

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

KEI (Maine) Power Management (III) LLC

Project No. 2808-017

NOTICE OF SCOPING MEETINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SITE REVIEW
AND SOLICITING SCOPING COMMENTS

(June 29, 2017)

Take notice that the following hydroelectric applications have been filed with Commission and are available for public inspection:

- a. Type of Application: Subsequent Minor License
- b. Project No.: 2808-017
- c. Date filed: January 30, 2017
- d. Applicant: KEI (Maine) Power Management (III) LLC
- e. Name of Project: Barker's Mill Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: On the Little Androscoggin River, in the City of Auburn, Androscoggin County, Maine. The project does not occupy lands of the United States.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a) - 825(r).
- h. Applicant Contact: Lewis Loon, Operations and Maintenance Manager, 423 Brunswick Avenue, Gardiner, ME 04345, (207) 203-3025.
- i. FERC Contact: Karen Sughrue, karen.sughrue@ferc.gov, (202)502-8556.
- j. Deadline for filing scoping comments: September 29, 2017.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file scoping comments 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-2808-017.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all interveners filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, 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.

k. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

1. The Barker's Mill Project consists of the following existing facilities: 1) a 232-foot-long, 30-foot-high concrete dam with a 125-foot-long spillway section with flashboards, a 46-foot-long non-overflow section with two waste gates along the left buttress, and a 61-foot-long non-overflow section with seven stop-logs adjacent to the intake canal; 2) a 16.5-acre reservoir with a storage capacity of 150-acre-feet; 3) a 60-foot-long, 20-foot-wide, 9 foot, 7 inch-deep intake canal on the right bank with seven stop-logs; 4) a 35-foot-long, 20-foot-wide gatehouse containing a single gate fitted with trash racks; 5) a buried 650-foot-long, 10 foot, 2 inch-wide, 7 foot, 2 inch-high concrete penstock; 6) a 50-foot-long, 25-foot-wide concrete partially buried powerhouse containing a single semi-Kaplan-type turbine/generating unit with a rated capacity of 1.5 megawatts; 7) a tailrace; 8) a 250-foot-long, 4.2 kilovolt underground power line; (9) a substation; and 10) appurtenant facilities. The project produces an average of 5,087 megawatt-hours annually.

m. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may 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. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

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, contact FERC Online Support.

n. Scoping Process

The Commission intends to prepare an Environmental assessment (EA) on the project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The EA will consider

both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts and reasonable alternatives to the proposed action.

Scoping Meetings

FERC staff will conduct one agency scoping meeting and one public meeting. The agency scoping meeting will focus on resource agency and non-governmental organization (NGO) concerns, while the public scoping meeting is primarily for public input. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist the staff in identifying the scope of the environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

Public Scoping Meeting

DATE : Tuesday, August 29, 2017
TIME : 7:00 p.m. (EST)
PLACE : Hilton Garden Inn Auburn Riverwatch
ADDRESS : 14 Great Falls Plaza, Auburn, Maine, 04210

Agency Scoping Meeting

DATE : Wednesday, August 30, 2017
TIME : 9:00 a.m. (EST)
PLACE : Hilton Garden Inn Auburn Riverwatch
ADDRESS : 14 Great Falls Plaza, Auburn, Maine, 04210

Copies of the Scoping Document (SD1) outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the EA were distributed to the parties on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of the SD1 will be available at the scoping meeting or may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link (see item m above).

Environmental Site Review

The Applicant and FERC staff will conduct a project Environmental Site Review beginning at 2:30 p.m. on August 29, 2017. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend. All participants should meet at the Barker's Mill powerhouse parking lot, 119 Mill Street, Auburn, Maine 04210. All participants are responsible for their own transportation to the site. Anyone with questions about the Environmental Site Review should contact Sherri Loon at (207) 203-3026 or Sherri.Loon@kruger.com.

Objectives

At the scoping meetings, the staff will: (1) summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the EA; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantifiable data, on the resources at issue; (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EA, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views; (4) determine the resource issues to be addressed in the EA; and (5) identify those issues that require a detailed analysis, as well as those issues that do not require a detailed analysis.

Procedures

The meetings are recorded by a stenographer and become part of the formal record of the Commission proceeding on the project.

Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meeting and to assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the EA.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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