

Corporation (“DFC”) will hold a public hearing on June 3, 2020. This hearing will afford an opportunity for any person to present views in accordance with Section 1413(c) of the BUILD Act of 2018. Those wishing to present at the hearing must provide advance notice to the agency as detailed below.

DATES: *Public hearing:* 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 3, 2020.

Deadline for notifying agency of an intent to attend or present at the public hearing: 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 27, 2020.

Deadline for submitting a written statement: 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 27, 2020.

ADDRESSES: *Public hearing:* Virtual; Access information provided at the time of attendance registration.

You may send notices of intent to attend, present, or submit a written statement to Catherine F. I. Andrade, DFC Corporate Secretary, via email at candrade@dfc.gov.

Instructions: A notice of intent to attend the public hearing or to present at the public hearing must include the individual’s name, title, organization, address, email, telephone number, and a concise summary of the subject matter to be presented. Oral presentations may not exceed five (5) minutes. The time for individual presentations may be reduced proportionately, if necessary, to afford all participants who have submitted a timely request an opportunity to be heard. Submission of written statements must include the individual’s name, title, organization, address, email, and telephone number. The statement must be typewritten, double-spaced, and may not exceed ten (10) pages.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Catherine F. I. Andrade, DFC Corporate Secretary, (202) 336–8768, or candrade@dfc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public hearing will take place via video- and teleconference. Upon registering, participants and observers will be provided instructions on accessing the hearing. DFC will prepare an agenda for the hearing identifying speakers, setting forth the subject on which each participant will speak, and the time allotted for each presentation. The agenda will be available at the time of the hearing.

Authority: 22 U.S.C. 9613(c)

Catherine F. I. Andrade,
DFC Corporate Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Availability of Guidance and Application for Hydroelectric Incentive Program

AGENCY: Water Power Technologies Office, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability of guidance and open application period.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice of updated guidance for the Energy Policy Act of 2005 program. The guidance describes the hydroelectric incentive payment requirements and explains the type of information that owners or authorized operators of qualified hydroelectric facilities must provide DOE when applying for hydroelectric incentive payments. This incentive is available for electric energy generated and sold for a specified 10-year period as authorized under the Energy Policy Act of 2005. In Congressional appropriations for Federal fiscal year 2020, DOE received funds to support this hydroelectric incentive program. At this time, DOE is only accepting applications from owners and authorized operators of qualified hydroelectric facilities for hydroelectricity generated and sold in calendar year 2019.

DATES: DOE is currently accepting applications from May 12, 2020 through July 13, 2020. Applications must be sent to hydroincentive@ee.doe.gov by midnight EDT, July 13, 2020, or they will not be considered timely filed for calendar year 2019 incentive payments.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are to submit applications electronically to hydroincentive@ee.doe.gov. DOE’s May 2020 Guidance is available at: <https://www.energy.gov/eere/water/water-power-funding-opportunities>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions may be addressed to Corey Vezina, U.S. Department of Energy, Golden Field Office, 15013 Denver West Parkway, Golden, CO 80401, (240) 562–1382 or by email at hydroincentive@ee.doe.gov. Further instruction can be found in the May 2020 Guidance posted at <https://www.energy.gov/eere/water/water-power-funding-opportunities>. *Electronic communications are recommended for correspondence and required for submission of application information.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct 2005; Pub. L. 109–58), Congress established a new program to support the expansion of hydropower energy development at

existing dams and impoundments through an incentive payment procedure. Under Section 242 of EPAct 2005, the Secretary of Energy is directed to provide incentive payments to the owner or authorized operator of qualified hydroelectric facilities for energy generated and sold by a qualified hydroelectric facility for a specified 10-year period (See 42 U.S.C. 15881). The 2020 Further Consolidated Appropriations Act authorized funding for the Section 242 program for conventional hydropower under EPAct 2005. In FY 2020, DOE allocated \$7M for this purpose.

Recently DOE made minor updates to clarify its Guidance for the Energy Policy Act of 2005 Section 242. The May 2020 Guidance is available at: <https://www.energy.gov/eere/water/water-power-funding-opportunities>. Each application will be reviewed based on the Guidance. The Guidance changes were minor and involved edits to clarify the incentive period examples and to add a fourth incentive period example in Section V.

DOE notes that applicants that received incentive payments for prior calendar years must submit a full application addressing all eligibility requirements for hydroelectricity generated and sold in calendar year 2019. DOE will not consider previously submitted application materials. Applications that refer to previous application materials or statements in lieu of submitting current information will not be considered. As authorized under Section 242 of EPAct 2005, and as explained in the Guidance, DOE also notes that it will only accept applications from qualified hydroelectric facilities that began operations at an existing dam or conduit during the inclusive period beginning October 1, 2005, and ending on September 30, 2015. Therefore, although DOE is accepting applications for full calendar year 2019 production, the qualified hydroelectric facility must have begun operations starting October 1, 2005, through September 30, 2015, for DOE to consider the application.

