Name of Project: Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project.

Location: The project is located on the east side of the Connecticut River, in the towns of Northfield and Erving, in Franklin County, Massachusetts.

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

Applicant Contact: Mr. Douglas Bennett, General Plant Manager—Massachusetts Hydro, FirstLight Hydro Generating Company, Northfield Mountain Station, 90 Millers Falls Road, Northfield, MA 01360. Phone (413) 659–4489.

FERC Contact: Mr. Christopher Chaney, (202) 502–6778, or chris.chaney@ferc.gov.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests is 30 days from the issuance date of this notice by the Commission. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene, protests, or comments using the Commission’s eFiling system at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp. 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. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOntlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502–8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission’s mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

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 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, 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 served on the person or persons specified in the particular application. 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 set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). All comments, motions to intervene, or protests should relate to the amendment request. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. 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. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

Deadline for filing scoping comments: October 27, 2017.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file scoping comments using the Commission’s eFiling system at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp. 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. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOntlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502–8659.
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.

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

1. The existing Great Falls Project consists of: (1) A 160-foot-long, 32-foot-high curved, concrete dam with 2-foot-high flashboards; (2) an approximately 12-acre impoundment having a storage capacity of 3 feet at a normal full pond water surface elevation of 668.38 feet above mean sea level; (3) an 18.5-foot-wide headworks structure with two headgates; (4) a headworks gate house; (5) an intake structure and bypass pipe that are integral to the dam; (6) a 290-foot-long power canal; (7) two sluice gates; (8) an intake gate house with two trashracks; (9) a 200-foot-long metal penstock; (10) a 47-foot-long, 25-foot-wide powerhouse containing a 1,350-kilowatt (kW) turbine-generator unit and a 40-foot-long, 40-foot-wide powerhouse containing two 350-kW turbine-generator units, for a total capacity of 2,050-kW; (11) a 350-foot-long, 2.4-kilovolt (kV) above-ground generator lead that connects the turbine-generator units to a step-up transformer; (12) a 1.75-mile-long, 12.5-kV above-ground transmission line; and (13) appurtenant facilities.

The Village of Lyndonville Electric Department (Lyndonville) operates the project in a run-of-river mode with an annual average energy production of approximately 3,960 megawatt-hours. Lyndonville is not proposing any changes in project operation. Lyndonville proposes to continue to release a year-round minimum flow of 10 cfs (or inflow, whichever is less) to the bypassed reach to maintain habitat for fish and aquatic organisms and release a minimum flow of 75 cfs (or inflow, whichever is less) from the powerhouse during project shutdowns to protect fish and aquatic resources in the downstream reach. Lyndonville proposes to install an automatic pond level control system to improve control of impoundment water surface level fluctuations. Lyndonville also proposes to develop a minimum flow monitoring plan to ensure adequate flow is provided to the bypassed reach and downstream of the powerhouse.

Lyndonville also proposes to construct and maintain a new carry-in boat access trail downstream of the tailrace, on the west bank of the Passumpsic River, designate a new bank fishing area, and install a designated parking area outside of the project gates along the access road to the project. To ensure the adequacy of project recreation facilities, Lyndonville proposes to conduct a Recreation Inventory, Use and Needs Assessment within one year of completion of recreational improvements. Finally, Lyndonville proposes to develop a Historic Properties Management Plan to protect historic resources.

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. A copy is available for inspection and reproduction at the address in Item H above.

n. You may also register online at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp 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:

Commission staff intends to prepare a single Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Great Falls Hydroelectric 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 does not propose to conduct on-site scoping meetings at this time. Instead, we are soliciting comments, recommendations, and information on the Scoping Document 1 (SD1) issued on September 27, 2017.

Copies of SD 1 outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the EA were distributed to the parties on the Commission’s mailing list and the applicant’s distribution list. Copies of SD 1 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, call (202) 502–8659.

Dated: September 27, 2017.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

[Public Notice 2017–6007]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

AGENCY: Export-Import Bank of the U.S.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review and comments request.

Form Title: EIB 11–03, Used Equipment Questionnaire.

SUMMARY: The Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank), as a part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal Agencies to comment on the proposed information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

This collection will provide information needed to determine compliance and creditworthiness for transaction requests involving previously-owned equipment submitted to Ex-Im Bank under its insurance, guarantee, and direct loan programs. Information presented in this form will be considered in the overall evaluation of the transaction, including Export-Import Bank’s determination of the appropriate term for the transaction.

The form can be viewed at: https://www.exim.gov/sites/default/files/forms/eib11-03.pdf.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before December 4, 2017, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted electronically on http://www.regulations.gov or by mail to Mardel West, Export-Import Bank of the United States, 811 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20571.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Titles and Form Number: EIB 11–03, Used Equipment Questionnaire.

OMB Number: 3048–0039.

Type of Review: Regular.

Need and Use: The information collected will provide information needed to determine compliance and creditworthiness for transaction requests involving previously-owned equipment submitted to the Export Import Bank under its insurance, guarantee, and direct loan programs.