

application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

p. *Notice of Intent*: A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

q. *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.

r. *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, 385.211, 385.214. 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.

Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper; See 18 CFR 385.2001 (a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under "e-filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing.

s. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents*: Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "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. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative

of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

t. *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.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application for Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

January 24, 2006.

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

a. *Application Type*: Application for Amendment of License.

b. *Project No*: 2685-021.

c. *Date Filed*: December 22, 2005.

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

e. *Name of Project*: Blenheim Gilboa Power Project.

f. *Location*: The project is located on the Schoharie Creek in Schoharie County, New York.

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

h. *Applicant Contacts*: Mr. John J. Suloway, Executive Director, Licensing Division, New York Power Authority, 123 Main Street, 9th Fl., White Plains, NY 10601, (914) 287-3971.

i. *FERC Contact*: Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Mr. Hong Tung at (202) 502-8757, or e-mail address: hong.tung@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments and or motions*: February 24, 2006.

k. *Description of Request*: The licensee proposes to rehabilitate the four generating units of its Blenheim-Gilboa Pumped Storage Project, which would increase its generating capacity and efficiency. The rehabilitation of the existing four pump-turbine runners and possibly other components would increase the total generating capacity by 120 MW, and the maximum hydraulic capacity by about 3.5 to 10.35 percent. The licensee states the proposed

modifications would increase the generating efficiency by about 7 percent, and would enhance the flexibility of the plant to meet peak demand.

l. *Locations of Applications*: A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission in the Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. For TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

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

n. *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, 385.211, 385.214. 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.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents*: Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. 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. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

p. *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.

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

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12608-000]

Alternatives Unlimited, Inc.; Notice Soliciting Scoping Comments

January 25, 2006.

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-12608-000.
- c. Date filed: August 15, 2005.
- d. Applicant: Alternatives Unlimited, Inc.
- e. Name of Project: Alternatives Hydro Power Project.
- f. Location: On the Mumford River, in the Town of Northbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts. The project would not use federal land.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, 16 U.S.C. sections 2705 and 2708.
- h. Applicant Contact: Kathleen D. Hervol. Beals and Thomas, Inc. Reservoir Corporate Center, 144 Turnpike Road (Route 9), Southborough, MA 01772-2104, (508) 366-0560.
- i. FERC Contact: Stefanie Harris, (202) 502-6653 or stefanie.harris@ferc.gov.
- j. Deadline for filing scoping comments: February 24, 2006.

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.

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 site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "eFiling" link.

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

l. Description of Project: The Alternatives Hydro Power Project would consist of: (1) The existing 127-foot-long by 15.5-foot-high Ring Shop Dam consisting of a concrete 9.5-foot-high spillway topped with 2.5-foot-high flashboards, a waste gate, and two inlet structures located at the north and south ends of the spillway, (2) an existing 1.3-acre reservoir enlarged to 2 acres with a normal full pond elevation of 285.1 feet above mean sea level, (3) a restored 8-foot-wide head gated intake structure, (4) a new 23-foot by 6-foot metal service platform (to be enclosed for a future powerhouse) located at the south side of the dam containing three generating units with a total installed capacity of 45 kilowatts; and (5) appurtenant facilities. The restored project would have an average annual generation of 340 megawatt-hours.

m. 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 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.

n. You may also 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.

o. Scoping Process: The Commission staff intends to prepare a single Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Alternatives Hydro Power Project 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 action.

Commission staff do not propose to conduct any on-site scoping meetings at this time. Instead, we are soliciting comments, recommendations, and information, on the Scoping Document (SD).

Copies of the SD outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the EA were distributed to the parties on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of the SD may be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions To Intervene, Protests, and Comments

January 25, 2006.

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

- a. *Type of Application:* Preliminary Permit.
- b. *Project No.:* 12626-000.
- c. *Date filed:* November 29, 2005.
- d. *Applicant:* Northern Illinois Hydropower Corporation.
- e. *Name of Project:* Dresden Island Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* On the Illinois River, in Grundy, County, Illinois.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)—825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Damon Zdunich, Northern Illinois Hydropower Corporation, 801 Oakland Avenue, Joliet, IL 60435, (312) 320-1610, dzdunich@gelberggroup.com. The Dresden Island Lock and Dam is owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Patricia W. Gillis at (202) 502-8735.
- j. *Deadline for filing comments, protests, and motions to intervene:* 60 days from the issuance 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 in the official service list