

888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date, and, to the extent applicable, must be served on the applicant and on any other person designated on the official service list. This filing is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call (202) 502-8222 or TTY, (202) 502-8659. 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 under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 4914-010-WI De Pere Hydroelectric Project]

International Paper Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

July 8, 2004.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR 380 (Order No. 486; 52 FR 47897), the staff of the Office of Energy Projects (staff) has reviewed the application for a subsequent license for the De Pere Hydroelectric Project No. 4914 and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project. The De Pere Hydroelectric Project is located at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (COE) De Pere Dam, on the Fox River, in the City of De Pere, Brown County, Wisconsin.

The EA 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 EA is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects.

Because staff intends this to be the only EA prepared for this project, any comments on this EA should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please affix "De Pere Hydroelectric Project No. 4914-010" to all comments. For further information, contact Peter Leitzke at (202) 502-6059 or peter.leitzke@ferc.gov.

Comments may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. 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.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 6338-003]

Suncook Leathers, Inc.; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

July 8, 2004.

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' staff has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for an application for surrender of exemption for the Pittsfield Project. The Pittsfield Project, FERC No. 6338, is located on the Suncook River in Merrimack County, New Hampshire.

The EA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the proposal and concludes that approval of the proposal would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room, or it may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "e-library" link. Enter the docket number (prefaced by P-) and excluding the last three digits, in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

For further information, contact Rebecca Martin at 202-502-6012.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP04-362-000]

Colorado Interstate Gas Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Boehm Storage Field Abandonment and Conversion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

July 8, 2004.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Boehm Storage Field Abandonment and Conversion Project involving abandonment, conversion, and/or reclassification of certain natural gas storage wells and gathering lines by Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG) in Morton County, Kansas.¹ This notice

¹ CIG's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

explains the scoping process we² will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. Your input will help us determine which issues need to be evaluated in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on August 9, 2004.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a company representative about existing wells, or storage gathering pipelines. CIG proposes to abandon all affected gathering lines in place.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" was attached to the project notice CIG provided to landowners. This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is available for viewing on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>).

Summary of the Proposed Project

CIG proposes to plug and abandon nine wells and to convert or reclassify an additional 12 wells within the Boehm Storage Field. These activities are necessary for CIG to comply with gas storage regulations adopted by the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) on July 1, 2002, and to allow CIG to operate the Boehm Storage Field on a more efficient basis. Specifically, CIG is required to obtain a Gas Storage Operating Permit for the Boehm Storage Field from the KCC. In order to comply with requirements of the permit, any well that does not demonstrate mechanical integrity must either be repaired or plugged and abandoned.

Specifically, CIG proposes to plug and abandon the following wells for the reasons listed:

- Well Nos. 1, 11, 17, and 30, due to subsurface conditions, and in concert with the KCC's new regulations;
- Well Nos. 6, 18, 29, and 43. With the continued depletion of the Keyes Reservoir, these observation wells are no longer needed; and
- Well No. 38, designated as "G" observation well. This well is located at some distance from the lateral extent of the "G" storage zone in Boehm.

In addition, CIG also proposes to:

- Convert and reclassify four Keyes observation wells (Well Nos. 25, 37, 39, and 42) into "G" observation wells;
- Convert and reclassify three "G" injection/withdrawal wells (Well Nos. 36, 44, and 47) and one Keyes observation well (Well No. 21) to "G" Reservoir observation wells; and

- Convert and reclassify three Keyes blowdown wells (Well Nos. 23, 26, and 34) as "G" injection/withdrawal wells; and
- Convert and reclassify one Keyes blowdown well (Well No. 35) as a Keyes observation well.

The location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.³

Land Requirements for Proposed Activities

The proposed activities would temporarily impact approximately 43.5 acres, which includes a construction area of 300 feet by 300 feet (2.07 acres) for each well. A significant portion of this area (43.0 acres) would be used for staging and work area purposes only. No grading or vegetation removal would be required. Approximately 0.4 acre would be permanently impacted by the proposed activities, which includes a bellhole of approximately 25 feet by 25 feet (0.02 acre) around each well.

