

comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Linda Mitry,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2721-013]

Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions

August 8, 2003.

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.:* 2721-013.

c. *Date Filed:* September 28, 1998.

d. *Applicant:* PPL Maine, LLC.

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

f. *Location:* On the Piscataquis River in the town of Howland, Penobscot County, Maine. There are no federal lands within the project boundary.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Scott D. Hall, PPL Maine, LLC, Davenport Street, P.O. Box 276, Milford, ME 04461-0276, 207-827-2247.

i. *FERC Contact:* Ed Lee, eddie.lee@ferc.gov, or (202) 502-6082.

j. *Status of Environmental Analysis:* This application has been accepted for filing and is ready for environmental analysis at this time.

The deadline for filing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions and prescriptions: 60 days from the issuance date of this notice, reply comments are due 105 days from the date of this notice. 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 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.

Comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions 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 (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "eFiling" link.

k. *Description of the Project:* The project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) A dam, located about 500 feet upstream of the confluence with the Penobscot River, and consisting of a 114.5-foot-long concrete cutoff wall at the north embankment, a 6-foot-long non-overflow abutment, a 570-foot-long and about 9-foot-high concrete overflow spillway with 3-foot 9-inch-high wooden flashboards, a 85-foot-long gated spillway section with four 9-foot by 9-foot steel roller flood gates, a 20-foot-long non-overflow section containing the exit for the Denil fishway, and a 76-foot-long forebay entrance deck; (2) a 108.5-foot-long, 28.5-foot-wide, and 18-foot-high powerhouse integral with the dam; (3) three turbine generator units, for a total project installed capacity of 1,875 kilowatts (kW); (4) a 3.5-foot-wide concrete Denil fishway with wooden baffles, for upstream fish passage; (5) downstream fish passage facilities consisting of a 5-foot 9-inch-wide trash sluice gate fitted with a 3-foot 6-inch-deep bellmouth weir, and powerhouse trash racks with one-inch clear spacing; (6) a 4.7-mile-long, 270-acre project reservoir, with a normal reservoir elevation of 148.2 feet (USGS datum); (7) an outdoor substation connected by a short transmission line to the Stanford Substation in West Enfield; and (8) other appurtenances.

l. 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 "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Anyone may obtain an extension of time for these deadlines from the Commission only upon a showing of good cause or extraordinary

circumstances in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2008.

All filings must: (1) Bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "REPLY COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b), and 385.2010.

m. *Procedures schedule:* The Commission staff proposes to issue one Environmental Assessment (EA) rather than issuing a draft and final EA. Staff intends to allow 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. If any person or organization objects to the staff proposed alternative procedure, they should file comments as stipulated in item l above, briefly explaining the basis for their objection. The application will be processed according to the following schedule, but revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate:

Issue Notice of availability of EA
December 2003.

Ready for Commission decision on the application January 2004.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Settlement Agreement and Soliciting Comments

August 12, 2003.

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.*: 5334–019.

c. *Date Filed*: August 7, 2003.

d. *Applicant*: Charter Township of Ypsilanti, MI.

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

f. *Location*: On the Huron River, Washtenaw County, within the township of Ypsilanti, Michigan. The project does not affect Federal lands.

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

h. *Applicant Contact*: Ms. Joann Brinker, Administrative Services/ Human Resources Director, Charter Township of Ypsilanti, 7200 South Huron River Driver, Ypsilanti, MI 48197, (734) 484–0065.

i. *FERC Contact*: Monte TerHaar, (202) 502–6035 or monte.terhaar@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for Filing Comments*: The deadline for filing comments on the Settlement Agreement is 20 days from the date of this notice. The deadline for filing reply comments is 30 days from the date of this notice. All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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.

Comments may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions of the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-filing" link.

k. Charter Township of Ypsilanti filed a partial Settlement Agreement on behalf of itself, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and the Michigan Hydro Relicensing Coalition. The purpose of the Settlement Agreement is to resolve, among the signatories, issues related to the Township's pending Application for a New Major License for the Ford Lake Hydroelectric Project. The Settlement Agreement covers compliance monitoring of impoundment levels and tailrace elevations; maintenance of natural riparian habitat; and establishes an escrow account for future fish

protection, fisheries habitat improvement, and, in the event of license surrender, dam decommissioning.

l. A copy of the Settlement Agreement 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 (FERRIS) link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1–866–208–3676, or for TTY, (202) 502–8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

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Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. DI02–3–002]

AquaEnergy Group Ltd.; Notice of Combined Initial Information Meeting and Scoping Meeting, Site Visit, and Solicitation of Scoping Comments

August 8, 2003.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations allow applicants to prepare their own Environmental Assessment (EA) for hydropower projects and file it with the Commission along with their license application as part of an alternative licensing procedure (ALP).¹ On July 22, 2003, the Commission noticed the request of AquaEnergy Group Ltd. (AquaEnergy) to use the ALP and set a deadline for comments of August 21, 2003. AquaEnergy wishes to hold combined Initial Information/Scoping Meetings on August 26 and 27, 2003. Because the Commission will need ample time to fully consider comments received from interested stakeholders on AquaEnergy's request to use the ALP, the Commission may not have decided on AquaEnergy's request to use the ALP

prior to the combined meetings. However, the ALP allows greater flexibility than the traditional licensing process, and the Commission believes that it is in the public interest to solicit scoping comments in this notice. The Commission has not pre-judged AquaEnergy's request to use the ALP.

Public Meeting and Site Visit

AquaEnergy distributed a combined Initial Information Package (IIP)/ Scoping Document 1 (SD1) for the Makah Bay Offshore Wave Energy Pilot Project on August 5, 2003, to the mailing list for this proceeding. AquaEnergy will hold combined Initial Information/Scoping Meetings on Tuesday, August 26 and Wednesday, August 27, 2003. The purposes of the meetings are to review the information presented in the IIP/SD1 and to initiate the identification of areas of interest that should be addressed in the licensing and any related Applicant-Prepared Environmental Assessment (APEA) processes. The meetings will be held as follows:

Agency Meeting

When: Tuesday, August 26, 2003, 5 p.m.–6 p.m.

Where: Makah Tribal Offices, Neah Bay, Washington.

Public Meeting

When: Tuesday, August 26, 2003, 7 p.m.–9 p.m.

Where: Makah Tribal Community Center, Neah Bay, Washington.

Public Meeting

When: Wednesday, August 27, 2003, 7 p.m.–9 p.m.

Where: Clallam County Public Utility District, 2431 Highway 101 East, Port Angeles, Washington.

AquaEnergy will also conduct a site visit to the project on Tuesday, August 26, 2003. Those wishing to attend the site visit should meet at Makah Tribal Council Offices in Neah Bay, Washington. Please RSVP Mary Jane Parks, AquaEnergy, at (626) 253–1981, if you plan to attend the site visit.

The deadline for filing comments is September 26, 2003. All documents (an original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Scoping comments 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

¹ 81 FERC ¶ 61,103 (1997).