

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Village of North Bennington

Project No. 14839-000

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

(March 16, 2017)

On February 28, 2017, the Village of North Bennington, Vermont, 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 Lake Paran Dam Hydroelectric Project (Lake Paran Project or project) to be located on Paran Creek, near the Village of North Bennington, in Bennington County, Vermont. 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 Lake Paran Project would consist of: (1) the existing 120-foot-long, 10-foot-concrete gravity Lake Paran Dam and spillway; (2) an existing 35-acre impoundment with a normal maximum water surface elevation 646.65 feet above mean sea level; (3) a new intake structure; (4) a new 250-foot-long, 36-inch diameter penstock; (5) a new 20-foot-long, 10-foot-wide concrete and wood powerhouse containing a single 58-kilowatt turbine-generator unit; (6) a new 1,000-foot-long, 12.47-kilovolt transmission line; and (7) appurtenant facilities. The estimated annual generation of the Lake Paran Project would be 281.84 megawatt-hours.

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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.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications 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-14839-000.

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-14839) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.