

July 26, 2019

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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Office of Hydropower Licensing
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

J. Brodie Smith Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 2287 and
Gorham Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 2288
Notification of Intent and Pre-Application Documents

Dear Secretary Bose:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission pursuant to 18 CFR §5.5 is Central Rivers Power NH, LLC's (CRP) respective Notification of Intent to file applications for new licenses for the J. Brodie Smith Project, FERC No. 2287 and the Gorham Project, FERC No. 2288. CRP has elected to utilize the Commission's Integrated Licensing Process (ILP) and is also filing the Pre-Application Documents (PAD) pursuant to 18 CFR §5.6, which contain a proposed process plan and schedule.

Please note that Appendix G of the PADs includes Exhibit F general design drawings which CRP requests be **considered critical energy infrastructure information (CEII) under 18 CFR §388.112**. These drawings are being submitted as a separate file under the CEII classification on the Commission's eFiling system. For purposes of providing the PADs to the attached distribution list, these drawings will be provided under separate cover on a case-by-case basis, by request.

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 800.2(c)(4), CRP requests that the Commission authorize CRP to initiate consultation, as described in Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, with the New Hampshire State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and others regarding relicensing of the Projects.

CRP also, pursuant to 50 C.F.R. §402.08, requests that the Commission designate CRP as its nonfederal representative for the Projects for the purpose of informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

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If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Mr. Curtis R. Mooney by phone at (603) 744-0846 or by e-mail at cmooney@centralriverspower.com.

Very truly yours,




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Enclosures

cc: Curtis Mooney
Distribution List (attached to the Notification of Intent)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that access has been forwarded for Central Rivers Power NH, LLC's Pre-Application Documents for the J. Brodie Smith Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2287 and Gorham Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2288, to all parties on the PAD Distribution List (attached to the Notification of Intent). Dated this 26th day of July 2019.

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NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO FILE LICENSE APPLICATION

J. BRODIE SMITH HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT FERC No. 2287

**BEFORE THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**NOTIFICATION OF INTENT
TO FILE LICENSE APPLICATION
J. BRODIE SMITH HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT (FERC No. 2287)
CRP NH SMITH, LLC**

JULY 26, 2019

Pursuant to 18 C.F.R. Section 5.5 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission or FERC) regulations, CRP NH Smith, LLC (CRP), licensee for the J. Brodie Smith Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2287) (Project), hereby gives notice and declares its intent to apply for a new license for the Project.

In accordance with 18 C.F.R. Section 5.5 and Section 16.6(b), the following information is provided.

1. The existing licensee's name and address:

CRP NH Smith, LLC
15 Fletcher Street
Manchester, NH 03102

2. Project number:

J. Brodie Smith Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2287

3. License expiration date:

The FERC issued a license to operate the J. Brodie Smith Hydroelectric Project by Order dated August 1, 1994. The license was for a 30-year period effective August 1, 1994 and terminating July 31, 2024.

4. Applicant's statement of intention to file an application for a subsequent license:

CRP hereby unequivocally declares its intent to apply for a subsequent license for the J. Brodie Smith Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project Number 2287. CRP requests that the Commission conduct the relicensing using the Integrated Licensing Process (ILP).

5. Principal Project works include:

The J. Brodie Smith Project consists of a dam, powerhouse, transmission lines, transformers, and appurtenant facilities, which are described in further detail below. The project operates as an un-manned run-of-river facility with a continuous minimum flow of 20 cubic feet per second or inflow to the reservoir (whichever is less).

Dam: The Project has a 500-foot-long masonry and concrete gravity U-shaped dam with a maximum height of 24 feet. There are two spillways: 1) 170 feet long, with a crest elevation of 1002.96 feet (USGS), topped with hinged steel flashboards, about 6.7 feet high; separated by a two S. M. Smith steel roller-type sluice gates, each 17 feet high by 25 feet wide, with a sill elevation of 993.0 feet (USGS); 2) a second spillway section, 256 feet long, with a masonry crest elevation of 1006.7 feet (USGS), topped with pin-supported wooden flashboards, about 3 feet high.

Power Canal: The Project has a power canal which is approximately 500-feet-long by 100-feet-wide.

Penstock: The Project's penstock is steel and has an 18-foot-diameter and is 1,440-feet-long. The steel surge tank is a 1.15-million-gallon, measuring 70 feet in diameter by 40 feet high.

