

application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

o. Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit—A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

p. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

q. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION", "COMPETING APPLICATION", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Hydropower Administration and Compliance, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

r. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file 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.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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

December 13, 2002.

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 (5MW or More).

b. *Project No.:* P-2000-036.

c. *Date Filed:* October 31, 2001.

d. *Applicant:* Power Authority of the State of New York.

e. *Name of Project:* St. Lawrence-FDR Power Project.

f. *Location:* Located on the St. Lawrence River near Massena, in St. Lawrence County, New York. There are no Federal lands located within the project boundary.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Joseph J. Seymour, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Power Authority of the State of New York, 30 South Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12207-3425, (518) 433-6751. Mr. John J. Suloway, Director, Licensing Division, Power Authority of the State of New York, 123 Main Street, White Plains, NY 10601-3170, (914) 287-3971.

i. *FERC Contact:* Ed Lee, (202) 502-6082 or E-Mail [Ed.Lee@ferc.gov](mailto:Ed.Lee@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

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

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all interveners 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 intervener 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.

Pursuant to Order No. 619, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) now accepts certain "qualified documents" via the Internet in lieu of paper filing. "Qualified documents" may be submitted electronically only by accessing the E-Filing link at <http://www.ferc.gov>.

Comments received via e-mail are not placed in the public record.

"Qualified documents" that may be submitted electronically in lieu of paper and the procedures for e-filing "qualified documents" are described in FERC's User Guide for Electronic Filing of Qualified Documents, which can be accessed via FERC's Web site <http://www.ferc.gov/e-filing>. For assistance with filing qualified documents electronically, you can contact FERC's Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

k. This application has been accepted for filing and is now ready for environmental analysis.

l. The existing St. Lawrence-FDR Power Project is part of the International St. Lawrence Power Project which spans the international portion of the St. Lawrence River and consists of two power developments: (1) The Robert H. Saunders Generating Station and (2) St. Lawrence-FDR Power Project. The Power Authority of the State of New York operates the St. Lawrence-FDR Power Project and the Ontario Power Generation operates the Robert H. Saunders Generating Station (located in Canada and not subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission).

The St. Lawrence-FDR Power Project facilities include (a) all or portions of four dams (Robert Moses Power Dam, Long Sault Dam, Massena Intake, and the U.S. portion of the Iroquois Dam), (b) generating facilities, (c) the U.S. portion of a reservoir (Lake St. Lawrence), (d) seven dikes, and (e) appurtenant facilities. The project has a total installed capacity of 912,000-kW and an average annual generation of about 6,650,000 megawatt hours. All generated power is utilized within the applicant's electric utility system.

m. A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time) at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2-A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. In addition, the application may be viewed and/or printed via the internet through FERC's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov>). From

FERC's Home Page on the internet, the application and other filings and issuances regarding this application are available in the Federal Energy Regulatory Records Information System (FERRIS). To access this information in FERRIS, for the St. Lawrence Hydroelectric Project license application, enter the application's docket number (*i.e.*, P-2000) and sub-

docket number (*i.e.*, 036) where specified. User assistance is available for FERRIS and FERC's website, during normal business hours, from our Help line at (202) 502-8258 or the Public Reference Room at (202) 502-8371. A copy of the application is also available for inspection and reproduction from the applicant at the address in item h. above.

n. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

o. Procedural schedule and final amendments: The application will be processed according to the following milestones, some of which may be combined to expedite processing:

Milestone activity	Date
Notice Application Ready For EA (REA) and Soliciting Comments And Recommendations .....	December 2002.
Notice Of The Availability Of The Draft NEPA document .....	April 2003.
Notice Of The Availability Of The Final NEPA document .....	July 2003.
Order issuing the Commission's Decision on the application .....	September 2003.

Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 45 days from the issuance date of the notice that the application is REA and soliciting comments and recommendations.

The Commission directs, pursuant to Section 4.34(b) of the Regulations (*see* Order No. 533 issued May 8, 1991, 56 FR 23108, May 20, 1991) that all comments, recommendations, terms and conditions and prescriptions concerning the application be filed with the Commission within 60 days from the issuance date of this notice. All reply comments must be filed with the Commission within 105 days from the date of this notice.

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.

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*Deputy Secretary.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**Notice of Environmental Report Preparation and Post-Certificate Environmental Compliance Training Seminars**

December 13, 2002.

The Office of Energy Projects (OEP) staff will conduct five sessions of its Environmental Report Preparation Seminar, as well as five sessions of the Post-Certificate Environmental Compliance Seminar, throughout 2003. The training seminars will be delivered by FERC staff and consultants with significant industry experience.

Details on the content of both seminars and the scheduled training locations are provided below. For more information for the courses visit the FERC Web site at [http://www.ferc.gov/gas/industry\\_seminars\\_home.htm](http://www.ferc.gov/gas/industry_seminars_home.htm) and to register for the courses, visit the Web site for these training sessions at <http://www.ferc-envtraining.com> or call (650) 712-6610. Registration for each course will be limited; so, although there is no charge for the course, all participants must register in advance.

**Environmental Report Preparation (1-Day Seminar)**

This one-day seminar will discuss the environmental documentation required for certificate applications prepared under Subpart A of 18 CFR 157 and Sections 7(a), 7(b), and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA). Subpart F

blanket projects and Section 2.55 replacements are covered in the manual but will not be discussed during the seminar. The seminar will assist each trainee in preparing the environmental report required for filing applications with FERC for project construction or abandonment. The presentation will address the information necessary to meet the FERC's minimum filing requirements and will cover the following topics:

1. General Project Description
2. Water Use and Quality
3. Fish, Wildlife, and Vegetation
4. Cultural Resources
5. Socioeconomics and Environmental Justice
6. Geological Resources
7. Soils
8. Land Use, Recreation, and Aesthetics
9. Air and Noise Quality
10. Alternatives

The seminar will also include a general background discussion of the FERC's environmental process as well as efforts to enhance landowner and other stakeholder involvement during the pre-filing process which potentially includes beginning the National Environmental Policy Act process during the development stage of a project. Participants will receive a certificate of attendance at the end of the session and an updated copy of the Guidance Manual for Environmental Report Preparation.

The Environmental Report Preparation Seminars will be held as shown on the attached table. More detailed information on these courses will be posted on the Web site referenced above.

**Post-Certificate Environmental Compliance (2-Day Seminar)**

This two-day seminar will cover the FERC's post-certificate regulatory process and construction and restoration requirements. The seminar