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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

KC Hydro LLC of New Hampshire

Project No. P-14363-000

NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY PERMIT APPLICATION ACCEPTED FOR FILING AND SOLICITING COMMENTS, MOTIONS TO INTERVENE, AND COMPETING APPLICATIONS

On February 8, 2012, KC Hydro LLC of New Hampshire, filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the Milton Mills Hydropower Project (project) to be located on the Salmon Falls River, near the Town of Milton, Strafford County, New Hampshire. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed project would consist of: (1) the existing 120-foot-long, 17-foot-high, concrete gravity Waumbek Dam; (2) an existing 6-acre impoundment with a normal maximum water surface elevation of 455 feet above mean sea level; (3) an existing 6-foot-diameter discharge conduit that would be modified to include a liner and extended downstream by 1,000 feet; (4) a new powerhouse containing a single turbine generator unit with an installed capacity of 100 kilowatts; (5) a new tailrace; (6) a new 400-footlong, 34.5-kilovolt transmission line; and (7) appurtenant facilities. The project would have an estimated average annual energy generation of 500 megawatt-hours, which would be sold to Public Service of New Hampshire. The dam and impoundment are owned and operated by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. There are no federal lands associated with the project.

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Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36. Comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR

385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's website 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 or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and seven copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's website at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp. Enter the docket number (P-14363-000) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: April 23, 2012

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.

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