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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

<b>Center Rivers Power, NH LLC</b>	<b>[Project No. 2287-053]</b>
<b>Center Rivers Power, NH LLC</b>	<b>[Project No. 2288-057]</b>
<b>Great Lakes Hydro America, LLC</b>	<b>[Project No. 2300-052]</b>
<b>Great Lakes Hydro America, LLC</b>	<b>[Project No. 2311-067]</b>
<b>Great Lakes Hydro America, LLC</b>	<b>[Project No. 2326-054]</b>
<b>Great Lakes Hydro America, LLC</b>	<b>[Project No. 2327-047]</b>
<b>Great Lakes Hydro America, LLC</b>	<b>[Project No. 2422-058]</b>
<b>Great Lakes Hydro America, LLC</b>	<b>[Project No. 2423-031]</b>

**Notice Of Intent To File License Applications, Filing Of Pre-Application Documents (PADs), Commencement Of Pre-Filing Process, And Scoping; Request For Comments On The Pads And Scoping Document, And Identification Of Issues And Associated Study Requests**

- a. Type of Filing: Notices of Intent to File License Applications for New Licenses and Commencing Pre-filing Process.
- b. Submitted By: Center Rivers Power, NH LLC and Great Lakes Hydro America, LLC.
- c. Name of Projects: J. Brodie Smith, Gorham, Shelburne, Upper Gorham, Cross Power, Cascade, Sawmill, and Riverside Hydroelectric Projects.
- d. Location: On the Androscoggin River, in Coos County, New Hampshire.
- e. Filed Pursuant to: 18 CFR Part 5 of the Commission's Regulations.
- f. Potential Applicant Contacts: Mr. Curtis R. Mooney, Project Manager, Central Rivers Power NH, LLC, 59 Ayers Island Road, Bristol, New Hampshire 03222, (603) 744-0846

Randy Dorman, Great Lakes Hydro America, LLC, Brookfield Renewable, 150 Main St., Lewiston, Maine, 04240, (207) 755- 5605, [randy.dorman@brookfieldrenewable.com](mailto:randy.dorman@brookfieldrenewable.com)

- g. FERC Contact: Ryan Hansen at (202) 502-8074 or e-mail at ryan.hansen@ferc.gov.
- h. Cooperating agencies: Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item m below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. See 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).
- i. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with: (a) the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, Part 402 and (b) the State Historic Preservation Officer, 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.
- j. With this notice, we are designating Center Rivers Power, NH LLC and Great Lakes Hydro America, LLC as the Commission's non-federal representatives for carrying out informal consultation, pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.
- k. Center Rivers Power, NH LLC and Great Lakes Hydro America, LLC filed with the Commission Pre-Application Documents (PADs; including a proposed process plan and schedule), pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.
- l. Copies of the PADs are 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). Copies are also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph f.

Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filing and issuances related to these or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

- m. With this notice, we are soliciting comments on the PADs and Commission's staff Scoping Document 1 (SD1), as well as study requests. All comments on

the PADs and SD1, and study requests should be sent to the address above in paragraph f. In addition, all comments on the PADs and SD1, study requests, requests for cooperating agency status, and all communications to and from Commission staff related to the merits of the potential application must be filed with the Commission.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file all documents 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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number(s) P-2287-053, P-2288-057, P-2300-052, P-2311-067, P-2326-054, P-2327-047, P-2422-058, and/or P-2423-031.

All filings with the Commission must bear the appropriate heading: "Comments on Pre-Application Document," "Study Requests," "Comments on Scoping Document 1," "Request for Cooperating Agency Status," or "Communications to and from Commission Staff." Any individual or entity interested in submitting study requests, commenting on the PADs or SD1, and any agency requesting cooperating status must do so by November 25, 2019.

- n. Although our current intent is to prepare an environmental assessment (EA), there is the possibility that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be required. Nevertheless, this meeting will satisfy the NEPA scoping requirements, irrespective of whether an EA or EIS is issued by the Commission.

### Scoping Meetings

Commission staff will hold two scoping meetings in the vicinity of the projects at the time and place noted below. The daytime meeting will focus on resource agency, Indian tribes, and non-governmental organization concerns, while the evening meeting is primarily for receiving input from the public. We invite all interested individuals, organizations, and agencies to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist staff in identifying particular study needs, as well as the scope of environmental issues to be addressed in the environmental document. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

### **Daytime Scoping Meeting**

Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2019  
Time: 2 p.m.  
Location: Town and Country Inn  
1033 20, US-2  
Shelburne, NH 03581  
Phone: (603) 466-3315

### **Evening Scoping Meeting**

Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2019  
Time: 6 p.m.  
Location: Town and Country Inn  
1033 20, US-2  
Shelburne, NH 03581  
Phone: (603) 466-331

Scoping Document 1 (SD1), which outlines the subject areas to be addressed in the environmental document, was mailed to the individuals and entities on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of SD1 will be available at the scoping meetings or may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link. Follow the directions for accessing information in paragraph 1. Based on all oral and written comments, a Scoping Document 2 (SD2) may be issued. SD2 may include a revised process plan and schedule, as well as a list of issues, identified through the scoping process.

### **Environmental Site Review**

The licensee and Commission staff will conduct an Environmental Site Review of the projects on October 22 and 23, 2019.

Date: October 22, 2019  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Location: J. Brodie Smith Hydroelectric Project  
99 Glen Avenue  
Berlin, New Hampshire 03570  
Projects: J. Brodie Smith (P-2287), Gorham (P-2288)

Date: October 23, 2019  
Time: 9 a.m.  
Location: Sawmill Hydroelectric Project

972 Main Street  
Berlin, New Hampshire 03570  
Projects: Sawmill (P-2422), Riverside (P-2423), Cross Power (P-2326),  
Upper Gorham (P-2311), Cascade (P-2327), Shelburne (P-  
2300)

All participants are responsible for their own transportation. Anyone with questions about the site visit should contact Mr. Curtis Mooney of Center Rivers Power at (603) 744-0846 or Mr. Randy Dorman of Great Lakes Hydro America at (207) 755- 5605 on or before October 18, 2019.

### Meeting Objectives

At the scoping meetings, staff will: (1) initiate scoping of the issues; (2) review and discuss existing conditions and resource management objectives; (3) review and discuss existing information and identify preliminary information and study needs; (4) review and discuss the process plan and schedule for pre-filing activity that incorporates the time frames provided for in Part 5 of the Commission's regulations and, to the extent possible, maximizes coordination of federal, state, and tribal permitting and certification processes; and (5) discuss the appropriateness of any federal or state agency or Indian tribe acting as a cooperating agency for development of an environmental document.

Meeting participants should come prepared to discuss their issues and/or concerns. Please review the PADs in preparation for the scoping meetings. Directions on how to obtain a copy of the PADs and SD1 are included in item I. of this document.

### Meeting Procedures

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will be placed in the public records of the project.

**Dated:** September 18, 2019.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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