

f. *Location*: On Crooked Creek and Jim's Lake, near the community of Elfin Cove, in the Sitka Recording District, Unorganized Borough, Alaska. The project would occupy 13.98 acres of federal land in the Tongass National Forest, managed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service.

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

h. *Applicant Contact*: Mr. Joel Groves, Polarconsult Alaska, Inc., 1503 W 33rd Avenue, #310, Anchorage, Alaska 99503; phone: (907) 258–2420 ext. 204.

i. *FERC Contact*: John Matkowski at (202) 502–8576; or email at [john.matkowski@ferc.gov](mailto:john.matkowski@ferc.gov).

j. *Cooperating agencies*: Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item l below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. *See*, 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

k. Pursuant to section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the application, and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

l. Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status: October 23, 2020.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY).

m. The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. The proposed project would consist of two developments, the Upper System and the Lower System.

The Upper System development would consist of the following new facilities: (1) A 16-foot-long, 6-foot-diameter intake structure to divert up to five cubic feet per second (cfs) from Crooked Creek; (2) a 1,050-foot-long, 14-

inch-diameter buried penstock extending between the intake structure and the powerhouse; (3) a 16-foot-long, 20-foot-wide, 20-foot-high powerhouse containing a 35-kilowatt (kW) crossflow turbine; (4) a tailrace discharging flows into Jim's Lake; and (5) appurtenant facilities.

The Lower System development would consist of the following facilities: (1) 225-foot-long, 18-foot-high rock-fill dam and intake structure at the outlet of Jim's Lake to divert up to 6.5 cfs from Jim's Lake; (2) a 2,550-foot-long, 16 to 18-inch-diameter buried penstock extending between the intake and the powerhouse; (3) 20-foot-long, 28-foot-wide, 14-foot-high powerhouse containing a 105-kW impulse turbine; (4) a tailrace discharging flows into Port Althorp; and (5) appurtenant facilities.

The project would also include an underground 8,800-foot-long, 7.2/12.47-kilovolt (kV) transmission line extending from the project powerhouses at each of the developments to Elfin Cove's existing 7.2/12.47-kV transmission line. The project would generate an average of 788.3 megawatt-hours annually.

o. In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<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. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (866) 208–3676 or TYY, (202) 502–8659.

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.

p. *Procedural schedule*: The application will be processed according to the following preliminary schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Issue Deficiency Letter (if necessary)—November 2020

Request Additional Information—

November 2020

Issue Acceptance Letter—February 2021

Issue Scoping Document 1 for comments—March 2021

Request Additional Information (if necessary)—May 2021

Issue Scoping Document 2—June 2021

Issue Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis—June 2021

Commission issues Environmental Assessment—December 2021

Dated: September 8, 2020.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 7274–034]

#### Town of Wells; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process

a. *Type of Filing*: Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process.

b. *Project No.*: 7274–034.

c. *Date Filed*: July 28, 2020.

d. *Submitted By*: Town of Wells.

e. *Name of Project*: Lake Algonquin Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location*: On the Sacandaga River in the Town of Wells, Hamilton County, New York. The project does not occupy any federal land.

g. *Filed Pursuant to*: 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's regulations.

h. *Potential Applicant Contact*: Nicholas Mauro, Town of Wells, 1438 State Route 30, Wells, NY 12190; (518) 775–9390; email—[nick-mauro@townofwells.org](mailto:nick-mauro@townofwells.org).

i. *FERC Contact*: Samantha Pollak at (202) 502–6419; or email at [samantha.pollak@ferc.gov](mailto:samantha.pollak@ferc.gov).

j. The Town of Wells filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on July 28, 2020. The Town of Wells provided public notice of its request on July 20, 2020. In a letter dated September 8, 2020, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved the Town of Wells' request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.

k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, Part 402. We are also initiating consultation with the New York State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the

implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. With this notice, we are designating the Town of Wells as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and consultation pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

m. The Town of Wells filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

n. A copy of the PAD may be viewed on the Commission's website (<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. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

o. The licensee states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a subsequent license for Project No. 7274. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.20, each application for a subsequent license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by July 31, 2023.

p. Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: September 8, 2020.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14635-001]

#### Village of Gouverneur, New York; Notice Soliciting Scoping Comments

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

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

b. *Project No.:* P-14635-001.

c. *Date filed:* September 20, 2019.

d. *Applicant:* Village of Gouverneur, New York.

e. *Name of Project:* Gouverneur Hydroelectric Project (Gouverneur Project).

f. *Location:* The existing unlicensed project is located on the Oswegatchie River in the Village of Gouverneur in St. Lawrence County, New York.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Ronald P. McDougall, Mayor, Village of Gouverneur, 33 Clinton Street, Gouverneur, NY 13642; (315) 287-1720; [ronaldpmcdougall@gmail.com](mailto:ronaldpmcdougall@gmail.com).

i. *FERC Contact:* Jody Callihan at [jody.callihan@ferc.gov](mailto:jody.callihan@ferc.gov) or (202) 502-8278.

j. *Deadline for filing scoping comments:* October 9, 2020.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file scoping comments using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOOnline.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-14635-001.

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.

l. *Project Description:* The Gouverneur Project consists of: (1) A 250-foot-long concrete gravity dam that includes two bridge piers and three separate spillways that range in crest elevation from 403.4 to 403.7 feet North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88); (2) an impoundment with a surface area of 109 acres at the normal pool elevation of 403.8 feet NAVD88; (3) a concrete intake structure containing two trash rack bays separated by a 2-foot-wide center pier, each containing a 14-foot-wide trash rack; (4) a 20-foot by 36-foot powerhouse integral to the dam and containing two vertical axial flow propeller type turbines rated at 100 kilowatts each and two 100-kilovolt-ampere Westinghouse generators with a power factor of 0.8; (5) two generator leads from the turbine-generator units to a switchgear at the powerhouse interconnecting with the local grid; and (6) appurtenant facilities. The project generates about 1,195 megawatt-hours annually.

m. In addition to publishing the full text of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this notice, as well as other documents in the proceeding (e.g., scoping document) via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<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 (P-14635). At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (886) 208-3673 or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

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