

request for blanket approval under part 34, subject to the following:

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by Hartford should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 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, 385.214 (2004).

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protest, is October 12, 2004.

Absent a request to be heard in opposition by the deadline above, Hartford is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of Hartford, compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of Hartford's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Copies of the full text of the Director's Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The Order may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the e-Library link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number filed to access the document. Comments, 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. 2744-038]

#### N.E.W. Hydro, Incorporated; Notice of Filing of Settlement Agreement Regarding License Article 401

September 16, 2004.

On July 16, 2004, N.E.W. Hydro, Incorporated (licensee) filed an Offer of Settlement regarding implementation of license article 401 for the Menominee and Park Mill Project (FERC No. 2744). License article 401 requires, in part, that the licensee consult with state and federal natural resource agencies and develop a study to assess the impacts of project operation on fish resources. The hydroelectric project is located on the Menominee River in Marinette County, Wisconsin and Menominee County, Michigan.

The Offer of Settlement addresses fish entrainment and mortality at the project with respect to implementation of article 401 of the license for the project. The Offer of Settlement was filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), by the licensee, on behalf of the signing parties that included: the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; the Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and the Michigan Hydro Relicensing Coalition.

The settlement includes: (1) Provisions for the licensee to fund a fish passage/protection fund; (2) an agreement that it is not anticipated that any additional requirements during the remaining term of the license would appear to be necessary; (3) an agreement to enter into good faith negotiations aimed at a settlement of all issues concerning the relicensing of the project; (4) commitment by the licensee to request, from FERC, an accelerated relicensing of the project; and (5) a provision for dispute resolution processes in the event a disagreement arises from the interpretation of the terms and conditions of the settlement.

The Offer of Settlement can be viewed and printed from FERC's Web page: <http://www.ferc.gov>. Click on e-Library and follow the instructions. In the box titled, "Docket Number" enter: P-2744. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Mr. Thomas

LoVullo at (202) 502-8900 at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**Linda Mitry,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Docket No. CP04-409-000]

#### Northwest Pipeline Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

September 16, 2004.

Take notice that on September 3, 2004, Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest) filed a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.208 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act, and Northwest's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-433-000, for authorization to increase the maximum operating pressure (MOP) of its Astoria Lateral in Cowlitz County, Washington and Columbia County, Oregon from 809 psig to 932 psig in order to facilitate physical receipts of natural gas from Northwest Natural Gas Company (Northwest Natural) at the Deer Island receipt point.

Northwest's bi-directional Astoria Lateral is connected to Northwest's 30-inch mainline loop which has an MOP of 960 psig and historical operating pressures near 800 psig. The lateral is also connected to Northwest's lower pressure 26-inch mainline which is currently in an idle status at the Astoria Lateral interconnect due to Office of Pipeline Safety restrictions. To facilitate firm receipts from the Deer Island receipt point into Northwest's 30-inch mainline loop, Northwest proposes to uprate the MOP of the Astoria Lateral from 809 psig to 932 psig. Under design day conditions on Northwest facilities and assuming Northwest Natural modifies its compression facilities at the Deer Island interconnect to provide supply at 932 psig, the higher lateral operating pressures would enable Northwest to receive up to approximately 115 Mdth/d on a firm basis from the Deer Island receipt point.

Northwest states that increasing the MOP of the Astoria Lateral from 809 psig to 932 psig will not require any new facilities or any ground disturbance. Therefore, Northwest believes that the project will have no significant impact on the quality of the