

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

TransCanada Hydro Northeast Inc.

Project No. 1892

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE APPLICATION FOR
NEW LICENSE

Pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 5.5, TransCanada Hydro Northeast Inc. (“TransCanada”) notifies the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“Commission”) of its intention to file an Application for New License for the Wilder Hydroelectric Project (“Project”), FERC No. 1892. The following information is provided consistent with the requirements of 18 C.F.R. § 5.5 and 18 C.F.R. § 16.6(b).

The exact name and business address of the applicant is:

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TransCanada requests that all correspondence and service of documents relating to this notification and subsequent proceedings be addressed to the following persons who are authorized to act as agents for TransCanada Hydro Northeast Inc. pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 5.6(d)(2)(i):

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Project Number:

Wilder Project, FERC No. 1892.

License Expiration Date:

The current license for the Project expires on April 30, 2018.

Unequivocal Statement of Intent:

TransCanada unequivocally declares its intent to file an application for a new power license for the Wilder Project utilizing the Commission’s Integrated Licensing Process (ILP).

Type of Principal Project Works to be Licensed:

Project works consisting of:

1. A concrete gravity dam 59 feet high, comprised of a 232-foot-long non-overflow section and a 526-foot-long spillway section with six tainter gates, four flashboard stanchion bays, and two skimmer gates; and two earthen embankments totaling 580 feet;
2. Wilder reservoir, extending 45 miles upstream, having a surface area of 3,100 acres at normal pool elevation of 385 feet msl;
3. a powerhouse containing two 16,200-kW generating units, and one 3,200-kW unit;
4. transmission interconnection facilities consisting of three generator leads to the 13.8-kV bus;
5. fish passage facilities; and
6. appurtenant facilities.

Location of the Project:

The Wilder Project is located on the Connecticut River at river mile 217.4 and extends upstream approximately 46 miles upstream. The dam and powerhouse are approximately 1-1/2 miles upstream of the White River and approximately seven miles downstream of the Ompompanoosuc River.

State or Territory:	New Hampshire and Vermont
County:	NH - Grafton VT – Orange and Windsor
Township or nearby town:	NH – Lebanon VT - Hartford

The installed capacity of the Project is: 35,600 kW.

Names and Mailing Addresses of Entities Listed in 18 C.F.R. § 5.5(b)(8):

In conformance with 18 C.F.R. § 5.5(c), TransCanada will distribute this Notice of Intent (NOI) to interested parties including federal, state and local agencies, non-federally recognized tribes, non-governmental organizations, and members of the public including abutting property owners.

All of the entities listed below in paragraphs (a) through (h) are included on the Project relicensing interested parties distribution list. TransCanada will distribute this NOI to each of those entities.

Distribution of the NOI will be made by email or by U.S. mail. A Distribution List of all entities identified as interested parties (excluding property abutters for privacy reasons) is attached to the letter transmitting this NOI.

- (a) Each 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:

Grafton County Commissioners
3855 Dartmouth College Highway
North Haverhill, NH 03774

Orange County
5 Court Street
Chelsea, VT 05038

Windsor County Clerk
12 The Green #101
Woodstock, VT 05091

There are no Federal facilities used by the Project.

- (b) Each city or town 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.

City of Lebanon
51 North Park St.
Lebanon, NH 03766

Town of Piermont
PO Box 27
Piermont, NH 03779-0027

Town of Hanover
41 South Main St.
Hanover, NH 03755

Town of Haverhill
2975 Dartmouth College Highway
North Haverhill, NH 03774

Town of Lyme
PO Box 126
Lyme, NH 03768-0126

Town of Hartford
171 Bridge St.
White River Junction, VT 05001

Town of Orford
2529 Route 25A
Orford, NH 03777

Town of Norwich
PO Box 376
Norwich, VT 05055-0376

Town of Thetford
PO Box 126
Thetford, VT 05075-0126

Town of Fairlee
PO Box 95
Fairlee, VT 05045-0095

Town of Bradford
PO Box 339
Bradford, VT 05033-0339

Town of Newbury
PO Box 126
S. Newbury, VT 05051-0126

There are no Federal facilities used by the Project.

