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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1957-060]

Wisconsin Public Service Corporation; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and 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. Application Type: Non-Capacity Amendment of License
- b. Project No: 1957-060
- c. Date Filed: December 5, 2019
- d. Applicant: Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPS)
- e. Name of Project: Otter Rapids Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: The project is located on the Wisconsin River in Vilas and Oneida counties, Wisconsin.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791(a) – 825(r)
- h. Applicant Contact: Todd Jastremski, Asset Manager, We Energies, 800 Industrial Park Drive, Iron Mountain, MI 49801, (906) 779-4099, todd.jastremski@we-energies.com
- i. FERC Contact: Christopher Chaney, (202) 502-6778, christopher.chaney@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.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests 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, D.C. 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-1957-060. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not considered part of the Commission record.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears 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. Description of Request: WPS proposes to implement the Otter Rapids Powerhouse Stability Project, which includes: (1) modifying Unit 1 by adding a draft tube and filling the remainder of the draft tube bay with mass concrete; (2) retiring and removing the 200-kilowatt Unit 2; and (3) installing three 4-foot-diameter conduits in the Unit 2 bay, and filling the remainder of the area with mass concrete and concrete slabs. The Stability Project will require the closure of some recreation facilities for the duration of the project including: the tailrace fishing pier, limited-mobility fishing area, the self-guided tour and hunting area, and parking at the downstream informal fishing areas. Additionally, the canoe portage trail will be rerouted during the project. The closures are expected to be in place from Spring through Fall 2020, with the recreation facilities reopened for the 2021 recreation season.

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> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field 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. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant.

- 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, respectively. 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 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 commenting, 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. Any filing made by an intervenor 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 385.2010.

Dated: January 22, 2020.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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