When submitting information to DOE for Section 242 program, it is recommended that applicants carefully read and review the completed content of the Guidance for this process. When reviewing applications, DOE may corroborate the information provided with information that DOE finds through FERC e-filings, contact with power off-taker, and other due diligence measure carried out by reviewing officials. DOE may require the applicant to conduct and submit an independent audit at its own expense, or DOE may

conduct an audit to verify the number of kilowatt-hours claimed to have been generated and sold by the qualified hydroelectric facility and for which an incentive payment has been requested or made.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on May 5, 2020, by David Solan, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Renewable Power, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE **Federal Register** Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC on May 7, 2020.

Trenea V. Garrett,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2368-059]

Algonquin Northern Maine Generating Company; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests, Ready for Environmental Analysis, and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Preliminary Terms and Conditions, and Preliminary Fishway Prescriptions

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

a. *Type of Application:* Subsequent Minor License.

b. *Project No.:* 2368-059.

c. *Date Filed:* December 3, 2019.

d. *Applicant:* Algonquin Northern Maine Generating Company (Algonquin).

e. *Name of Project:* Scopan Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The existing project is located on Scopan Stream in the Town of Masardis in Aroostook County, Maine. No federal lands are occupied by

the project works or located within the project boundary.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Ian MacRobbie, Vice President, Operations, Algonquin Northern Maine Generating Company, 26 Canal Bank, Windsor Locks, Connecticut 06096; Telephone (905) 465-6119.

i. *FERC Contact:* John Baummer, (202) 502-6837 or john.baummer@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests, comments, recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and preliminary fishway prescriptions:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice; reply comments are due 105 days from the issuance date of this notice.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene and protests, comments, recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and preliminary fishway prescriptions 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 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

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 has been accepted for filing and is now ready for environmental analysis.

l. *Project Description:* The existing Scopan Hydroelectric Project consists of: (1) A 750-foot-long dam that includes: (a) A 330-foot-long, 45-foot-high earthen embankment section (north embankment) with a 194-foot-long, 49-foot-high concrete retaining wall at the downstream end of the embankment; (b) a 24-foot-long, 45-foot-high concrete gravity spillway section with a crest elevation of 590 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 (NGVD) and a single 13.5-foot-high spillway gate with two 10-inch-diameter minimum flow

butterfly valves; (c) a 26-foot-long, 48-foot-high concrete intake and powerhouse section that includes: (i) Two 12-inch-wide head gates and trashracks with 3-inch clear-bar spacing; and (ii) a 26-foot-long, 49-foot-high concrete powerhouse with a single 1.5-megawatt vertical propeller turbine-generator unit; and (d) a 370-foot-long, 45-foot-high earthen embankment section (south embankment) with a 135.5-foot-long, 45-foot-high concrete retaining wall at the downstream end of the embankment; (2) an approximately 15-mile-long, 5,000-acre impoundment (Scopan Lake) with a useable storage volume of 57,920 acre-feet between elevations 590.5 and 603.2 feet NGVD; (3) three 13.45/2.4-kilovolt transformers and switch gear that connect the generator to Emera's regional transmission line; and (4) appurtenant facilities.

Algonquin operates the project in a store and release mode in which the impoundment is drawdown from January through March of each year to meet electricity demand in the winter. During the spring and summer, the impoundment is maintained at or near the full pond levels to protect and enhance fisheries, wetlands, wildlife and recreational resources. Algonquin manages the project to augment flows in the Aroostook River downstream of the project for generation at the Aroostook River Project No. 2367 and the Tinker Falls Project, the latter of which is located in New Brunswick Canada and is not a FERC-licensed project. The Scopan Project had an average annual generation of approximately 878,913 kilowatt-hours from 2012 through 2018.

The project's current license requires Algonquin to: (1) Maintain Scopan Lake water levels as follows: (a) From May 15 to July 31, fluctuate Scopan Lake by no more than one foot; (b) from July 16 to Labor Day, target the elevation of Scopan Lake between 601.0 to 603.0 feet NGVD; and (c) from October 1 to November 15, maintain the elevation of Scopan Lake at or above 601.0 feet NGVD; (2) release minimum flows of 21 cubic feet per second (cfs) from December 1 through May 15, and 25 cfs from May 16 through November 30; (3) close one of the two minimum flow valves if Scopan Lake falls below 601.5 feet NGVD; (4) close both minimum flow valves if Scopan Lake falls below 601 feet NGVD; and (5) limit the maximum discharge from the project to not more than 600 cfs from April 1 to November 30.

Algonquin proposes to: (1) Maintain Scopan Lake water surface elevations as follows: (a) From June 1 to July 31 limit water level fluctuations in Scopan Lake