- (c) Each city or town that has a population of 5,000 or more people and is located within 15 miles of the existing Project dams:

There are no cities or towns not listed in (b) above that meet these criteria.

- (d) Each irrigation district, drainage district, or similar special purpose political subdivision 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.

There are no irrigation or drainage districts that meet these criteria.

- (e) Each irrigation district, drainage district, or similar special purpose political subdivision that owns, operates, maintains, or uses any Project facility or any Federal facility that is or is proposed to be used by the Project.

There are no irrigation or drainage districts that meet these criteria.

- (f) Every other political subdivision in the general area of the Project that there is reason to believe would likely be interested in, or affected by this notification.

TransCanada is not aware of other political subdivisions in the general area of the Project; however, there are regional and inter-state commissions enabled by statute or legislation that TransCanada has identified as interested parties on the Project relicensing Distribution List.

- (g) Affected Indian Tribes.

There are no federally recognized Indian tribes that would be affected by the Project; however, TransCanada is aware of non-federally recognized tribes and such tribes are identified as interested parties on the Project relicensing Distribution List.

- (h) Other Interested Agencies and Parties.

TransCanada has identified numerous federal, state, local governments, resource agencies, organizations and members of the public (including property abutters) and such other interested agencies and parties are identified as interested parties on the Project relicensing Distribution List.

Readily Accessible, Reviewable and Reproducible Information

TransCanada will maintain a virtual Public Reference Room through the website www.transcanada-relicensing.com where copies of the NOI, Pre-Application Document (PAD), PAD supporting materials, unrestricted published studies, Project information, relicensing process schedules and future relicensing documents will be kept.

In addition, a publicly accessible computer terminal with access to the website and public information is located at the TransCanada office located at 2 Killeen Street, North Walpole, New Hampshire. Access to the facility is controlled and requires an escort and advance notice by contacting Mr. John Ragonese at the phone, email, or address below to schedule an appointment to access the computer terminal and review documents.

Paper copies of public reference room information are available (at a reasonable cost of reproduction and postage) by written request to Mr. John Ragonese at the email or mailing address below. A paper copy of the NOI and PAD are also available to the public at the following public libraries located near the Project:

Town	Public Library	Town	Public Library
Lebanon NH	West Lebanon Library 57 Main Street West Lebanon, NH 03784-1614 (603-298-8544)	Hartford VT	Hartford Library 1587 Maple Street PO Box 512 Hartford, VT 05047-0512 (802-296-2568)
Hanover NH	Howe Library 13 South Street Hanover, NH 03755 (603-643-4120)	Norwich VT	Norwich Public Library 368 Main Street Norwich, VT 05055-0290 (802-649-1184)
Lyme NH	Converse Free Library 38 Union Street Lyme, NH 03768-9702 (603-795-4622)	Thetford VT	Latham Memorial Library 16 Library Lane PO Box 240 Thetford, VT 05074-0240 (802-785-4361)
Orford NH	Orford Free Library 311 Route 25A Orford, NH 03777-0186 (603-353-9166)	Fairlee VT	Fairlee Public Library 221 US Route 5 North PO Box 125 Fairlee, VT 05045-0125 (802-333-4716)
Piermont NH	Piermont Public Library 130 Route 10 Piermont, NH 03779-0006 (603-272-4967)	Bradford VT	Bradford Public Library 21 South Main Street PO Box 619 Bradford, VT 05033-0619 (802-222-4536)
Haverhill NH	Haverhill Library Association 67 Court Street Haverhill, NH 03765-0117 603-989-5578	Newbury VT	Tenney Memorial Library 4886 Main Street; PO Box 85 Newbury, VT 05051-0085 (802-866-5366)

Dated: October 30, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

TransCanada Hydro Northeast Inc.



By: _____

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