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*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1895-007, South Carolina]

#### South Carolina Electric & Gas Company; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

May 3, 2002.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for license for the Columbia Hydroelectric Project, located on the Broad and Congaree Rivers in the City of Columbia and Richland County, South Carolina, and has prepared a Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) for the project. There are no federal lands or Indian reservations occupied by project works or located within the project boundary.

The FEA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the FEA is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. The FEA may also be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link—select "Docket #" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

For further information, contact Charles Hall at (202) 219-2853.

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*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Settlement Agreement and Solicitation of Comments

May 3, 2002.

Take notice that the following settlement agreement has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

- a. *Type of Application:* Settlement Agreement.
- b. *Project Nos.:* 2364-012 and 2365-023.
- c. *Date Filed:* January 31, 2002.
- d. *Applicant:* Madison Paper Industries.
- e. *Name of Projects:* Abenaki and Anson Projects.
- f. *Location:* On the Kennebec River, in the towns of Anson and Madison, Somerset County, Maine. The projects do not occupy any federal lands.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Rule 602 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.602.
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Christopher C. Bean; Vice-President of Engineering, Maintenance, and Utilities; Main Street; P.O. Box 129, Madison, ME; (207) 696-1195. The applicant requests that copies of all correspondence be provided to Maureen Winters, Project Manager, Kleinschmidt Associates, 75 Main Street, P.O. Box 576, Pittsfield, ME 04967; (207) 487-3328.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Nan Allen, (202) 219-2938, e-mail: [nan.allen@ferc.gov](mailto:nan.allen@ferc.gov).
- j. *Deadline for filing comments:* 30 days from the date of this notice. Reply comments due 45 days from the date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

Comments may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

k. Madison Paper Industries (MPI) filed the Settlement Agreement on

behalf of itself and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; National Park Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs; Maine State Planning Office; Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; Maine Department of Marine Resources; Maine Department of Conservation; Maine Atlantic Salmon Commission; Town of Anson; Town of Madison; Appalachian Mountain Club; Trout Unlimited, including the Kennebec Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited; Kennebec Valley Trails; Friends of the Kennebec Salmon; Maine Council of the Atlantic Salmon Federation; Maine Historic Preservation Commission; and American Rivers. The purpose of the Settlement Agreement is to resolve among the signatories all issues associated with issuance of new licenses for the projects regarding the projects' operations, instream flows, fish passage, flow and water level monitoring, Atlantic salmon restoration, wetlands monitoring, shoreland buffers, recreation facilities, protection of cultural resources, time to license expiration; and upgrades to the Abenaki Project. MPI requests that the Commission accept and incorporate into any new licenses for the projects the protection, mitigation, and enhancement measures stated in sections 3.0 and 4.0 of the Settlement Agreement.

l. A copy of the settlement agreement is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link—select "Docket #" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in h above.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Application Tendered for Filing with the Commission, Application and Applicant-Prepared EA Accepted for Filing, Solicitation of Motions To Intervene and Protests, Comments, and Final Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions, and Intent To Prepare One Multi-Project NEPA Document

May 3, 2002.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric applications and

applicant-prepared environmental assessment have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* Two New Major Licenses.

b. *Project Nos.:* 2364-012 and 2365-023.

c. *Date Filed:* April 26, 2002.

d. *Applicant:* Madison Paper Industries.

e. *Name of Projects:* Abenaki and Anson Projects.

f. *Location:* On the Kennebec River, in the towns of Anson and Madison, Somerset County, Maine. The projects do not occupy any federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. §§ 791 (a)—825(c).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Christopher C. Bean; Vice-President of Engineering, Maintenance, and Utilities; Main Street; P.O. Box 129, Madison, ME; (207) 696-1195. The applicant requests that copies of all correspondence be provided to Maureen Winters, Project Manager, Kleinschmidt Associates, 75 Main Street, P.O. Box 576, Pittsfield, ME 04967; (207) 487-3328.

i. *FERC Contact:* Nan Allen, (202) 219-2938, e-mail: nan.allen@ferc.gov.

j. *Cooperating agencies:* We are asking Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with us in the preparation of the environmental document. Agencies who would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing comments described in item k below.

k. Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests, comments, final recommendations, terms and conditions, prescriptions and requests for cooperating agency status: July 2, 2002.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

Motions to intervene and protests, comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR

385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

l. These applications have been accepted for filing. At this time we do not anticipate the need for preparing a draft Environmental Assessment (EA). We intend to prepare one multi-project environmental document. The EA will include our recommendations for operating procedures and environmental enhancement measures that should be part of any new license issued by the Commission. However, should substantive comments requiring reanalysis be received on the NEPA document, we would consider preparing a subsequent NEPA document.

m. The Abenaki Project consists of: (1) A concrete gravity overflow dam with a 784-foot-long spillway section, 3-foot-high wooden flashboards, and heights from several to about 25 feet; (2) an existing 520 acre-foot reservoir; (3) an existing 830-foot-long by 160-foot-wide forebay; (4) a powerhouse containing seven turbine-generating units with a total installed capacity of 16.977 megawatts (MW) and a hydraulic capacity of 4,980 cubic feet per second (cfs); (5) a 1,950-foot-long bypass reach; (6) a 3,400-foot-long transmission line; and (7) appurtenant facilities. The project is estimated to generate an average of 85.6 million kilowattshours (kwh) annually. The dam and existing project facilities are owned by MPI.

