

to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commentors will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commentors will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentors will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Comment Date: February 17, 2009.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13331-000]

City of Quincy, IL; Notice of Competing Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments and Motions To Intervene

January 27, 2009.

On November 10, 2008, the City of Quincy, Illinois filed an application, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Quincy Area Hydropower Project, which would be located near the town of Clarksville on the Mississippi River at the existing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Lock and Dam No. 24 and Reservoir in Calhoun County, Illinois and Pike County, Missouri. The proposed project would utilize federal lands.

The proposed Quincy Area Hydropower Project would utilize the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Lock and Dam No. 24 and would consist of the following new facilities: (1) An intake structure, (2) a powerhouse containing 30 generating units with a total installed capacity of 15 MW, (3) a 2.7-mile-long, 34.5 kV underground transmission line, connecting to an existing power line, and (4) appurtenant facilities. The project would have an annual generation of 88 gigawatt-hours, which would be sold to a local utility.

Applicant Contact: Mr. Kenneth Cantrell, Director of Administrative Services, City of Quincy, 730 Maine Street, Quincy, Illinois 62301; *phone:* (217) 228-4500. *FERC Contact:* Tom Papsidero, (202) 502-6002.

Competing Application: This application competes with Project No. 13127-000 filed March 3, 2008. Competing applications must be filed on or before November 30, 2008.

Deadline for filing comments and motions to intervene: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Comments and motions to intervene may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and eight copies should be mailed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. For more information on how to submit these types of filings please go to the Commission's Web site located at <http://www.ferc.gov/filing-comments.asp>. More information about

this project 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-13331) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3372.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13356-000]

Slatersville Hydro, LLC; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission, Soliciting Additional Study Requests, and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Licensing and Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

January 27, 2009.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Exemption From Licensing.

b. *Project No.:* P-13356-000.

c. *Date Filed:* January 15, 2009.

d. *Applicant:* Slatersville Hydro, LLC.

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

f. *Location:* On the Branch River in Providence County, Rhode Island. The project would not occupy any land of the United States.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, 16 U.S.C. 2705, 2708.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Michael P. DeFrancesco, 87 Hall Road, Exeter, RI 02822, (401) 742-1968.

i. *FERC Contact:* Tom Dean, (202) 502-6041.

j. *Cooperating Agencies:* We are asking Federal, state, and local agencies and Indian tribes with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with us in the preparation of the environmental document. Agencies who would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing comments described in item l below.

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: March 16, 2009.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "eFiling" link.

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

n. *Description of Project:* The Slatersville Project would consist of: (1) The existing upper 13-foot-high RI Dam No. 43 consisting of: (a) An existing 175-foot-long spillway; and (b) a westerly abutment equipped with two 3.5-foot-wide, 5.7-foot-high sluice gates impounding; (2) an 172-reservoir with a normal water surface elevation of 250.7 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum 1988 (NGVD) leading to; (3) two new 150-foot-long, 4.5-foot-diameter penstocks connecting; (4) a new powerhouse containing two generating units with a total installed capacity of 360 kilowatts; (5) a new 25-foot-long tailrace discharging water back into the Branch River; and (6) appurtenant facilities. The project would have an average annual generation of about 1,250 megawatt-hours.

In addition to a new powerhouse, penstocks, and tailrace, project facilities would consist of: (1) New 1.5-foot-high flashboards on top of RI Dam No. 43; and (2) a new 0.5-mile-long, 13.8 kilovolt transmission line.

Project facilities may also include: (1) The existing lower 6-foot-high RI Dam No. 45 with a 105-foot-long spillway impounding; (2) the existing 0.3-acre reservoir with a normal water surface elevation of 231.9 feet NGVD located in the bypassed reach between RI Dam No. 43 and the new tailrace.

o. 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 three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

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. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the Rhode Island State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR 800.4.

q. *Procedural schedule and final amendments:* The application will be processed according to the following Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate. The Commission staff proposes to issue one environmental assessment rather than issue a draft and final EA. Comments, terms and conditions, recommendations, prescriptions, and reply comments, if any, will be addressed in an EA. Staff intends to give at least 30 days for entities to comment on the EA, and will take into consideration all comments received on the EA before final action is taken on the license application.

Issue Acceptance Letter or Deficiency Letter—April 2009.

Issue Scoping Document—May 2009.

Notice of application is ready for environmental analysis—June 2009.

Notice of the availability of the EA—November 2009.

Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 460-033]

City of Tacoma, WA; Notice of Settlement Agreement and Soliciting Comments

January 27, 2009.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Settlement Agreement.

b. *Project No.:* 460-033.

c. *Date Filed:* January 21, 2009.

d. *Applicant:* City of Tacoma, Washington (Tacoma).

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

f. *Location:* Located on the North Fork of the Skokomish River, in Mason County, Washington, in part on federal lands in the Olympic National Forest and the Skokomish Indian Tribe Reservation.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Rule 602 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.602.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Michael A. Swiger, Counsel to the City of Tacoma, Washington, Van Ness Feldman, 1050 Thomas Jefferson Street, NW., Washington, DC 20007-3877; Telephone (202) 298-1800; e-mail—mas@vnf.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Allan Creamer at (202) 502-8365, or by e-mail at allan.creamer@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for Filing Comments:* The deadline for filing comments on the Settlement Agreement is 30 days from the date of this notice (February 26, 2009). The deadline for filing reply comments is 45 days from the date of this notice (March 13, 2009). All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all participants 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 a participant 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.

Comments may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the