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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 10624-026]

French Paper Company; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests, Ready for Environmental Analysis, and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Preliminary Terms and Conditions, and Preliminary Fishway Prescriptions

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

- a. *Type of Application:* Subsequent Minor License.
- b. *Project No.:* 10624-026.
- c. *Date filed:* February 27, 2019.
- d. *Applicant:* French Paper Company (French Paper).
- e. *Name of Project:* French Paper Company Hydroelectric Project (French Paper Project).
- f. *Location:* The French Paper Project is located on the St. Joseph River in the City of Niles, Berrien County, Michigan. No federal lands are occupied by the project works or located within the project boundary.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Shane Fenske, President, French Paper Company, P.O. Box 398, 100 French Street, Niles, MI 49120; (269) 683-1100 or fenske@frenchpaper.com.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Jay Summers, (202) 502-8764 or jay.summers@ferc.gov.
- j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests, comments, recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and preliminary prescriptions:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice; reply comments are due 105 days from the issuance date of this notice.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene, protests, comments, recommendations, preliminary terms

and conditions, and preliminary fishway prescriptions 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, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). 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-10624-026.

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.

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

l. The French Paper Project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) An 112 acre reservoir with a storage capacity of 864 acre-feet at a water surface elevation of 653.75 feet mean sea level; (2) a 321-foot-long, 13-foot-high concrete spillway structure, topped by 2.3-foot-high flashboards; (3) a 100-foot-wide, 600-foot-long intake channel; (4) a 115-foot-wide, 55-foot-long, 56-foot-high powerhouse with an operating head of 14 feet; (5) a floating debris boom at the entrance to the intake channel and two separate trash racks at the entrance to the powerhouse; (6) two vertical shaft propeller turbines each coupled to a 400-kilowatt (kW) generator, one vertical shaft propeller turbine coupled to a 300-kW generator, and one vertical shaft Francis turbine coupled to a 200-kW generator, for a total installed capacity of 1.3 megawatts; (7) a 6-foot-wide, 220-foot-long reinforced concrete fish ladder; (8) a 480-volt to 12-kilovolt (kV) transformer adjacent to the powerhouse; (9) a 0.16-mile-long, 3-phase, 3 wire 12-kV overhead interconnection line, tying into Indiana Michigan Power Company's transmission line adjacent to French Paper's property; and (10) appurtenant facilities.

The French Paper Project is operated in a run-of-river mode with an estimated

annual energy production of approximately 8,442.8 megawatt-hours. French Paper proposes to continue operating the project in a run-of-river mode and does not propose any new construction or modifications to the project.

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 website 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. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

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.

n. 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, and .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.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title PROTEST, MOTION TO INTERVENE, COMMENTS, REPLY COMMENTS, RECOMMENDATIONS, PRELIMINARY TERMS AND CONDITIONS, or PRELIMINARY FISHWAY 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 protesting or intervening; 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. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all

persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

o. *Procedural Schedule:* The application will be processed according to the following revised Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

| Milestone | Target date |
|---|-----------------|
| Filing of recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and preliminary fishway prescriptions. | January 2019. |
| Commission issues EA | June 2020. |
| Comments on EA | July 2020. |
| Modified terms and conditions. | September 2020. |

p. Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of this notice.

q. A license applicant must file no later than 60 days following the date of issuance of the notice of acceptance and ready for environmental analysis provided for in 5.22: (1) A copy of the water quality certification; (2) a copy of the request for certification, including proof of the date on which the certifying agency received the request; or (3) evidence of waiver of water quality certification.

Dated: November 5, 2019.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC19-40-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-516a); Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection FERC-516A (Standardization of Small Generator Interconnection Agreements and Procedures) and submitting the information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for

review. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. On September 4, 2019, the Commission published a Notice in the **Federal Register** (84 FR 46506) in Docket No. IC19-40-000 requesting public comments. The Commission received no public comments.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due December 12, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Comments filed with OMB, identified by OMB Control No. 1902-0203, should be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: oira_submission@omb.gov. Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Commission, in Docket No. IC19-40-000, by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's Website:* <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.

- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Instructions: All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp>. For user assistance, contact FERC Online Support by email at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502-8659 for TTY.

Docket: Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Brown may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, telephone at (202) 502-8663, and fax at (202) 273-0873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC-516A, Standardization of Small Generator Interconnection Agreements and Procedures.

OMB Control No.: 1902-0203.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-516A information collection requirements with no changes to the current requirements.

Abstract: Under Sections 205 and 206 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), the Commission is charged with ensuring just and reasonable electric transmission rates and charges as well as ensuring that jurisdictional providers do not subject any person to any undue prejudice or disadvantage.

The lack of consistent and readily accessible terms and conditions for

connecting resources to the grid led to a large number of disputes between jurisdictional transmission providers and small generators in the late 1990s and early 2000s. In response, the Commission directed transmission providers to include Commission-approved, standard, pro-forma interconnection procedures (small generator interconnection procedures or SGIP) and a single uniformly applicable interconnection agreement (small generator interconnection agreement or SGIA) in their open-access transmission tariffs (OATTs). The requirement to create and file these documents was instituted in August 2005 by Commission Order No. 2006 and is codified in 18 CFR 35.28(f). This requirement set and maintained a standard in OATTs for consistent consideration and processing of interconnection requests by transmission providers.

Since the issuance of Order No. 2006, many aspects of the energy industry have changed including the growth of small generator interconnection requests and the growth in solar photovoltaic (PV) installations. These changes have been driven, in part, by state renewable energy goals and policies. For example, approximately 3,300 MW of grid-connected PV capacity were installed in the U.S. in 2012, compared to 79 MW in 2005, the year Order No. 2006 was issued.

In February 2012, pursuant to Sections 205 and 206 of the FPA and Rule 207 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures,¹ and noting that the Commission encouraged stakeholders to submit proposed revisions to the regulations set forth in Order No. 2006, the Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA) filed a Petition to Initiate Rulemaking (Petition).² The Petition requested the Commission revise the pro forma SGIA and SGIP set forth in Order No. 2006. SEIA asserted that the pro forma SGIP and SGIA as applied to small solar generation were no longer just and reasonable, had become unduly discriminatory, and presented unreasonable barriers to market entry. SEIA noted that its Petition would apply exclusively to solar electric generation due to its unique characteristics.

In 2012 the Commission issued a Notice of Petition for Rulemaking in Docket No. RM12-10-000 and began a public process to explore SEIA's

¹ 18 CFR 385.207.

² SEIA Petition at 4 (citing Order No. 2006, FERC Stats. & Regs. 31,180 at P 118). Docket No. RM12-10-000, <https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/common/opennat.asp?fileID=12895647>.