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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP06-29-000; Docket No. CP98-131-006]

Vector Pipeline, LP; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Vector Compression Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

December 22, 2005.

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 Vector Compression Expansion Project involving construction and operation of two new compressor stations by Vector Pipeline, LP (Vector) in Will County, Illinois and Macomb County, Michigan.¹ The total

horsepower (hp) at the compressor stations would consist of about 45,000 hp of compression. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law.

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 (Vector) provided to landowners. This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and 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

Vector is proposing in Docket No. CP06-29-000 to expand the transmission capacity of its existing interstate pipeline system by constructing two new compressor stations. Vector seeks authority to construct and operate:

- 15,000 hp of gas turbine-driven compression at the new Joliet Compressor Station in Will County, Illinois; and
- 30,000 hp of gas turbine-driven compression at the new Romeo Compressor Station in Macomb County, Michigan.

Vector also proposes in Docket No. CP98-131-006 to amend its existing Presidential Permit to transport gas between the United States and Canada by increasing the maximum capacity from 1,330 MMcf to 2,300 MMcf through the existing St. Clair River international border facilities. No additional border facilities would be constructed.

Vector indicates that Detroit Edison Company (Detroit Edison) would construct a 1,900-foot-long distribution

line to provide "3-phase power" from the "existing DTE Facility" to the Romeo Compressor Station. Vector indicates that the "distribution line would be constructed adjacent to an existing ITC high voltage electric transmission line fee strip to minimize land requirements, potential private landowner concerns, and environmental impacts that may be associated with Detroit Edison's facilities." Vector indicates that water services would be provided by "Washington Township by extending the existing water line from the DTE Facility to the Romeo Compressor Station site. The water line would be about 1,900 feet in length and would be constructed adjacent to the existing ITC high voltage transmission line fee strip leading to the Romeo Compressor Station."

The location of the project facilities is shown in Appendix 1.²

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would require about 20.0 acres and 10.2 acres of land for the Joliet and Romeo Compressor Stations, respectively. Following construction, about 4.0 acres and 4.7 acres would be maintained as new aboveground facility sites for the Joliet and Romeo Compressor Stations, respectively.

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.

² 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.

¹ Vector's applications in Docket Nos. CP98-131-006 and CP06-29-000 were filed with the

Commission under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations and section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, respectively.

In the EA we³ will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils
- Land use
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands
- Cultural resources
- Vegetation and wildlife
- Air quality and noise
- Endangered and threatened species
- Hazardous waste
- Public safety

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be 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, 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.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Vector. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- Potential noise levels at the noise-sensitive areas due to the operation of the compressor stations
- Conversion of about 3 acres of farm land to industrial use for the Joliet Compressor Station
- Potential impacts to Federal listed species: Indiana bat and prairie leaf clover

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentor, 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 2.
- Reference Docket No. CP06-29-000.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before January 23, 2006.

Please note that we are continuing to experience delays in mail deliveries from the U.S. Postal Service. As a result, we will include all comments that we receive within a reasonable time frame in our environmental analysis of this project. However, the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of any comments or interventions or protests to this proceeding. 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 file comments you will need to create a free account which can be created on-line.

We may mail the EA for comment. If you are interested in receiving it, please return the Information Request (Appendix 2). 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, or "intervenor". 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). Intervenor has the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision. Motions to Intervene should be electronically submitted using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons without Internet access should send an original and 14 copies of their motion to the Secretary of the Commission at the address indicated previously. Persons filing Motions to Intervene on or before the comment deadline indicated above must send a

copy of the motion to the Applicant. All filings, including late interventions, submitted after the comment deadline must be served on the Applicant and all other intervenors identified on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. Persons on the service list with e-mail addresses may be served electronically; others must be served a hard copy of the filing.

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 who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within distances defined in the Commission's regulations of certain aboveground facilities.

Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208-FERC or on the FERC Internet Web site (<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. 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 also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

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.html>.

Finally, public meetings or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/>

³ "We", "us", and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP).

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 Declaration of Intention and Soliciting Comments, Protests, and/or Motions to Intervene

December 22, 2005.

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

- a. *Application Type:* Declaration of Intention.
- b. *Docket No:* DI06-1-000.
- c. *Date Filed:* November 23, 2005.
- d. *Applicant:* Ice House Partners, Inc.
- e. *Name of Project:* Ice House Project.
- f. *Location:* The proposed Ice House Project will be located on the Nashua River, tributary to Merrimack River, in the city of Ayer, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Section 23(b)(1) of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 817(b).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Ms. Lisa Dowd, Ice House Partners, Inc., 323 West Main Street, Ayer, MA 01432; telephone: (978) 772-3303, fax: (978) 772-3441.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Henry Ecton, (202) 502-8768, or E-mail address: henry.ecton@ferc.gov.
- j. *Deadline for filing comments, protests, and/or motions:* December 30, 2005.

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, protests, and/or interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. Any questions, please contact the Secretary's Office. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Please include the docket number (DI06-1-000) on any comments, protests, and/or motions filed.

k. *Description of Project:* The proposed run-of-river Ice House Project would include: (1) An existing 300-foot-long, 12-foot-high log and plank dam with a concrete cap; (2) an impoundment of 965 acre-feet; (3) two electrically operated steel sluice gates;

(4) a 45-foot-long, 25-foot-wide powerhouse containing two Canadian Hydro Components, 1.2 meter-wide-propeller-type open flume vertical turbines, each with a capacity of 135-kW; (5) a 300-foot-long transmission line; and (6) appurtenant facilities. The power would be used to power the Grady Research x-ray manufacturing facility. The proposed project will be connected to an interstate grid, and will not occupy any tribal or federal lands.

When a Declaration of Intention is filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Federal Power Act requires the Commission to investigate and determine if the interests of interstate or foreign commerce would be affected by the project. The Commission also determines whether or not the project: (1) Would be located on a navigable waterway; (2) would occupy or affect public lands or reservations of the United States; (3) would utilize surplus water or water power from a government dam; or (4) if applicable, has involved or would involve any construction subsequent to 1935 that may have increased or would increase the project's head or generating capacity, or have otherwise significantly modified the project's pre-1935 design or operation.

l. *Locations of the Application:* Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

m. *Mailing List:* Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene:* 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.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents:* Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS",

"PROTESTS", AND/OR "MOTIONS TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Docket Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

p. *Agency Comments:* Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12629-000]

F & B Wood Corp.; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission, Soliciting Additional Study Requests, Waiving Three Stage Consultation, and Establishing an Expedited Schedule for Relicensing and Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

December 27, 2005.

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

- a. *Type of Application:* Exemption From Licensing.
- b. *Project No.:* P-12629-000.
- c. *Date filed:* December 7, 2005.
- d. *Applicant:* F & B Wood Corp.
- e. *Name of Project:* Corriveau Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Swift River, near the town of Mexico, Oxford County, Maine. This project does not occupy Federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, 16 U.S.C. 2705, 2708.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. James D. Sysko, Small Hydro East, 524 Jim's Drive, Newry, Maine 04261. (207) 824-3244.

i. *FERC Contact:* Michael Spencer, michael.spencer@ferc.gov (202) 502-6093.

j. *Cooperating Agencies:* We are asking Federal, state, and local agencies