UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

STAFF NOTICE OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

(January 15, 2013)

Take notice¹ that in a public, formal investigation² pursuant to 18 CFR Part 1b, the staff of the Office of Enforcement of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has preliminarily determined that Seneca Falls Power Corporation (SFPC) violated several articles of its project license.

SFPC is the licensee of a Commission-jurisdictional hydroelectric power generation project, wholly owned by American Energy, Inc. (AEI) and controlled by AEI's sole owner, Scott Goodwin. Staff alleges that the licensee violated multiple articles of its license during a multi-year period and, in the case of certain violations, as an ongoing matter. The licensee failed to procure and maintain adequate property rights needed to operate the project under license Article 5; failed to maintain specific water elevation requirements pursuant to license Article 405; failed to meet the requirements related to installation of fish passages approved by relevant regulatory agencies as required by license Articles 409 and 410; failed to properly monitor wetlands on the project site under license Article 412; and failed to install recreational facilities as required by Article 414.

This Notice does not confer a right on third parties to intervene in the investigation or any other right with respect to the investigation.

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.

¹ Enforcement of Statutes, Regulations, and Orders, 129 FERC ¶ 61,247 (2009).

² Seneca Falls Power Corp., 129 FERC 61,132, at P 34 (2009).