

**NOTICE OF INTENT  
TO FILE RE-LICENSING  
APPLICATION  
Turner's Falls Hydro , LLC,  
(FERC NO. 2622)**

**February  
2016**

Pursuant to 18 C.F.R. Section 5.5 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission or FERC) regulations Pepperell Hydro Company, LLC hereby gives notice and declares its intent to apply for an exemption from licensing for the Pepperell Hydroelectric Project.

In accordance with 18 C.F.R. Section 5.5, the following information is provided.

**1. The applicant's name and address:**

Turners Falls Hydro LLC  
16 Canal Road  
Montague MA, 01376

**MAILING ADDRESS FOR LICENSING ACTIVITIES:**

Peter B. Clark  
Manager  
Turners Falls Hydro, LLC  
PO Box 149A  
Hamilton, MA 01936

**2. Project number:**

FERC Project 2622

**3. License expiration date:**

Turners Falls Hydro LLC license expires on Feb 28, 2021

**4. Applicant's statement of intention to file an application for an original license:**

Turners Falls Hydro LLC hereby unequivocally declares its intent to apply for an original re-license for the Turners Falls Hydro, FERC Project #2622.

**5. Principal Project works will include:**

Turners Falls Hydro LLC (TFH) owns and operates the Turners Falls Hydro P-2622 located in Franklin County, Massachusetts on the Turners Falls Power Canal off of the Connecticut River. The hydro project draws its flow from the Turners Falls Canal. It has rights, via an indenture to draw 100% of its 289 cfs continuously whenever it is operating, not a proportion of the canal flow available. Since 1951 it has operated under a Water Exchange Agreement (WEA) with the owners of the Cabot Station further down the canal to stop power generation whenever flow is less than 15,000 cfs. Turners Falls dam is operated and maintained by the FERC project #1889 and the Northfield Mountain pump storage project as a component of its lower reservoir. Canal flow is diverted by Turners Falls dam (P1889) for the use of TFH, Esleeck Paper Co. and Cabot Station at the lower end of the canal. Turners Falls Canal water is conveyed downstream to Cabot Station, after TFH and Southworth Manufacturing (formerly Esleeck Paper) withdraw their flow according to the water right indentures they own respectively. The WEA requires TFH not to withdraw flow from the canal whenever ordered “off water” if Connecticut River flows are less than 15,000 cfs.

The TFH turbine is a vertical Francis unit with a scroll case that enhances the efficiency of the GE runner, which was new in 2000. The generator stator was rewound in 2005. The project requires less than 3000 sq. ft. of floor space in the mill. It was sub-divided from the rest of the former paper mill complex before purchasing the project in 2000.

There are no new project works associated with the re-licensing.

**6. Project Location:**

The project is located on the Turners Falls Power Canal in Montague MA

**7. Installed plant capacity:**

The installed plant capacity is 937 kW

**8. The names and mailing addresses of:**

**a. Every 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:**

Franklin County, MA

**b. Every city, town, or similar political subdivision in which any part of the project is or is to be located and any Federal facility that is or is to be used by the project is located:**

Town of Montague  
Town Hall  
One Avenue A  
Turners Falls 01376

- c. **Every city, town, or similar political subdivision that has a population of 5,000 or more people and is located within 15 miles of the existing or proposed project dam:**

N/A Turners Falls Hydro does not own the Dam, Impoundment or Canal

- d. **Every irrigation district, drainage district, or similar special purpose political subdivision:**

N/A

- e. **Every other political subdivision in the general area of the Project or proposed Project that there is reason to believe would be likely to be interested in, or affected by, the notification:**

There are no other political districts or subdivisions that are likely to be interested in or affected by the notification.

- f. **Affected Indian Tribes:**

There are no reservation lands within the proposed project boundary or known lands of ceremonial or religious significance associated with the existing Project.

**9. Whether the application is for a power or a non-power license:**

The Turners Falls Project re-license application is for a power license.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I caused to be served, by U.S. First Class Mail, the Notice of Intent to File Application for Original License (FERC exemption) upon all interested parties designated on the attached service list in the Turners Falls Hydro Company LLC, Project No. 2622, in accordance with Rule 2010 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. § 385.2010.

February 28, 2016

  
*Signature*