

February 28, 2018

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

***West Canada Creek Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2701)***  
***Filing of Notification of Intent and Pre-application Document***

Dear Secretary Bose:

Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P. (Erie or Licensee), a Brookfield Renewable company, is submitting to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) this Notification of Intent (NOI) and Pre-Application Document (PAD) for the relicensing of the West Canada Creek Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2701) (Project). The West Canada Creek Project consists of two developments, Prospect and Trenton, and is located on West Canada Creek in Oneida and Herkimer counties, New York. Erie intends to pursue a new license for the Project using the Commission's Integrated Licensing Process (ILP).

The FERC issued the current license to operate the West Canada Creek Project to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation by Order dated March 18, 1983. The license was for a period effective March 1, 1973 and terminating February 28, 2023. On February 8, 1999 (amended April 14, 1999) Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation and Erie filed a joint application for approval of transfer of the West Canada Creek Project license. On July 26, 1999 FERC approved the transfer of license from Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation to Erie.

Erie is filing the NOI and the PAD pursuant to the requirements of 18 CFR § 5.5 and 18 CFR § 5.6, respectively, of the Commission's regulations. The enclosed NOI contains Erie's unequivocal statement of intent to file an application for a new license for the Project. The enclosed PAD describes the Project's facilities and operations, Erie's proposed process plan and schedule, and presents existing, relevant, and reasonably available information regarding the Project, its environment and any known or potential Project effects on specified resources.

In accordance with 18 CFR § 5.5(c), and as indicated in the attached distribution list, Erie is providing a copy of this NOI and PAD to all affected resource agencies, Indian tribes, and members of the public likely to be interested in this proceeding. A courtesy paper copy of the NOI and PAD was submitted to the FERC Office of Energy Projects (Room 61-02) and to the Office of General Counsel-Energy Projects (Room 101-56). Erie published a notice of the filing of this NOI and PAD in two area newspapers, the Observer-Dispatch and the Times Telegram.

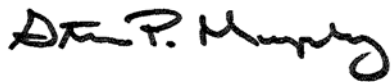
The NOI and PAD electronic files can be downloaded through FERC's eLibrary at <https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp> by searching under the Project's docket P-2701. Materials can also be downloaded from the Project's relicensing website at: <http://www.westcanadacreekproject.com>. In addition, the NOI and PAD can be reviewed by appointment at 33 West First Street South, Fulton, New York 13069. To schedule a time to view information during regular business hours please contact 315-593-3118.

Some of the information included in the PAD is Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII) as defined by the Commission at 18 CFR § 388.113(c), and this information has been removed from the public version of the PAD. In accordance with the Commission's filing guidelines, all CEII is included in a separate volume (Volume II) that has been clearly labeled as CEII. Erie respectfully requests that this information be accorded treatment as CEII, as it consists of Project facility and other information relating to the "production, generation, transportation, transmission, or distribution of energy" (18 CFR § 388.113(c)).

In reference to 18 CFR § 5.5(e), Erie is hereby requesting designation as the non-federal representative for purposes of consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

If there are any questions concerning this NOI, PAD, or any information provided by Erie, please contact me at (315) 598-6130 or via email at [steven.murphy@brookfieldrenewable.com](mailto:steven.murphy@brookfieldrenewable.com).

Sincerely,



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Pre-Application Document

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# West Canada Creek Hydroelectric Project (P-2701)

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**NOTIFICATION OF INTENT  
TO FILE A LICENSE APPLICATION  
WEST CANADA CREEK HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT (FERC No. 2701)  
ERIE BOULEVARD HYDROPOWER, L.P.**

**February 28, 2018**

Pursuant to 18 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) § 5.5 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission or FERC) regulations, Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P. (Erie or Licensee), a Brookfield Renewable company (Brookfield), the Licensee, owner, and operator of the West Canada Creek Hydroelectric Project No. 2701 (Project), hereby gives notice and declares its intent to apply for a new license for the Project.

In accordance with f 18 CFR § 5.5 and Section 16.6(b), the following information is provided.

**1. Exact Name and Business Address of the Applicant(s)**

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**2. Project Number**

West Canada Creek, FERC No. P-2701

### **3. License Expiration**

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### **4. Unequivocal Statement of Intent**

Erie hereby unequivocally declares its intent to apply for a new license for the West Canada Creek Project and plans to use the Integrated Licensing Process (ILP).

### **5. Type of Principal Project Works to be Licensed**

The West Canada Creek Project consists of two developments; the Prospect Development and the Trenton Falls Development.

The Prospect Development located at river-mile 33 is comprised of: (1) a 306-foot-long and 52-foot-high concrete overflow dam with earthfill dikes at both ends with a spillway crest elevation at 1,146.5 U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), and surmounted by three 15-foot by 27-foot Tainter gates and seven 27-foot wide needle beam bays; (2) a reservoir with a surface area of 176 acres and a storage capacity of 3,250 acre-feet at 1,161.5 normal pool elevation USGS; (3) a canal, approximately 4,500-foot long, extending from the south dike to a concrete intake structure; (4) a 13.5-foot diameter steel penstock, 430-foot long, extending from the intake to the powerhouse; (5) a reinforced-concrete powerhouse containing a generating unit rated at 17,325-kilowatts (kW) at 135 feet of head and a hydraulic capacity of 1,855 cubic feet per second (cfs); (6) 6.9 kilovolts (kV) generator leads, 15 kV breaker, 6.6/46-kV transformer, a 46-kV switch connecting to the National Grid interconnection point within the substation; and (7) appurtenant facilities.

