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**[Docket No. ES96-25-000]**

**Semass Partnership; Notice of Application**

May 2, 1996.

Take notice that on April 30, 1996, Semass Partnership (Semass) filed an application, under § 204 of the Federal Power Act, seeking authorization to reallocate partnership interests among the existing partners of Semass in connection with the proposed sale by certain partners of Semass of eighty percent (80%) of the partnership interests in Semass.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before May 28, 1996. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

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**[Project No. 2000-010]**

**Power Authority of the State of New York; Notice of Memorandum of Understanding, Formation of Cooperative Consultation Process Team, and Initiation of Scoping Process Associated With Relicensing the St. Lawrence-FDR Power Project**

May 2, 1996.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

On February 15, 1996, the New York Power Authority (NYPA), New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), entered into an MOU. Under the MOU, the NYSDEC and the FERC will cooperate and use the services of a

Third Party Contractor to prepare a single Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to more efficiently meet the requirements for water quality certification and relicensing of the 912-megawatt St. Lawrence-FDR Power Project. The hydroelectric project was originally licensed in 1953 and the license will expire in 2003. NYPA has elected to use a Third Party Contractor under the provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 1992.

The project, which includes the Long Sault Dam and the portions of the Iroquois Dam and the Robert Moses-Robert H. Saunders Power Dam within the U.S., located on the St. Lawrence River near Massena, New York. While the project is licensed by the FERC, its operation as well as Ontario's Hydro's portion of the international project, is governed by the International Joint Commission (IJC) and the International St. Lawrence River Board of Control (ISLRBC), who direct NYPA and Ontario Hydro to release flows to maintain water levels in Lake Ontario and downstream flows in accordance with criteria set forth. The IJC was established by the 1909 Boundary Water Treaty between the U.S. and Canada.

**Cooperative Consultation Process (CCP) Team**

NYPA has contacted and invited members of numerous federal, state, and local governmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, and the general public the U.S. The FERC has also invited federal and provincial agencies in Canada, as well as the IJC and ISLRBC to participate and discuss the cooperative process for relicensing the project. As a result of a series of three meetings conducted in February, March and April 1996, the participants (see list below) along with NYSDEC and FERC have agreed to form a Cooperative Consultation Process (CCP) Team. The CCP Team will assist in identifying areas of interests, issues, required studies and also prepare for NYSDEC and FERC a Scoping Document (See Scoping Process).

The CCP Team is still in the process of identifying potential members and active participants. As of April 16, 1996, the following 39 organizations attended meetings of the CCP Team and have indicated an interest in participating in the Team and relicensing process. Those persons interested in joining the CCP Team or learning more about the CCP Team and process, as well as the relicensing process should call any one of the following three individuals:

Mr. Thomas R. Tatham, New York Power Authority, 212-468-6747, 212-468-6272 (fax)  
 Mr. Keith Silliman, New York Dept. of Environmental Conservation, 518-457-0986, 518-457-3978 (fax)  
 Mr. Thomas Russo, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 202-219-2792, 202-219-0125 (fax)

The following organizations have sent representatives to the CCP Team meetings: the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, Environment Canada, St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corp., Ontario Hydro, Alcoa, NY State Assembly, St. Lawrence Development Commission, Massena Electric, St. Lawrence County, Town of Louisville, Development Authority of N. County, Empire State Dept. of Economic Development, GM Power Train, I.B.E.W. Local 2032, Vincent Kirsch, LCE Environ. Mgmt. Council, League of Women Voters, Massena Industrial Dev. Corp., Village of Massena, Village Potsdam, Mass. Municipal Wholesale Electric Co., Municipal Electricity Assoc. of NY, New York Power Authority, New York Rivers United, Audubon Society of NY State, NYS Dept. of Parks Rec. & Historic Preservation, NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation, NYS Dept. of State (Coastal Resources), St. Lawrence Aquarium & Ecological Center, Public Power Assoc. of NJ, Reynolds Metals, Robert Moses State Park, St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce, St. Lawrence Gas, United Auto Workers/GM Power Train, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Waddington Town Planning Board, IBEW 450 ABGWIU, and WYBG Radio.

**Scoping Process**

The Scoping Process will satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The objective of the Scoping Process is to assist the FERC and NYSDEC in identifying resource issues and reasonable alternatives that should be addressed in the EIS analysis and the level to which they should be addressed. The Scoping Process will also identify the geographic and temporal range of the EIS analysis, those resources requiring a cumulative impact analysis and the level of analysis as well. The CCP Team will prepare a Draft Scoping Document I (SDI) for FERC's and NYSDEC's use.

