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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

The City of Woonsocket

Project No. 2972-024

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE LICENSE APPLICATION, FILING OF
PRE-APPLICATION DOCUMENT, AND APPROVING USE OF THE
TRADITIONAL LICENSING PROCESS

- a. Type of Filing: Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process.
- b. Project No.: 2972-024
- c. Date Filed: October 19, 2015
- d. Submitted By: The City of Woonsocket
- e. Name of Project: Woonsocket Falls Project
- f. Location: On the Blackstone River, in Providence County, Rhode Island. No federal lands are occupied by the project works or located within the project boundary.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's regulations
- h. Potential Applicant Contact: Charles Rosenfield, Thundermist Hydropower, 87 Senexet Road, Woodstock, CT 06281; (860) 928-7100; or by e-mail – putnamhydro@charter.net.
- i. FERC Contact: Patrick Crile at (202) 502-8042; or e-mail at patrick.crile@ferc.gov.
- j. The City of Woonsocket filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on October 19, 2015. The City of Woonsocket provided public notice of its request on December 21, 2015. In a letter dated February 9, 2016, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved the City of Woonsocket's request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.
- k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, Part 402. We are also

initiating consultation with the Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

- l. With this notice, we are designating the City of Woonsocket as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and consultation pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.
- m. The City of Woonsocket filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.
- n. A copy of the PAD is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website (<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 at 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 paragraph h.
- o. The licensee states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a new license for Project No. 2972-024. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.8, 16.9, and 16.10 each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by October 31, 2018.
- p. Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

DATED: February 9, 2016

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.