MPI proposes to resurface the existing dam at the Abenaki Project, replace the existing wooden flashboards at the Abenaki dam with an inflatable flashboard system, install a minimum-flow release gate at the existing Abenaki dam, and install a 2.94 MW turbine/generator unit in the existing Abenaki powerhouse.

The Anson Project consists of: (1) 630-foot-long dam, a 5.6-foot-high inflatable flashboard system, and a height that varies from 10 to 36 feet; (2) an existing 5,860 acre-foot reservoir; (3) a powerhouse containing five turbine-generating units with a total installed capacity of 9 MW and a hydraulic capacity of 6,000 cfs; and (4) appurtenant facilities. The project is estimated to generate an average of 51.5 million kwh annually. The dam and existing project facilities are owned by the applicant.

n. A copy of the application is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link—select "Docket #" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for

inspection and reproduction at the address in h above.

o. Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. 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.

The Commission directs, pursuant to Section 4.34(b) of the Regulations (see Order No. 533 issued May 8, 1991, 56 FR 23108, May 20, 1991) that all comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions concerning the application and APEA be filed with the Commission within 60 days from the issuance date of this notice. All reply comments must be filed with the Commission within 105 days from the date of this notice.

Anyone may obtain an extension of time for these deadlines from the Commission only upon a showing of good cause or extraordinary circumstances in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2008.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", "COMMENTS," "REPLY COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project numbers of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. A copy of all other filings in reference to these applications must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this

proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission, Solicitation of Additional Study Requests, and Establishing Procedures for Relicensing and a Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

May 3, 2002.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.

b. *Project No.:* 2574-032.

c. *Date Filed:* April 29, 2002.

d. *Applicant:* Merimil Limited Partnership.

e. *Name of Project:* Lockwood Project.

f. *Location:* On the Kennebec River in Kennebec County, near City of Waterville and Town of Winslow, Maine. The project does not affect federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791 (a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. F. Allen Wiley, Kennebec Hydro Resources Inc., c/o FPL Energy Maine Hydro, LLC, 150 Main Street, Lewiston, ME 04240, (207) 795-1342.

i. *FERC Contact:* David Turner, (202) 219-2844 or [david.turner@ferc.gov](mailto:david.turner@ferc.gov).

j. *Cooperating agencies:* We are asking Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with us in the preparation of the environmental document. Agencies who would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing comments described in item k below.

k. *Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status:* June 28, 2002.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the

official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

Additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

l. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

m. *The existing Lockwood Project consists of:* (1) A 1,300-foot-long concrete gravity dam, consisting of three spillway sections, a small island, and the forebay headworks; (2) 450-foot-long forebay; (3) a 81.5-acre reservoir; (3) two powerhouses, one containing six vertical Francis type turbines and the second containing one horizontal variable pitch kaplan turbine, for a total installed capacity of 7,250 kilowatts; (4) about 4,225 feet of buried and overhead transmission lines; and (5) appurtenant facilities. The project is estimated to generate an average of 30,911 megawatthours annually.

n. A copy of the application is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link—select "Docket #" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

o. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the *MAINE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER (SHPO)*, as required by § 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR 800.4.

p. *Procedural schedule and final amendments:* The application will be processed according to the following milestones, some of which may be combined to expedite processing:

Notice of application has been accepted for filing

Notice of NEPA Scoping (unless scoping has already occurred)

Notice of application is ready for environmental analysis

Notice of the availability of the draft NEPA document

Notice of the availability of the final NEPA document

Order issuing the Commission's decision on the application

Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no

later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis and Solicitation of Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions

May 3, 2002.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application:* Original Minor License.

b. *Project No.:* P-11797-000.

c. *Date filed:* July 29, 1999.

d. *Applicant:* Grande Pointe Power Corporation.

e. *Name of Project:* Three Rivers Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the St. Joseph River in the city of Three Rivers, St. Joseph County, Michigan. The project does not utilize federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791(a)—825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Monroe E. Learn, Grand Pointe Power Corporation, 503 West Michigan Avenue, Three Rivers, MI 54601.

Ph. # 1-(616)273-8828.

i. *FERC Contact:* Mr. Sean Murphy, e-mail [sean.murphy@ferc.gov](mailto:sean.murphy@ferc.gov) or telephone (202) 219-2964.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions and prescriptions:* 60 days from the date of issuance of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions, as well as protests and interventions, may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the