for Filing With the Commission and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Licensing and Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

Take notice that the following hydroelectric applications have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

a. Type of Applications: New Major Licenses.


c. Date Filed: May 1, 2017.

d. Applicant: Great River Hydro, LLC (Great River Hydro).


f. Location: The existing projects are located on the Connecticut River in Orange, Windsor, and Windham Counties, Vermont, and Grafton, Cheshire, and Sullivan Counties, New Hampshire. There are no federal lands within the project boundaries.

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

h. Applicant Contact: John Ragonese, FERC License Manager, Great River Hydro, LLC, One Harbour Place, Suite 330, Portsmouth, NH 03801; Telephone: (603) 559–5513 or jragonese@greatriverhydro.com.

i. FERC Contact: Brandon Cherry, (202) 502–8328 or brandon.cherry@ferc.gov.

j. These applications are not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

k. Project Descriptions:

Wilder Project

The existing Wilder Project consists of: (1) A 1,546-foot-long, 59-foot-high, concrete dam that includes: (a) A 400-foot-long non-overflow, earthen embankment (north embankment); (b) a 232-foot-long non-overflow, concrete bulkhead; (c) a 208-foot-long concrete forebay; (d) a 526-foot-long concrete, gravity spillway that includes: (i) six 30-foot-high, 36-foot-long tafer gates; (ii) four 17-foot-high, 50-foot-wide stanchion flashboards; (iii) a 15-foot-high, 20-foot-long skimmer gate (north gate); and (iv) a 10-foot-high, 10-foot-long skimmer gate (south gate); and (e) a 180-foot-long non-overflow, earthen embankment (south embankment); (2) a 45-mile-long, 3,100-acre impoundment with a useable storage volume of 13,350 acre-feet between elevations 380 and 385 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 (NGVD 29); (3) four approximately 25-foot-high, 20-foot-wide trashracks with 5-inch clear bar spacing and one approximately 28-foot-high, 20-foot-wide trashrack with 1.625-inch clear bar spacing; (4) a 181-foot-long, 50-foot-wide, 50-foot-high steel frame, brick powerhouse containing two 16.2-megawatt (MW) adjustable-blade Kaplan turbine-generator units and one 3.2–MW vertical Francis turbine-generator unit for a total project capacity of 35.6 MW; (5) three concrete draft tubes ranging from 9.5 to 20.5 feet in diameter; (6) 13.8-kilovolt (kV) generator leads that connect the turbine-generator units to two substation transformers; (7) an approximately 580-foot-long, 6-foot-wide fishway; and (8) appurtenant facilities.

Bellows Falls Project

The existing Bellows Falls Project consists of: (1) A 643-foot-long, 30-foot-high concrete dam that includes: (a) two 18-foot-high, 115-foot-wide steel roller gates; (b) two 13-foot-high, 121-foot-wide stanchion flashboards; and (c) a 13-foot-high, 100-foot-wide stanchion flashboard; (2) a 26-mile-long, 2,804-acre impoundment with a useable storage volume of 7,467 acre-feet between elevations 288.63 and 291.63 feet NGVD 29; (3) a 1,700-foot-long, 36- to 100-foot-wide, 29-foot-deep stone-lined power canal; (4) a 130.25-foot-wide concrete forebay that includes trashracks with 4-inch clear bar spacing; (5) a 186-foot-long, 106-foot-wide, 52-foot-high steel frame, brick powerhouse containing three 13.6–MW vertical Francis turbine-generator units for a total project capacity of 40.8 MW; (6) three approximately 20-foot-high, 31-foot-wide concrete draft tubes; (7) a 900-
foot-long tailrace; (8) a 12-foot-wide, 10-
foot-high ice sluice; (9) three 80-foot-
long, 6.6-kV generator leads that
connect the turbine-generator units to
two step-up transformers; (10) a 920-foot-
long, 8-foot-wide fishway; (11) a concrete fish barrier dam in the
bypassed reach; and (12) appurtenant
facilities.

Vernon Project

The existing Vernon Project consists of: (1) a 956-foot-long, 58-foot-high concrete dam that includes: (a) 356-foot-long
section integral to the powerhouse; and
(b) a 600-foot-long overflow spillway section that includes: (i) a 9-
foot-high, 6-foot-wide fishway sluice;
(ii) a 13-foot-high, 13-foot-wide trash/ice sluice; (iii) two 20-foot-high, 50-foot-
wide tainter gates; (iv) four 10-foot-high, 50-foot-wide tainter gates; (v) two 10-
foot-high, 50-foot-wide stanchion bays; (vi) two 10-foot-high, 50-foot-wide stanchion chomies; (vii) a 10-foot-high, 42.5-foot-wide stanchion bay; and (viii) eight 7-foot-high, 9-foot-wide hydraulic
flood gates; (2) a 26-mile-long, 2,550-
acre impoundment with a useable storage volume of 18,300 acre-feet
between elevations 212.13 and 220.13 feet NGVD 29; (3) eight approximately
30-foot-high trashracks with 1.75-inch clear bar spacing and two approximately 30-foot-high trashracks with 3.625-inch clear bar spacing; (4) a 356-foot-long, 55-
foot-wide, 45-foot-high reinforced concrete, steel, and brick powerhouse containing four 2-MW vertical Francis
turbine-generator units, four 4-MW vertical Kaplan turbine-generator units, and
two 4.2-MW vertical Francis turbine-generator units for a total project
capacity of 32.4 MW; (5) ten concrete
draft tubes ranging from 16 to 27 feet in
diameter; (6) a 500-foot-long, 13.8-kV underground generator lead that connects the turbine-generator units to two step-up transformers; (7) a 984-foot-
long, 15-foot-wide fishway; (8) downstream fish passage facilities; and (9) appurtenant facilities.

Great River Hydro operates all three
projects in coordination and in a
peaking mode. Average annual
generation is approximately 161,739;
247,373; and 162,557 MW-hours at the
Wilder, Bellows Falls, and Vernon
Projects, respectively. Great River Hydro
is not proposing any new project
facilities or changes to operation of these projects at this time.

1. Locations of the Applications:
Copies of the applications are available for review at the Commission in the
Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission’s Web site at
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[Project No. 14831–000]

Merchant Hydro Developers, LLC;
Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing And Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On January 18, 2017, Merchant Hydro Developers, LLC, filed an application for a
preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act
(FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the Savage Mountain Pumped Storage
Hydroelectric Project to be located in Allegany County, Maryland. 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 project would consist of the following: (1) A new upper reservoir with a surface area of 75 acres and
a storage capacity of 1,125 acre-feet at a
surface elevation of approximately 2,800
feet above mean sea level (msl) created
through construction of a new roller-
compacted concrete or rock-filled dam
and/or dike; (2) excavating a new lower reservoir with a surface area of 50 acres and
a total storage capacity of 1,350
acre-feet at a surface elevation of 1,820
feet msl; (3) a new 6,762-foot-long, 48-
inch-diameter penstock connecting the
upper and lower reservoirs; (4) a new
150-foot-long, 50-foot-wide powerhouse
containing two turbine-generator units with a total rated capacity of 90
megawatts; (5) a new transmission line
connecting the powerhouse to a nearby
electric grid interconnection point at the
Savage Mountain Wind Farm; and (6)
appurtenant facilities. Possible initial
fill water and make-up water would
come from the nearby Casselman River,
including groundwater. The proposed
project would have an annual
generation of 329,908 megawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: Adam Rouselle,
Merchant Hydro Developers, LLC, 5710
Oak Crest Drive, Doylestown, PA 18902;
FERC Contact: Monir Chowdhury;
phone: (202) 502–6736.
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.

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