



1414 West Hamilton Avenue  
P.O. Box 8  
Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54702-0008  
Telephone (800) 895-4999

November 29, 2018

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20426

Subject: Preliminary Application Document  
Notice of Intent  
Request to Use Traditional Licensing Process  
Request for Designation of Non-Federal Representative  
Cornell Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 2639)

Dear Secretary Bose:

In accordance with 18 CFR § 16.6 and Section 15 of the Federal Power Act, Xcel Energy Services Inc., on behalf of Northern States Power Company, a Wisconsin corporation (licensee), is hereby electronically filing with the Commission a Notice of Intent to File a License Application (NOI) and a Pre-Application Document (PAD) for the relicensing of the Cornell Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 2639). The current license for the Project expires on November 30, 2023.

In accordance with 18 CFR § 5.5(c), the licensee is providing a copy of the NOI and PAD in electronic format to appropriate federal, state, and interstate resource agencies as well as Indian Tribes, local governments, and members of the public likely to be interested in the relicensing proceedings. A distribution list of all known potential stakeholders receiving copies of the NOI and PAD is attached. Xcel Energy will also provide two paper courtesy copies of the NOI and PAD to Commission Staff in the Office of Energy Projects and the Office of General Counsel-Energy Projects as outlined in the Commission's filing guidelines.

Under 18 CFR § 5.3, the licensee requests approval from the Commission for use of the Traditional Licensing Process (TLP). As evidenced by the limited number of responses to the questionnaire sent out to agencies and potential stakeholders, there does not appear to be any complex resource issues that need to be addressed and little anticipated controversy in the process.

Based upon the information obtained and outlined in the PAD, there does not at this time appear to be significant disputes over studies and there is only a small amount of land contained within the project boundary the licensee owns in fee. The use of the TLP was discussed informally with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the City of Cornell. No concerns were brought forward.

The use of the TLP is not expected to affect the timely issuance of the license and it is expected to provide cost and time savings to the licensee and the relicensing participants.

Under 18 CFR § (d)(1), comments concerning this request to use the TLP must be filed with the Commission within 30 days of the filing date of this request and must include either the FERC Project No. 2639 or the name and address of the licensee as depicted in the PAD.

Under 18 CFR § (d)(2), the licensee will file no later than the date of this filing a notice in a daily or weekly newspaper of general circulation in Chippewa County. It will include the filing date of the request to use the TLP and PAD, summarize the documents filed and the basis of the request to use the TLP, include the licensee's name, address and telephone number, and indicate comments are due within 30 days of the filing date, include the project number and/or the licensee name and address, and state respondents must submit comments to the Secretary of the Commission in accordance with filing procedures outlined in the Commission's website at <http://FERC.gov>.

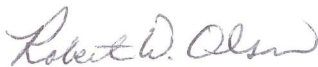
The newspaper notice will also state that comments on the request to use the TLP should address as appropriate the likelihood of timely license issuance, complexity or resource issues, level of anticipated controversy, relative cost of the TLP compared to the integrated process, the amount of available information and potential for significant disputes over studies, and other factors believed to be pertinent.

A public scoping meeting and site visit will be held between 30 and 60 days of the Commission's decision on the use of the TLP and written comments on the PAD must be filed with the Commission and a copy sent to Xcel Energy within 60 days of the public scoping meeting.

Under 18 CFR § 5.5(e), the licensee formally requests to be designated as the Commission's non-federal representative in relicensing of the Cornell Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 2639) for the purposes of consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint regulations under 50 CFR Part 402, and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the implementing regulations under 36 CFR Part 800.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Matthew Miller at 715-737-1353 or [matthew.j.miller@xcelenergy.com](mailto:matthew.j.miller@xcelenergy.com).

Respectfully Submitted,



for

William P. Zawacki  
Director, Hydro Plants

cc: Distribution List