The Trenton Falls Development located at river-mile 31 is comprised of: (1) a 288-foot-long and 60-foot-high concrete and masonry dam having an overflow section with a crest at USGS elevation 1,017.9 approximately 100-foot-long surmounted by 6-foot-trippable flashboards and a 10-foot by 15-foot sluice gate; (2) a concrete spillway approximately 160-foot-long with a crest elevation at 1,016.2 USGS surmounted by 8-foot-trippable flashboards discharging into a spillway channel excavated into rock around the east abutment of the dam; (3) a reservoir having a surface area of 9 acres and a gross storage capacity of 264 acre-feet at normal pool elevation 1,023.9 USGS; (4) six 5-foot diameter sluice pipes through the dam and two concrete-sealed 5-foot diameter pipes; (5) a reinforced concrete intake structure having a lift gate and trashracks along the west bank of the reservoir; (6) a 14-foot diameter conduit comprised of: (a) a 1,275-foot-long concrete-lined tunnel section; (b) a 40-foot-long steel-lined tunnel section; and (c) a 2,075-foot-long steel pipe section; (7) a bifurcation; (8) a steel penstock comprised of: (a) a short 12-foot-diameter section connecting to a surge tank and leading to a 125-foot-long, 12-foot-diameter section connecting to a manifold; and (b) three 138-foot-long, 7-foot-diameter sections

serving as generating units 5, 6, and 7; (9) a 263-foot-long, 7-foot-diameter steel penstock to units 1 through 4; (10) units 1 through 4 in powerhouse No. 1 are retired in-place and the powerhouse (No. 2) contains generating units 5 (7,400-kW), 6 (7,650-kW), and 7 (7,400-kW) - for a total nameplate rating of 22,450-kW at 255 feet of head and hydraulic capacity of 1,425 cfs; (11) 13.2 kV generator leads, three 15-kV breakers, two 13.2/46-kV transformers, two 46-kV switches connecting to the National Grid interconnection point within the substation; and (12) appurtenant facilities.

## **6. Location of the Project**

The West Canada Creek Project is located in the Towns of Trenton and Russia, and Oneida and Herkimer counties, New York. The upstream Prospect Development is located approximately 33 river-miles from the confluence of West Canada Creek with the Mohawk River. The downstream Trenton Falls Development is located approximately 31 river-miles from the confluence of West Canada Creek with the Mohawk River.

## **7. Installed Capacity of the Project**

The West Canada Creek Project has a total generating nameplate capacity of 39.8 megawatts (MW).

## **8. Names and Mailing Addresses of Entities Listed in 18 CFR § 5.5(b)(8)**

*(i) The County in which the Project is located, and in which any federal facility that is used or to be used by the Project is located:*

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There are no federal facilities used by the West Canada Creek Project.

*(ii) Every city, town, or similar political subdivision:*

*a) In which any part of the Project is located, and in any federal facility that is or is to be used by the Project is located.*

The West Canada Creek Project is located in the Town of Russia in Herkimer County, New York, and the Town of Trenton in Oneida County, New York.

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There are no federal facilities used by the West Canada Creek Project.

*b) That has a population of 5,000 or more and is located within 15 miles of the existing Project dams:*

Town of Marcy  
8801 Paul Becker Road  
Marcy, New York 13403

City of Rome  
198 North Washington Street  
Rome, New York 13440

Town of Lee  
5808 Stokes Lee Center Road  
PO Box 191  
Lee Center, New York 13363

City of Utica  
1 Kennedy Plaza  
Utica, New York 13502

City of New Hartford  
Town of New Hartford  
48 Genesee Street  
New Hartford, New York 13413

City of Frankfort  
201 Third Avenue  
Frankfort, New York 13340

*(iii) Every irrigation district, drainage district, or similar special purpose political subdivision: (a) in which any part of the Project is or is proposed to be located and any federal facility that is or is proposed to be used by the Project is located; or (b) 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 or similar special purpose political subdivisions associated with or in the general area of the Project, or that own, operate, maintain or use any Project facility. There are no Federal facilities used by the Project.

*(iv) 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:*

Mohawk Valley Water Authority  
1 Kennedy Plaza  
Utica, New York 13502

*(v) Affected Indian Tribes.*

Erie is not aware that the West Canada Creek Project affects any Native American tribe. The following is a listing of Native American tribes that may have some level of interest in the area surrounding the West Canada Creek Project and have been contacted by Licensee in preparation of the Pre-Application Document (PAD):

Oneida Indian Nation  
Ray Halbritter, Nation Representative  
2037 Dreamcatcher Plaza  
Oneida, New York 13421

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin  
N7210 Seminary Road  
Oneida, WI 54155

St. Regis Mohawk Tribe  
Michael Conners, Jr. Tribal Chief  
Beverly Cook, Tribal Chief  
Eric. Thompson, Tribal Chief  
412 State Route 37  
Akwesasne, New York 13655

## **9. Distribution**

In accordance with 18 CFR § 5.5, Erie will distribute this NOI and associated PAD to the appropriate federal, state, and interstate resource agencies, Native American nations, local governments, and members of the public likely to be interested in the proceeding. A complete listing of appropriate agencies, Native American nations, local governments, and non-governmental organizations to which this NOI and PAD will be distributed is provided in the enclosed Distribution List.

The information required to be made available to the public pursuant to 18 CFR § 16.7 can be reviewed by appointment at 33 West First Street South, Fulton, New York 13069 during normal business hours. Arrangements can be made by calling 315- 593-3118. Additionally, the PAD and NOI electronic files can be downloaded through FERC's eLibrary at at <https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp> by searching under the Project's docket P-2701. Materials can also be downloaded from the Project's relicensing website at: <http://www.westcanadacreekproject.com>.