The Scoping Process will entail a series of public workshops/meetings within the CCP Team over the next seven months. During this time period, the CCP Team will use NYPA's Initial Consultation Document distributed on April 16, 1996 to initiate scoping the issues. Members of the Team and the general public will be given the

opportunity to identify their: (1) expectations on relicensing, (2) environmental and development issues, (3) reasonable alternatives to NYPA's relicensing proposal, and (4) a list of necessary studies. Most of the work regarding necessary studies will be done

through resource subcommittees of the CCP Team beginning in September 1996. At this time, there are four resource subcommittees: Ecological Resources, Land & Recreation, Socio-Economics, and Engineering & Operations.

The following is a list of the presently scheduled major meetings/workshops of the Scoping Process along with tentative dates of the CCP Team's activities. All meetings are in Massena, NY, unless noted. Major meetings are in bold face.

1. CCP Team members develop and send to NYPA initial Expectations for the Project Relicensing as well as known and potential resource management goals including relative significance of resources, if possible. May 16, 1996.
2. CCP Team members develop individual lists describing potential resource issues and send to NYPA ..... May 16, 1996.
3. Initial Consultation Package workshop, site inspection, and break out session for the general public ..... May 21-22, 1996.
4. NYPA compiles a combined preliminary list of resource issues from all team members and distributes to CCP Team.
5. CCP Team meets to discuss Initial Expectations for the Project Relicensing and the preliminary combined list describing resource issues. The CCP Team jointly edits the list to eliminate duplication, misunderstandings, etc. Initiate discussion on level of information needed, if possible. June 5-6, 1996.
6. NYPA distributes revised combined list of issues to the CCP Team. For each resource issue, NYPA prepares draft of information needed to determine the magnitude of the issue and the potential effects of the project on the resource. NYPA distributes this draft to the CCP Team.
7. CCP Team Meeting to edit information needed and potential effects of project operation. The CCP Team will initiate discussions regarding general level of effort for resource analysis. The combined list describing resource issues will be edited as appropriate. July 15-16, 1996.
8. NYPA will distribute the initial complete draft of Issue Identification Section of SDI to the CCP Team based on input received from July 15-16, 1996 meeting. This distribution will include minority reports and a concise statement of issues in dispute as appropriate. July 31, 1996.
9. The CCP Team will meet to finalize the Draft Issue Identification Section of SDI (including minority reports and statements of disputes), and to make initial assignment of issues to subcommittees. CCP Team members volunteer for subcommittees.
10. The CCP Team will submit statements of disputes to FERC/NYS DEC, if necessary ..... August 21, 1996.
11. The CCP Team presents FERC/DEC with the Draft SD I ..... August 30, 1996.
12. Subcommittees have initial meetings ..... Sept. 10-11, 1996.
13. FERC/DEC issue SDI and resolution of disputes, as appropriate ..... Sept. 30, 1996.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-5501-8]

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Information Collection Request for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)/Compliance Assessment Information**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).  
**ACTION:** Correction.

**SUMMARY:** This notice contains corrections to the title of the Information Collection Request (ICR) and to figures contained in the burden statement of the the ICR published on April 9, 1996. The title of the ICR should be corrected to read "Information Collection Request for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)/ Compliance Assessment/Certification Information." This is due to the integration of the 1993 ICR entitled "Information Collection Request For the

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)/ Compliance Assessment Information" (OMB Control No. 2040-0110) and the 1993 ICR entitled "Information Collection Request for Exemption from Monitoring and Notification of Process Changes in Effluent Guidelines (OMB Control No. 2040-0033). The OMB Control No. for the integrated renewal is OMB Control No. 2040-0110.

The first paragraph in the Burden Statement on page 15802 should be corrected to read: "The information collection for compliance assessment and certification activities will involve an estimated 23,673 respondents and 205,896 record keepers. The annual costs to respondents and record keepers is estimated to be \$22,607,191. The total annual cost to respondents, recordkeepers, and government (excluding Federal government) is estimated to be \$23,363,792. There will be approximately 27,398 annual responses submitted by the 23,673 respondents resulting in 1.16 responses per respondent. The time required for a response ranges from 15 minutes to 41 hours, with an average response time of 2.40 hours per response. The average annual record keeping burden per recordkeeper is estimated to be 3.17 hours. The compliance assessment and certification activities will entail an annual burden of 652,873 hours for

record keeping and 65,712 hours for reporting for a total of 718,585 burden hours. These activities will also entail 26,280 burden hours for State governments as users of data." For the convenience of the reader, it should be noted that the date for submission of comments remains the same.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shirley Dorrington at 202-260-6961.

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*Director, Office of Wastewater Management.*  
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**Endocrine Disruption by Chemicals: Next Steps in Chemical Screening and Testing; Open Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).  
**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Recent research indicates that environmental endocrine disruptors need more attention by chemical and pesticide regulators. The EPA will hold a meeting on May 15 and May 16, 1996 in the Washington, DC metropolitan area to discuss how EPA can work cooperatively with industry, the environmental community, academia and others to develop a screening and