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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2077-104]

TransCanada Hydro Northeast, Inc.;

Notice of Application Accepted For Filing, Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene,
And Protests

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

- a. Type of Application: Amendment of fish passage plan
- b. Project No.: 2077-104
- c. Date Filed: March 8, 2016
- d. Applicant: TransCanada Hydro Northeast, Inc.
- e. Name of Project: Fifteen Mile Falls Project
- f. Location: Connecticut River, near the town of Littleton in Grafton County, New Hampshire, and Caledonia County, Vermont
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791a-825r.
- h. Applicant Contact: Mr. John L. Ragonese, License Manager, TransCanada, US Northeast Hydro Region, 4 Park Street, Suite 402 Concord, NH 04347 (603) 225-5528
- i. FERC Contact: Mr. Joseph Enrico, (212) 273-5917, joseph.enrico@ferc.gov
- j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests, is 30 days from the issuance date of this notice by the Commission. All documents may be filed electronically via the Internet. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and seven copies should be mailed to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. 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. Please include the project number (P-2077-104) on any comments, motions, or recommendations filed.

k. **Description of Request:** The applicant requests that the Commission suspend the requirement or permanently amend the license to eliminate or suspend the requirement to provide downstream fish passage under Articles 409 and 413 at the Fifteen Mile Falls Project. Due to suspension of the Atlantic salmon restoration program in the Connecticut River basin by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 2012, the applicant believes that continued operation of the skimmer gate for downstream smolt passage at the McIndoes Falls development should be discontinued. In addition, the requirement to conduct studies to monitor the effectiveness of the downstream fish passage facilities and associated operational flows to pass Atlantic salmon smolts downstream at the Moore and McIndoes developments, should also be discontinued.

l. **Locations of the Application:** A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field (P-2077) to access the document. 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, call 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. **Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene:** 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, .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.

o. **Filing and Service of Responsive Documents:** Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (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, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). All comments, motions to intervene, or protests should relate to project works which are the subject of the application. 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. If an intervener 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. 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.

Dated: March 23, 2016.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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