

119 FERC ¶ 62,234
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

TransCanada Hydro Northeast Inc

Project No. 1904-049

ORDER REVISING ANNUAL CHARGES

(Issued June 15, 2007)

On April 8, 2007, TransCanada Hydro Northeast, Inc. (TransCanada), licensee for the Vernon Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 1904 filed a letter concerning the installed capacity at the project. The filing is to notify the Commission of the start of construction date of re-powering the generating units, in compliance with an Order Amending License and Approving Revised Exhibits, issued July 28, 2006.¹ The project is located on the Connecticut River, in Cheshire County, New Hampshire and Windham County, Vermont.

BACKGROUND

In the July 28, 2006 order, the Commission authorized the installation of new four 4.0-MW units, including changes associated with the turbines' replacement. The authorized installed capacity of the project was revised from 44.4 MW to 32.4 MW. Ordering paragraph (F) of the July 28 order requires the licensee to report the date of commencement of construction of the authorized generating units, within 30 days from such date. We required this information to further revise the annual charges under Article 30 of the license.

REVIEW

In the filing, TransCanada notifies us that the commencement date for the Vernon Units 5 through 8 re-powering project was October 1, 2006. Based on our review of the filing, we find that it complies with the requirements of ordering paragraph (F) of the July 26, 2006 order. Therefore, this order will revise the annual charges under Article 30 of the license. The annual charges would be based on 32.4 MW, effective October 1, 2006, which is the date that TransCanada started the rehabilitation of the units.

¹ See, TransCanada Hydro Northeast Inc., 116 FERC ¶ 62,078 (2006).

The Director orders:

- (A) Article 30 of the license is amended to read:

For the purpose of reimbursing the United States for the cost of administration of Part I of the Act, a reasonable annual charge as determined by the Commission in accordance with the provisions of its regulations in effect from time to time. The authorized installed capacity for that purpose is 32.4 MW, effective October 1, 2006.

- (B) This order constitutes final agency action. Requests for rehearing by the Commission may be filed within 30 days of the date of issuance of this order, pursuant to 18 C.F.R. §385.713.

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