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Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is October 27, 1997.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary,*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER97-2460-000, ER97-2462-000, and ER97-2463-000]

#### Unitil Power Corporation, Unitil Resources, Inc., and Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company; Notice of Issuance of Order

October 7, 1997.

Unitil Resources, Inc. (URI) is a power marketing affiliate of Unitil Power Corporation, Fitchburg Gas & Electric Light Company, Concord Electric Company, and Exeter & Hampton Electric Company. URI is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Unitil Corporation, a registered public utility holding company. URI filed an application for authorization to engage in the sale of capacity and energy for resale at market-based rates, and for certain waivers and authorizations. In particular, URI requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liabilities by URI. On September 25, 1997, the Commission issued an Order Conditionally Accepting for Filing Proposed Market-Based Rates (Order), in the above-docketed proceeding.

The Commission's September 25, 1997 Order granted the request for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the conditions found in Ordering Paragraphs (D), (E), and (G):

(D) Within 30 days of the date of issuance of this order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the Commission's blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities by URI should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211

and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214.

(E) Absent a request to be heard within the period set forth in Ordering Paragraph (D) above, URI is hereby authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issue or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of URI, compatible with the public interest, and reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

(G) The Commission reserves the right to modify this order to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued Commission approval of URI's issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities \* \* \*.

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**Lois D. Cashell,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2609]

#### International Paper Company and Curtis/Palmer Hydroelectric Company, L.P.; Notice of Availability of Draft Application and Preliminary Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA)

October 7, 1997.

International Paper Company and Curtis/Palmer Hydroelectric Company L.P. are currently engaged in the process of obtaining from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (the Commission) a new operating license for the Curtis/Palmer Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2609). The project is located on the Hudson River in the Village of Corinth and the Towns of Corinth, Lake Luzerne and Hadley, in Saratoga and Warren Counties, New York. The current license for the project expires on April 30, 2000. Under the Commission's regulations, an

application for license for the project must be filed by April 30, 1998.

International Paper Company is managing relicensing activities on behalf of both applicants in cooperation with a team of state and federal resource agencies, conservation groups and local governments (the Cooperative Team).

Pursuant to the Commission's regulations and the Energy Policy Act of 1992, Curtis/Palmer Hydroelectric Company L.P. and International Paper Company have prepared a Draft Application for a new license, and a preliminary Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) to be included as part of the license application to be filed with the Commission for the project. The Draft Application and preliminary DEA are available for public review in the Public Reference Room at the Commission's offices at 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426 and at the Town Office, 600 Palmer Avenue, Corinth, NY. A copy may also be requested from the applicants.

In accordance with Section 16.8(c)(5) of the Commission's regulations and the February 6, 1997 letter from the Director of the Commission's Office of Hydropower Licensing, any resource agency, Indian tribe, or persons are requested to provide comments on the Draft Application and the preliminary DEA, and any preliminary recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions by January 2, 1998. Comments, preliminary recommendation, terms and conditions, or prescriptions must be filed with Mr. Robert McK. Hunziker, International Paper Company, Two Manhattanville Road, Purchase, NY 10577, with copies to Mr. Richard Takacs, Rm 6H-06, Mailstop HL-11, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, and Mr. Andrew Sims, Kleinschmidt Associates, 75 Main Street, Pittsfield, ME 04967.

Also available for public review at the same locations are three supplemental study reports prepared in 1997 in response to a request for additional information made by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Any questions regarding this notice or the availability of documents should be directed to Mr. Takacs at (202) 219-2840, Mr. Hunziker at (914) 397-1540, or Mr. Sims at (207) 487-3328.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary,*

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