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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2246-065]

Yuba County Water Agency; Notice Soliciting Comments on Final Technical Memoranda

On March 31, 2016, Yuba County Water Agency, licensee for the Yuba River Project, filed Technical Memoranda 7-11 and 7-11a, *Fish Behavior and Hydraulics near Narrows 2 Powerhouse and Radio Telemetry of Spring- and Fall-Run Chinook Migratory Behavior Downstream of Narrows 2 Powerhouse*.¹ The memoranda were required by studies approved by the Commission on September 30, 2011 (modified on December 28, 2011; April 12, 2012; and March 29, 2013) (Study 11) and August 22, 2013 (Study 11a).

The Commission is soliciting comments on these memoranda. Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file all documents using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-2246-065.

Once the Commission has determined that it has sufficient information to process the license application, it will issue a notice that the application is

ready for environmental analysis, requesting comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions.

For further information, contact Alan Mitchnick at (202) 502-6074.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Project No. 5891-009]

Deschutes Valley Water District; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the Deschutes Valley Water District's (licensee) application to amend the license in order to construct and operate fish passage facilities at the Opal Springs Hydroelectric Project No. 5891. The project is located on the Crooked River in Jefferson County, Oregon. The project occupies federal lands administered by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

The application, filed with the Commission on October 8, 2015, contains an Environmental Analysis in its Exhibit E. After independent review of the licensee's Exhibit E, Commission staff has decided to adopt the licensee's Environmental Analysis and issue it as staff's Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA analyzes the potential environmental impacts of construction and operation of fish passage facilities plus the proposed mitigation measures and concludes that granting the proposed amendment would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. The EA may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number (P-5891) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free at 1-866-208-3676 or (202) 502-8659 (for TTY).

A copy of the EA may also be accessed using this link: <http://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/common/OpenNat.asp?fileID=14010704>.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

All comments must be filed within 30 days of the date of this notice and should reference Project No. 5891-009. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support. In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

For further information, contact Jennifer Ambler at (202) 502-8586 or Jennifer.Ambler@ferc.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1940-029]

Wisconsin Public Service Corporation; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Licensing and Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

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.:* P-1940-029.
- c. *Date filed:* March 28, 2016.
- d. *Applicant:* Wisconsin Public Service Corporation.
- e. *Name of Project:* Tomahawk Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* The existing project is located on the Wisconsin River in

¹ These technical memoranda can be viewed at <http://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/common/OpenNat.asp?fileID=14186240>.

Lincoln County, Wisconsin. The project does not affect federal lands.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Todd P. Jastremski, Asset Manager Hydro Operations, WE Energies, 800 Industrial Park Drive, Iron Mountain, MI 49801; or at (906) 779–4099.

i. *FERC Contact:* Lee Emery at (202) 502–8379 or by email at lee.emery@ferc.gov.

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

k. *The existing Tomahawk Hydroelectric Project consists of:* (1) A 27-foot-high, 3,400-foot-long reinforced concrete and embankment dam that includes a 2,450-foot-long left embankment section, a 300-foot-long right embankment section, 9-foot-long sluice gate section, 267-foot-long radial gate section, 160-foot-long slab and buttress section, and a 60-foot-long abutment section with a crest elevation of 1,441.0 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD); (2) a 2,773-acre reservoir (Lake Mohawksin) at a full-pool elevation of 1,435.5 feet NGVD; (3) a 67-foot-long by 41-foot-wide powerhouse containing two 1.3-megawatt (MW) generators providing a combined installed capacity of 2.6 MW; (4) powerhouse intake trash racks with a 2.7-inch clear bar spacing; (5) two 2.4-kilovolt (kV) generator leads and an associated 3.75-megavolt-ampere, 2.4/

24.9-kV three phase transformer; (6) an interconnected substation located adjacent to the powerhouse; and (7) appurtenant facilities.

The project is operated in a limited peaking mode, with maximum allowed daily reservoir fluctuations of approximately 0.8 feet (1,435.5 feet NGVD to 1,434.7 feet NGVD). During normal peaking operations, the reservoir is drawn down from the maximum pond elevation during the day and refilled at night providing one peaking cycle per day. The amount of fluctuation is determined primarily by the volume of water which can normally be restored to the Tomahawk reservoir during off-peak hours. During low flow periods, the project is required to maintain a minimum flow of 162 cubic feet per second (cfs) or inflow, whichever is less. The operation of the Tomahawk Project is coordinated with the downstream WPS Projects (Grandfather Falls and Alexander Projects) and with the Grandmother Falls Project to make the most effective use of the available water resource.

The normal tailwater elevation of the project is 1,419.5 feet NGVD. The impoundment provides about 14.5 feet of gross head for power generation purposes. The hydraulic capacity of the project is 2,634 cfs and water flowing through the turbines is discharged via the draft tubes into the tailrace immediately below the dam. Electricity

generated from the project is transmitted from the powerhouse via two 2.5-kV generator leads and a 3.75 MVA 2.4/24.9-kV three-phase transformer to the adjacent substation and into Wisconsin Public Service Corporation’s distribution system. Wisconsin Public Service Corporation is proposing to continue current operations at the Project for the term of the new license.

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

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n. *Procedural schedule:*

The application will be processed according to the following preliminary Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Notice of Acceptance/Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis	June 2016.
Filing of recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and fishway prescriptions	August 2016.
Issue Environmental Assessment (EA)	December 2016.
Comments due on EA	January 2017.
Modified terms and conditions	March 2017.

o. Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Planned Northern Lights 2017 Expansion Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Northern Lights 2017 Expansion Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) in

Dakota County, Minnesota. The Commission will use this EA in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the EA. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please send your comments so