Powerhouse: The powerhouse is 65-feet-long by 53-feet-wide and contains one hydroelectric generating unit with a rated capacity of 15,000 kW and a hydraulic capacity of 3,200 cfs, and a normal operating head of 88 feet.

Transmission Facilities: The Project has a 3115-kV, 1,500-foot-long primary transmission line and appurtenant facilities.

Project Location: The J. Brodie Smith Hydroelectric Project is located in central New Hampshire in Coos County, in the city of Berlin. The Project is located on the Androscoggin River.

6. Installed plant capacity:

The Project has one generating unit with a total nameplate capacity of 15,000 kW.

7. The names and mailing addresses of:

- i. *Every county in which any part of the project is located, and in which any Federal facility that is used or to be used by the project is located:*

The J. Brodie Smith development is located in Coos County, New Hampshire.

Coos County
P.O. Box 10
West Stewartstown, NH 03597

There are no Federal facilities used by the Project.

ii. Every city, town, or similar political subdivision:

- a) In which any part of the project is or is to be located and any Federal facility that is or is to be used by the project is located:*

The Project is located in the city of Berlin.

City of Berlin
20 Park Street
Berlin, NH 03581

There are no Federal facilities used by the Project.

OR:

- b) That has a population of 5,000 or more people and is located within 15 miles of the existing or proposed project dam:*

The City of Berlin, New Hampshire had a reported population of 10,051 people in the 2010 census¹.

iii. Every irrigation district, drainage district, or similar special purpose political subdivision:

- a) In which any part of the project is or is proposed to be located and any Federal facility that is or is proposed to be used by the project is located:*

There are no irrigation or drainage districts or similar special purpose political subdivisions associated with or in the general area of the Project. There are no Federal facilities used by the Project.

OR:

- b) That owns, operates, maintains, or uses any project facility or any Federal facility that is or is proposed to be used by the project:*

¹ U.S. Census Bureau. 2010. Berlin, New Hampshire Quickfacts. [Online] URL: <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/berlincitynewhampshire,cooscountynewhampshire,nh/PST045217>

There are no irrigation or drainage districts or similar special purpose political subdivisions that own, operate, maintain or use any project facility. There are no Federal facilities used by the Project.

- iv. *Every other political subdivision in the general area of the project or proposed project that there is reason to believe would be likely to be interested in, or affected by, the notification:*

There are no other political districts or subdivisions that are likely to be interested in or affected by the notification. The following economic development and planning organizations are likely to be interested in the notification.

Coos Economic Development Corporation
149 Main Street
P.O. Box 205
Lancaster, New Hampshire, 03584

North Country Council
Regional Planning Commission and Economic Development District
161 Main Street,
Littleton NH 03561

Berlin Industrial Development & Park Authority
City Hall
168 Main Street
Berlin, NH 03570

- v. *Affected Indian Tribes:*

There are no federally recognized Native American tribes in New Hampshire. However, Native American tribes belonging to the Abenaki nation have historically occupied areas of the state.

CRP is not aware that the Project affects any Native American tribe. The following is a listing of Native American tribes that may have some level of interest in the area surrounding the project:

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In accordance with 18 C.F.R. Section 5.5, CRP must distribute this notification of intent to appropriate Federal, state, and interstate resource agencies, Indian tribes, local governments, and members of the public likely to be interested in the proceeding. A complete listing of appropriate agencies, tribes, local governments and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) is attached to the NOI/PAD distribution letter.

The information required to be made available to the public pursuant to 18 C.F.R Section 16.7 is located at the CRP Office at 59 Ayers Island Road, Bristol, New Hampshire 03222.

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9. Non-federal representative:

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 800.2(c)(4), CRP requests that FERC authorize CRP to initiate consultation, as described in Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, with the New Hampshire State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and others regarding relicensing of the Project. CRP also, pursuant to 50 C.F.R. §402.08, requests that FERC designate CRP as its nonfederal representative for the Project for the purpose of informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

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GORHAM HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT (FERC No. 2288)
CRP NH GORHAM, LLC**

JULY 26, 2019

Pursuant to 18 C.F.R. Section 5.5 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission or FERC) regulations, CRP NH Gorham, LLC (CRP), licensee for the Gorham Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2288) (Project), hereby gives notice and declares its intent to apply for a new license for the Project.

In accordance with 18 C.F.R. Section 5.5 and Section 16.6(b), the following information is provided.

