

at normal maximum reservoir water level of 2,887 feet elevation. Normal maximum reservoir storage is 13,598 acre-feet, of which 7,595 acre-feet are usable storage between elevations 2,887 feet and 2,861 feet. Existing structures consist of a diversion dam, a powerhouse integral with the dam, a tailrace, and a 100-kV transmission line. The dam is 842 feet long and 96 feet high above the streambed. It consists of an overflow spillway section, a powerhouse/intake section, and left and right non-overflow sections. The spillway is 390 feet long with nine radial gates for regulating flow and a slide gate for handling trash. The powerhouse/intake section is 195 feet long and contains the penstocks leading to the powerhouse, which is 162 feet long and 58 feet wide. Water is discharged through a short tail race. The left and right non-overflow sections of the dam are 199 and 68 feet long, respectively. The 100-kV transmission line is 8.5 miles long and terminates at the Great Falls switchyard. The original license included a 7.4-mile-long, 100-kV transmission line to the Rainbow Development switchyard.

m. Purpose of Project: Project power would be utilized by the applicant for sale to its customers.

n. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: A4 and D9.

o. Available Location of Application: A copy of the application, as amended and supplemented, is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, located at 941 North Capitol Street, N.E., Room 3104, Washington, D.C., 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at Montana Power Company, 40 East Broadway, Butte, MT 59701 or by calling (406) 723-5454.

p. Scoping Process: In gathering background information for preparation of the environmental impact statement (EIS) for the issuance of a Federal hydropower license, staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission conducted a scoping process to identify significant environmental issues related to the continued operation of the project. A scoping document was issued in December 1993, and comments were invited. Commission staff also conducted four scoping meetings; three meetings were primarily for public input, while one meeting focused on resource agency and non-governmental organization concerns. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies were invited to attend one or more of the meetings and to provide written

scoping comments to assist the staff in identifying the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EIS. The staff has reviewed all issues raised during the scoping process and identified those issues deserving of detailed analysis in the EIS. The staff has also narrowed the scope of the EIS by identifying insignificant issues; the reasons for not providing a more detailed analysis of these issues will be given in the draft EIS.

q. Request for Scoping Comments: Federal, state, and local resource agencies and other interested groups or individuals were requested to forward to the Commission any information that they believed would assist the Commission staff in conducting an accurate and thorough analysis of the site-specific and cumulative environmental effects of the proposed licensing of the project. The types of information requested included:

- Existing information, data, reports or resource plans that would aid in characterizing baseline physical, biological, and social environments in the project's vicinity.
- Information, data, or professional judgement that may help identify or evaluate significant environmental issues, and other environmental issues that are determined not significant.

Comments concerning the scope of the environmental assessment should be filed by the deadline established in paragraph D9.

7 a. Type of Application: Preliminary Permit.

b. Project No.: 11528-000.

c. Date filed: March 20, 1995.

d. Applicant: Alaska Business and Industrial Development Corporation.

e. Name of Project: Grant Lake Water Power Project.

f. Location: On Falls Creek and Grant Creek, near the town of Seward, in the Third Judicial District of the state of Alaska. All project lands are owned by the state.

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

h. Applicant Contact: Fred G. Brown, President, Alaska Business and Industrial Development Corporation, 1469 Holy Cross Drive, Fairbanks, AK 99701, (907) 451-2898.

i. FERC Contact: Mr. Michael Strzelecki, (202) 219-2827.

j. Comment Date: June 26, 1995.

k. Description of Project: The proposed run-of-river project would involve dredging a 1,200-foot-long, 40-foot-deep channel in the state's existing Grant Lake, and would consist of: (1) A lake tap at the outlet of Grant Lake; (2) a 9-foot-diameter, 3,200-foot-long tunnel; (3) a powerhouse containing an

unspecified number of generating units with a total installed capacity of 7,000 kW; (4) a 1.2-mile-long transmission line interconnecting with an existing Daves Creek-Seward transmission line; (5) a 2.6-mile-long access road; and (6) appurtenant facilities.

The applicant is also exploring the option of diverting water from nearby Falls Creek into Grant Lake to supplement the flow available for the project. This option would consist of: (1) An intake on Falls Creek; and (2) a 2-mile-long pipeline leading to Grant Lake.

No new roads will be constructed to conduct the studies.

1. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: A5, A7, A9, A10, B, C, and D2.

8 a. Type of Application: Amendment of License.

b. Project No.: P-6901-026.

c. Date filed: June 18, 1993, and supplemented on February 14, 1994, and March 17, 1995.

d. Applicant: City of New Martinsville.

e. Name of Project: New Cumberland Project.

f. Location: At the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' New Cumberland Locks and Dam on the Ohio River, in Hancock County, West Virginia and Jefferson County, Ohio.

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

h. Applicant Contact: David F. Pritchard, Burgess and Niple, Limited, 5085 Reed Road, Columbus, OH 43220, (614) 459-2050.

i. FERC Contact: Monica Maynard, (202) 219-2652

j. Comment date: June 2, 1995

k. Description of Amendment: Article 402 of the project license requires a continuous mitigative spillflow release of 15,000 cubic feet per second from the project during the period from July through October, to ensure maintenance of 6.5 milligrams per liter of dissolved oxygen (DO) throughout the downstream pool. The City of New Martinsville requests to substitute real-time monitoring and project operation adjustments to detect and alleviate low DO concentrations in the Ohio River downstream from the project for the continuous spillflow requirement.

l. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, and D2.

Standard Paragraphs

A2. Development Application—Any qualified applicant desiring to file a competing application must submit to the Commission, on or before the specified deadline date for the