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The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will become part of the formal record of the Commission's proceeding on the project. Individuals presenting statements at the meetings will be asked to sign in before the meeting starts and to identify themselves clearly for the record.

Individuals, organizations and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meetings and to assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the EA.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-203-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

March 30, 1999.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference will be convened in this proceeding commencing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 6, 1999, at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, for the purpose of drafting a settlement document in the above-referenced docket.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

For additional information, please contact Sandra J. Delude at (202) 208-0583, Bob Keegan at (202) 208-0158, or Edith A. Gilmore at (202) 208-2158.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Scoping Meeting and Site Visit, ND Soliciting Scoping Comments

March 30, 1999.

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

a. *Type of Application:* New Major License

b. *Project No.:* 2161-006

c. *Date Filed:* June 26, 1998

d. *Applicant:* Rhinelander Paper Company

e. *Name of Project:* Rhinelander Hydroelectric Project

f. *Location:* On the Wisconsin River, at river mile 357, in the townships of Tomahawk, Newbold, Pine Lake, and Pelican, Oneida County, Wisconsin. There are no federal lands located within the project area.

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

h. *Applicant Contacts:*

Mr. Bruce Olson, Utility Superintendent, Rhinelander Paper Company, 515 West Davenport Street, Rhinelander, Wisconsin 54501, (715) 369-4244.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Michael Spencer, E-mail address, michael.spencer@ferc.fed.us, or telephone (202) 219-2846.

j. *Deadline for filing scoping comments:* May 15, 1999.

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

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears 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 the resource agency.

k. *Status of environmental analysis:* This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. *Description of the Project:* The project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) a main dam comprised of 370 feet of earth embankments, in two sections to the left and right of a spillway section containing two 10.7-

foot-wide steel roller gates; (2) a 965-foot-long power canal, with a single 26-foot-wide Taintor gate spillway structure located downstream of a 14-gate canal inlet structure, located adjacent to the right embankment of the dam; (3) an 8.5-mile-long, 3,576-acre impoundment with a normal water surface elevation of 1,555.45 feet above mean sea level (msl), and a normal storage capacity of 21,500 acre-feet; (4) a brick powerhouse located at the downstream end of the power canal, containing three horizontal Francis turbine units for a total installed capacity of 2,120 kilowatts (kW) and an average annual energy production of 10.692 gigawatt-hours (GWh); (5) switchgear connections with the adjacent paper mill; and (6) appurtenant facilities.

m. *Locations of the application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address shown in item h.

n. *Scoping Process:* The Commission intends to prepare a multiple project Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed relicensing of the Rhinelander Project, Stevens Point Project (FERC No. 2110), and Biron Project (FERC No. 2192), 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 actions.

Scoping Meetings

The Commission will hold scoping meetings, one in the daytime and one in the evening, to help us identify the scope of issues to be addressed in the EA.

The daytime scoping meeting will focus on resource agency concerns, while the evening scoping meeting is primarily for public input. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist the staff in identifying the scope of the environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

Daytime Meeting

Friday, April 16, 1999, 9 a.m., Best Western Claridge Inn, 70 North Stevens

St., Highway 17 North, Rhinelander, Wisconsin.

Evening Meeting

Thursday, April 15, 1999, 7 p.m., Best Western Claridge Inn, 70 North Stevens St., Highway 17 North, Rhinelander, Wisconsin.

To help focus discussions, we will distribute a Scoping Document (SD1) outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the EA to parties on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of the SD1 also will be available at the scoping meetings.

Site Visit

The applicant and Commission staff will conduct a project site visit on Thursday, April 15, 1999. We will meet at the guard desk in the Rhinelander Paper Company lobby, 515 West Davenport Street, at 1 p.m. If you would like to attend, please call Bruce Olson, Rhinelander Paper Company, at 715-369-4244, no later than April 9, 1999.

Objectives

At the scoping meetings, the staff will: (1) summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the EA; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantifiable data, on the resources at issue; (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EA, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views; (4) determine the resource issues to be addressed in the EA; and (5) identify those issues that require a detailed analysis, as well as those issues that do not require a detailed analysis.

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will become part of the formal record of the Commission's proceeding on the project. Individuals presenting statements at the meetings will be asked to sign in before the meeting starts and to identify themselves clearly for the record.

Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meetings and to assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the EA.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Information Collection Request Number 801.12: Requirements for Generators, Transporters, and Waste Management Facilities Under the RCRA Hazardous Waste Manifest System

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Requirements for Generators, Transporters, and Waste Management Facilities Under the RCRA Hazardous Waste Manifest system, ICR No. 801.12, OMB No. 2050-0039, expires 9/30/99.

Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 4, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Commenters must send an original and two copies of their comments referencing docket number F-1999-RWMP-FFFFF to: RCRA Docket Information Center, Office of Solid Waste (5305G), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters (EPA HQ), 401 M Street, SW., Washington, D.C. 20460. Comments may also be submitted electronically through the Internet to: rcradocket@epamail.epa.gov. Comments in electronic format should also be identified by the RCRA docket number F-1999-RWMP-FFFFF. All electronic comments must be submitted as a ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

Commenters should not submit electronically any confidential business information (CBI). An original and two copies of CBI must be submitted under a separate cover to: RCRA CBI Document Control Officer, Office of Solid Waste (5305W), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460.

Public comments and supporting materials are available for viewing in the RCRA Information Center (RIC), located at Crystal Gateway 1, First Floor, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. The RIC is open from

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays. To review docket materials, it is recommended that the public make an appointment by calling 703-603-9230. The public may copy a maximum of 100 pages from any regulatory docket at no charge. Additional copies cost \$.15/page. The index and some supporting materials are available electronically.

The ICR is available on the Internet. Follow these instructions to access the information electronically:

WWW: <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/gener/manifest/>
FTP: <ftp://ftp.epa.gov>
Login: anonymous
Password: your Internet address
Files are located in /pub/epaoswer

The official record for this action will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into paper form and place them in the official record, which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. EPA responses to comments, whether the comments are written or electronic, will be in a notice in the "Federal Register." EPA will not immediately reply to commenters electronically other than to seek clarification of electronic comments that may be garbled in transmission or during conversion to paper form, as discussed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information, contact the RCRA Hotline 1-800-424-9346 or TDD 800-553-7672 (hearing impaired). In the Washington metropolitan area, call 703-412-9810 or TDD 703-412-3323. For more detailed information on specific aspects of this rulemaking, contact Bryan Groce, Office of Solid Waste (5305W), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, 703 308-8750, groce.bryan@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those who generate, transport, or manage hazardous waste including those who store, treat, recycle, or dispose of hazardous waste.

Title: Requirements for Generators, Transporters, and Waste Management Facilities Under the RCRA Hazardous Waste Manifest System, ICR No. 801, OMB No. 2050-0039, expiration date: 9/30/96.

Abstract: The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended, establishes a national program to assure that hazardous waste management practices are conducted in a manner that is protective of human health and the environment. EPA's authority to