

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

Vermont Hydro-electric Power Authority Docket No. EC05-122-

**NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION
OF THE VERMONT HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER AUTHORITY**

Pursuant to Rule 216 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure,¹ the Vermont Hydro-electric Power Authority ("VHPA") respectfully provides notice of the withdrawal of a filing entitled: "Application Under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act, Request for Expedited Consideration, and Waivers," filed with the Commission in this docket on August 10, 2005 (the "Application"). On August 22, 2005, the Town of Rockingham, Vermont (the "Town") held a vote, which determined that the Town would not participate in a transaction involving the purchase and lease of the Bellows Falls Hydroelectric Project (the "Project"). Because the Town has determined that it will not participate in the transaction proposed by the Application, VHPA is withdrawing the Application. Such withdrawal will alleviate unnecessary work for the Commission staff processing the Application.

Wherefore, in consideration of the foregoing, the Vermont Hydro-electric Power Authority respectfully requests that its Notice of Withdrawal be granted.

Respectfully Submitted,

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¹ 18 C.F.R. § 385.216.

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NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL

(February 23, 2006)

Take notice that on February 13, 2006, Vermont Hydro-electric Power Authority tendered for filing a notice of withdrawal for an Application under section 203 of the Federal Power Act, submitted on August 22, 2005.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant and all the parties in this proceeding.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. There is an "eSubscription" link on the web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Comment Date: 5:00 pm Eastern Time on March 6, 2006

Magalie R. Salas
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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20426

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March 13, 2006

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Reference: Withdrawal of Section 203 Application

Dear Ms. Lebowitz:

On August 10, 2005, Vermont Hydro-electric Power Authority (Vermont Hydro-electric) filed an application pursuant to section 203 of the Federal Power Act (FPA)¹ requesting Commission authorization for TransCanada Hydro Northeast Inc. to transfer certain jurisdictional facilities associated with the Bellows Falls Hydroelectric Project (Facility) to Vermont Hydro-electric in order for Vermont Hydro-electric to lease the Facility to the Bellows Falls Power Company, LLC.

On February 13, 2006, on behalf of Vermont Hydro-electric, you submitted a notice of withdrawal of the August 10 filing. You state that on August 22, 2005, the Town of Rockingham, Vermont (Town) held a vote which determined that the Town would not participate in the transaction involving the purchase and lease of the Facility, as proposed in the application and, as a result, Vermont Hydro-electric is withdrawing the application. Vermont Hydro-electric's withdrawal is hereby accepted.

The withdrawal filing was noticed on February 23, 2006, with comments, protests or interventions due on or before March 6, 2006. None were received. Notices of interventions and unopposed timely filed motions to intervene are granted pursuant to the operation of Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 C.F.R. § 385.214). Any opposed or untimely filed motion to intervene is governed by the

¹ 16 U.S.C. § 824b (2000), as amended by Energy Policy Act of 2005, Pub. L. No. 109-58, § 1289, 119 Stat. 594 (2005).

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provisions of Rule 214.

This action is taken pursuant to the authority delegated to the Director, Division of Tariffs and Market Development - West, under 18 C.F.R. § 375.307. 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.


Steve P. Rodgers
Director
Division of Tariffs and Market Development - West

cc: All Parties