

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Pownal Hydropower Corporation) Project No. 6795-000

ORDER GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM LICENSING OF A
SMALL HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT OF 5 MEGAWATTS OR LESS

(Issued April 1, 1983)

The Applicant 1/ filed an application for exemption from all or part of Part I of the Federal Power Act (Act) pursuant to 18 C.F.R. Part 4 Subpart K (1980) implementing in part Section 408 of the Energy Security Act (ESA) of 1980 for a project as described in the attached public notice. 2/ 3/

Notice of the application was published in accordance with Section 408 of the ESA and the Commission's regulations and comments were requested from interested Federal and State agencies including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the State Fish and Wildlife Agency. All comments, protests and petitions to intervene that were filed have been considered. No agency has any objection relevant to issuance of this exemption.

Standard Article 2, included in this exemption, requires compliance with any terms and conditions that Federal or State fish and wildlife agencies have determined appropriate to prevent loss of, or damage to, fish and wildlife resources. The terms and conditions referred to in Article 2 are contained in any letters of comment by these agencies which have been forwarded to the Applicant in conjunction with this exemption.

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- 1/ Pownal Hydropower Corporation, Project No. 6795, filed on October 25, 1982.
 - 2/ Pub. Law 96-294, 94 Stat. 611. Section 408 of the ESA amends inter alia, Sections 405 and 408 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. §§2705 and 2708).
 - 3/ Authority to act on this matter is delegated to the Deputy Director, Office of Electric Power Regulation, under §375.308 of the Commission's regulations, 18 C.F.R. §375.308 (1982). This order may be appealed to the Commission by any party within 30 days of its issuance pursuant to Rule 1902, 18 C.F.R. 385.1902, 47 Fed. Reg. 19047 (1982). Filing an appeal and final Commission action on that appeal are prerequisites for filing an application for rehearing as provided in Section 313(a) of the Act. Filing an appeal does not operate as a stay of the effective date of this order or of any other date specified in this order, except as specifically directed by the Commission.

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Should the Applicant contest any terms or conditions that were proposed by Federal or State agencies in their letters of comment as being outside the scope of Article 2, the Commission shall determine whether the disputed terms or conditions are outside the scope of Article 2.

Based on the terms and conditions required by Federal and State fish and wildlife agencies, the environmental information in the application for exemption, other public comments, and staff's independent analysis, issuance of this order is not a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

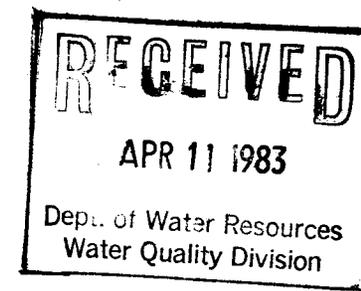
It is ordered that:

(A) Pownal Project No. 6795 as described and designated in Pownal Hydropower Corporation application filed on October 25, 1982, is exempted from all of the requirements of Part I of the Federal Power Act, including licensing, subject to the standard articles in §4.106, of the Commission's regulations attached hereto as Form E-2, 18 C.F.R. §4.106 45 Fed. Reg. 76115 (November 18, 1980).

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Electric Power Regulation

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- rec. 2000 appeal



- 12-22-82*
- a. Type of Application: 5MW Exemption
 - b. Project No. 6795-000
 - c. Date Filed: October 25, 1982
 - d. Applicant: Pownal Hydropower Corporation
 - e. Name of Project: Pownal Project
 - f. Location: Hoosic River, Bennington County, Vermont
 - g. Filed Pursuant to: Section 408 of the Energy Security Act of 1980 (Act), 16 U.S.C. §§2705 and 2708 as amended, and Part I of the Federal Power Act
 - h. Contact Person: Peter B. Clark, President, Swift River Company, Inc., 148 State Street, Boston, MA. 02109
 - i. Comment Date: **FEB 7 1983**
 - j. Description: The proposed project would consist of: (1) an existing concrete gravity overflow dam, 18 feet high and 153 feet long; (2) the replacement of 2.5-foot high flashboards; (3) a reservoir with a storage capacity of 490 acre-feet, a surface area of 77 acres, and normal water surface elevation of 516.6 feet m.s.l.; (4) two existing 8-foot diameter steel penstocks 129 feet long; (5) an existing powerhouse containing one new or rehabilitated generating unit with a capacity of 400 kw; (6) an existing tailrace; and (7) appurtenant facilities. The Applicant estimates the average annual energy production would be 1,800,000 kWh. All project energy would be sold to Central Vermont Public Service Company. All project facilities are owned by the Applicant.
 - k. Purpose of Exemption: An exemption, if issued, gives the Exemptee priority of control, development, and operation of the project under the terms of the exemption from licensing, and protects the Exemptee from permit or license applicants that would seek to take or develop the project.
 - l. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: A1, B and C
 - m. Agency Comments: D3a

- Al. Exemptions for Small Hydroelectric Power Project under 5MW Capacity -- Any qualified license applicant desiring to file a competing application must submit to the Commission, on or before the specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing license application that proposes to develop at least 7.5 megawatts in that project, or a notice of intent to file such a license application. Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing license application no later than 120 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. Applications for preliminary permit will not be accepted.

A notice of intent must conform with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.33(b) and (c) (1982). A competing license application must conform with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.33(a) and (d).

- B. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene - Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. §§385.210, .211, .214 (1982). In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

§ 4.106 Standard terms and conditions of exemption from licensing.

Any exemption from licensing granted under this subpart for a small hydroelectric power project is subject to the following standard terms and conditions:

(a) Article 1. The Commission reserves the right to conduct investigations under sections 4(g), 306, 307, and 311 of the Federal Power Act with respect to any acts, complaints, facts, conditions, practices, or other matters related to the construction, operation, or maintenance of the exempt project. If any term or condition of the exemption is violated, the Commission may revoke the exemption, issue a suitable order under section 4(g) of the Federal Power Act, or take appropriate action for enforcement, forfeiture, or penalties under Part III of the Federal Power Act.

(b) Article 2. The construction, operation, and maintenance of the exempt project must comply with any terms and conditions that any Federal or state fish and wildlife agencies have determined are appropriate to prevent loss of, or damage to, fish or wildlife resources or otherwise to carry out the purposes of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, as specified in Exhibit E of the application for exemption from licensing or in the comments submitted in response to the notice of the exemption application.

(c) Article 3. The Commission may accept a license application by any qualified license applicant and revoke this exemption if actual construction or development of any proposed generating facilities has not begun within 18 months, or been completed within four years, from the date on which this exemption was granted. If an exemption is revoked, the Commission will not accept a subsequent application for exemption within two years of the revocation.

(d) Article 4. This exemption is subject to the navigation servitude of the United States if the project is located on navigable waters of the United States.

(e) Article 5. This exemption does not confer any right to use or occupy any Federal lands that may be necessary for the development or operation of the project. Any right to use or occupy any Federal lands for those purposes must be obtained from the administering Federal land agencies. The Commission may accept a license application by any qualified license applicant and revoke this exemption, if any necessary right to use or occupy Federal lands for those purposes has not been obtained within one year from the date on which this exemption was granted.