1. The existing licensee's name and address:

CRP NH Gorham, LLC
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Manchester, NH 03102

2. Project number:

Gorham Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2288

3. License expiration date:

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4. Applicant's statement of intention to file an application for a subsequent license:

CRP hereby unequivocally declares its intent to apply for a subsequent license for the Gorham Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project Number 2288. CRP requests that the Commission conduct the relicensing using the Integrated Licensing Process (ILP).

5. Principal Project works include:

The Gorham Project consists of a dam, powerhouse, tailrace channel, transmission lines, transformers, and appurtenant facilities, which are described in further detail below. The project operates as an un-manned run-of-river facility with a continuous minimum flow of 200 cubic feet per second or inflow to the reservoir (whichever is less).

Dam: The Project dam is a timber crib, L-shaped dam, 417 feet long and about 20 feet high, with three sections: (1) a 90-foot-long spillway section, with a steel sheet pile facing, having a crest elevation of 772.23 feet (USGS), topped with a 12-inch by 12-inch wooden timber, (2) a 252-foot-long spillway section, with one layer of 3-inch wooden plank facing, having a crest elevation of 768.12 feet (USGS), topped with hinged wooden flashboards, about 5.4 feet high, and (3) a 75-foot-long reinforced-concrete sluiceway section, with a crest elevation of 768.20 feet (USGS), topped with 5.33-foot-high hinged wooden flashboards, having one 15-foot-wide sluice gate.

Power Canal: The Project has an earthen power canal which is approximately 415-feet-long by 60-feet-wide by 20-feet-deep.

Powerhouse: The powerhouse contains two 400-kW Allis-Chalmers generators driven by two 583-horsepower (hp) S. Morgan Smith vertical, Francis-type turbines, and two 675-kW Allis-Chalmers generators driven by two 1,000-hp Allis-Chalmers vertical, propeller-type turbines, totaling a maximum hydraulic capacity of 2,800 cfs, at an operating head of approximately 18 feet.

Transmission Facilities: The Project has a 33 kV, 200-foot-long transmission line, and appurtenant facilities.

Project Location: The Gorham Hydroelectric Project is located in northern New Hampshire within the City of Gorham, Coos County. The Gorham Project is one of seven hydroelectric projects within an 11-mile reach of the Androscoggin River between Berlin and Shelburne, New Hampshire. There are five hydroelectric projects within 8-river-miles upstream of the Gorham Project; the Shelburne Project is approximately 2.8-river-miles downstream of the Gorham Project.

6. Installed plant capacity:

The Project has a total nameplate capacity of 2.15 MW.

7. The names and mailing addresses of:

- i. *Every county in which any part of the project is located, and in which any Federal facility that is used or to be used by the project is located:*

The Gorham development is located in Coos County, New Hampshire.

Coos County
P.O. Box 10
West Stewartstown, NH 03597

There are no Federal facilities used by the Project.

ii. Every city, town, or similar political subdivision:

- a) In which any part of the project is or is to be located and any Federal facility that is or is to be used by the project is located:*

The Project is located in the town of Gorham.

Town of Gorham
20 Park Street
Gorham, NH 03581

There are no Federal facilities used by the Project.

OR:

- b) That has a population of 5,000 or more people and is located within 15 miles of the existing or proposed project dam:*

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GORHAM PROJECT (FERC No. 2288)
CRP NH GORHAM, LLC

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8. Distribution:

In accordance with 18 C.F.R. Section 5.5, CRP must distribute this notification of intent to appropriate Federal, state, and interstate resource agencies, Indian tribes, local governments, and members of the public likely to be interested in the proceeding. A complete listing of appropriate agencies, tribes, local governments and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) is attached to the NOI/PAD distribution letter.

The information required to be made available to the public pursuant to 18 C.F.R Section 16.7 is located at the CRP Office at 59 Ayers Island Road, Bristol, New Hampshire 03222.

All correspondence and service of documents relating to this Notification of Intent and subsequent proceedings should be addressed to:

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9. Non-federal representative:

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 800.2(c)(4), CRP requests that FERC authorize CRP to initiate consultation, as described in Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, with the New Hampshire State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and others regarding relicensing of the Project. CRP also, pursuant to 50 C.F.R. §402.08, requests that FERC designate CRP as its nonfederal representative for the Project for the purpose of informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.