

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Northeast Generation Company

Project No. 2576-070

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER ARTICLE 407

(Issued April 20, 2006)

Northeast Generation Company (NGC), licensee for the Housatonic River Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2576, has requested an extension on time to complete the Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) required under article 407 of the project license.¹ The Housatonic River Project is located on the Housatonic River in Fairfield, Litchfield and New Haven Counties, Connecticut.

Article 407 requires the licensee to file for Commission approval, a comprehensive plan for managing reservoir shorelines and riverfront lands within the project boundary at each of the project's developments. According to article 407, the SMP must be filed within 18 months of license issuance (by December 23, 2005). The licensee filed a previous extension request,² which extended the due date for filing the SMP until April 23, 2006.

NGC states that numerous responses were received from key stakeholders and consulting parties in response to the final draft SMP released by the licensee. Further, the Candlewood Lake Authority and the Connecticut Attorney General have requested that NGC seek an extension to continue the SMP dialogue, and allow additional input from seasonal residents. To allow seasonal residents and users returning for the summer, the opportunity to comment on the plan, NGC requests a 90-day extension of time until July 24, 2006, to file the SMP. The licensee would extend the comment period on the final draft SMP until late June, review the comments submitted, and incorporate the input into a final SMP.

The reasons given by the licensee in support of the requested extension of time are reasonable and justify the extension.

¹ See 107 FERC ¶ 61,305 (2004).

² Order Granting Extension of Time Under Article 407 (November 23, 2005).

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The Director orders:

(A) The deadline for submitting the Shoreline Management Plan for the Housatonic River Hydroelectric Project in accordance with article 407 of the project license is extended to July 24, 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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