No new access roads or expansion of existing access roads would be required for project activities. No new permanent right-of-way, extra temporary work areas, or storage areas have been identified for the project.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission staff requests public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

In the EA, we will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils.
- Water resources.
- Land use.
- Cultural resources.
- Vegetation and wildlife.
- Air quality and noise.
- Endangered and threatened species.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be included in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, and interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section below.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentator, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send an original and two copies of your letter to: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas Branch 3.
- Reference Docket No. CP04-362-000.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before August 9, 2004.

We will include all comments that we receive within a reasonable time frame in our environmental analysis of this project. To expedite our receipt and consideration of your comments, the Commission strongly encourages electronic submission of any comments on this project. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link and the link to the User's Guide. Before you can submit comments

² "We," "us," "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects.

³ The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of all appendices, other than appendix 1 (maps), are available on the Commission's Web site at the "eLibrary" link or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary refer to the last page of this notice. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

you will need to create a free account, which can be created by clicking on "Login to File" and then "New User Account." You will be asked to select the type of submission you are making. This submission is considered a "Comment on Filing."

We may mail the EA for comment. If you are interested in receiving it, please return the Information Request (appendix 4). If you do not return the Information Request, you will be taken off the mailing list.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor". Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 2).⁴ Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

Environmental Mailing List

An effort is being made to send this notice to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project. This includes all landowners whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes. By this notice we are also asking governmental agencies, especially those in appendix 3, to express their interest in becoming cooperating agencies for the preparation of the EA.

Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs,

at 1-866-208-FERC (3372) or on the FERC Internet website (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (i.e., CP04-362). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link on the FERC Internet Web site also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

In addition, the Commission now offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries and direct links to the documents. Go to <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm>.

Finally, public meetings or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx> along with other related information.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application for Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

July 8, 2004.

a. *Type of Application:* Amendment of License.

b. *Project Numbers:* P-2403-048, P-2534-068, P-2666-023 and P-2712-055.

c. *Date Filed:* June 25, 2004.

d. *Applicant:* PPL Maine, LLC.

e. *Name of Projects:* Veazie Project (P-2403), Milford Project (P-2534), Medway Project (P-2666), and Stillwater Project (P-2712).

f. *Location:* The Veazie Project is located on the Penobscot River in Penobscot County, Maine. The Milford Project is located on the Penobscot and Stillwater River in Penobscot County, Maine. The Stillwater Project is located on the Stillwater River in Penobscot County, Maine. The Medway Project is

located on the West Branch Penobscot River in Penobscot County, Maine.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r) and 799 and 801.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Scott D. Hall, PPL Maine, LLC, Davenport Street, P.O. Box 276, Milford, ME 04461, phone (207) 827-5364.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Robert Fletcher at (202) 502-8901, or e-mail address: robert.fletcher@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments and or motions:* August 9, 2004.

k. *Description of Request:* The licensee for each of these four projects requests Commission approval of the amendment application for each project in accordance with section IV of the Lower Penobscot River Multiparty Settlement Agreement (Agreement) filed with the Commission on June 25, 2004. For the Veazie Project, the licensee proposes to amend license articles 407, 408, 409, and 410 to be consistent with the fish passage conditions in the Agreement. For the Milford Project, the licensee proposes to amend license articles 301, 305, 402, 407, 408, 409, and 411, and add six new articles to be consistent with the Agreement. For the Medway Project, the licensee proposes to amend article 402 to read "an impoundment surface elevation within six inches of 260.3 feet above mean sea level" which reflects a reservoir level increase of one foot, and add an additional article requiring the licensee to implement the requirements of Attachment B to the Agreement as it pertains to the Medway Project. For the Stillwater Project, the licensee proposes to: (1) Amend article 401 to read "a normal full pond elevation of 94.65 feet" to reflect a one foot increase in reservoir elevation; (2) amend article 402 to change the required minimum flows from "a permanent minimum flow of 40 cubic feet per second (cfs) into the west bypassed channel and a permanent flow of 155 cfs into the east bypassed channel" to "a permanent minimum flow of 20 cubic feet per second (cfs) into the west bypassed channel and a permanent flow of 50 cfs into the east bypassed channel"; (3) amend articles 406, 407, 408, and 409 to be consistent with the fish passage conditions in the Agreement; and (4) add an additional article requiring the licensee to implement the requirements of Attachment B to the Agreement as it pertains to the Stillwater Project.

l. *Locations of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room

⁴Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.